



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-  
INVESTIGATION REPORT (DPS-302-E) (REVISED 2/3/06)**

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CFS NO 1200704559	INCIDENT DATE 12/14/2012	TIME 09:41	INCIDENT DATE 12/14/2012	TIME	PRIMARY OFFICER JEWISS, DANIEL E.	BADGE NO 0034	INVESTIGATING OFFICER KIELY, THOMAS D.	BADGE NO 0905
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickison Dr Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

STATUS CODE C=COMPLAINANT V=VICTIM A=ARRESTEE J=JUVENILE H=OTHER M=MISSING W=WITNESS O=OFFENDER D=DRIVER S=SUSPECT P=POLICE OFFICER T=TOT

STATUS	NAME	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.	TELEPHONE	ADDRESS	OP STATE & NO.
W V	Hammond, Natalie	F	W				03

**INTERVIEW REPORT - NATALIE HAMMOND**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On December 15th, 2012, Det. Downs and I arrived at Danbury Hospital in order to interview Natalie Hammond who was working at the Sandy Hook Elementary School when the shooting occurred. Mrs. Hammond was shot by the gunman several times before retreating to safety in room # 9. The interview was conducted in a recovery room on the 7th floor which only Det. Downs, Mrs. Hammond, and myself were in the room for. Numerous family members and friends were asked to wait outside during the actual interview. Mrs. Hammond writes with her left hand which was bandaged due to her injuries. Therefore, I transcribed Mrs. Hammond's verbal account of the events into a three page written statement for her.

**SUMMARY:** Natalie Hammond stated that she is the Lead Teacher at the Sandy Hook Elementary School where she has been employed for the past 14 years. Hammond stated that on December 14th, 2012, she arrived at the school around 8:00 AM and nothing seemed out of the ordinary. Hammond stated that she did not notice any suspicious people, or vehicles, on the school grounds.

Hammond stated that when she entered the school she initially went into the main office where she checked her mailbox and read the morning message. She then stated that she went down the hall into her office, room # 35, where she had breakfast and began checking her emails. Hammond stated that at approximately 8:55 AM she went to the end of the hallway by her office, and began greeting kids arriving at the school. She stated that she did this for approximately seven minutes. Hammond stated that she went back into her office where she was handling administrative matters before her next meeting. Hammond stated that at approximately 9:20 AM she walked over to room # 20 to meet with the 4th grade team to

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discuss different types of books for their students.

Hammond stated that at approximately 9:30 AM she walked over to room # 9 for a meeting with a "planning and placement" team. Hammond stated that within three minutes of the meeting starting she heard a loud banging noise, almost like the sound of pipes banging when the heat first comes on. Hammond stated that the Principal Dawn Hochsprung and the Psychologist Mary Sherlach immediately ran out of the room. Hammond stated that they ran left towards the main office where the loud banging was coming from. Hammond stated that she also got up and exited room # 9, and was approximately 10-15 feet behind Dawn and Mary.

Hammond stated that as they approached the main office area they encountered the gunman who was standing in the middle of the hallway facing them. Hammond described the gunman as wearing dark clothing, approximately 5' 8" - 5' 10" in height, with a medium build. Hammond stated that she could not see his face or the type of weapon he was holding. Hammond stated that she then heard three quick shots and both Mary and Dawn fell to the ground. Hammond stated that she was also shot in the lower left leg and fell to the ground. Hammond stated that she heard more gunshots and felt that she was hit in her left hand. Hammond stated that she then crawled back into room # 9 and closed the door behind her. She stated that she was lying on the floor holding the door closed to prevent the gunman from coming in the room. Hammond stated that there were approximately seven other people in the room hiding under tables and desks. Hammond stated that she could hear more gunshots being fired. She stated that she heard approximately eight consecutive shots, then a pause, then the sound of the gunman reloading. Hammond stated that she could hear the sound of children screaming from the surrounding classrooms. Hammond stated that the shooting lasted for approximately five minutes.

Hammond stated that one of the student's mother in room # 9 with them, [REDACTED] 04 grabbed her cell phone and called 911. Hammond stated that [REDACTED] 04 was talking with the dispatcher and remained on the phone until they told her the police were on scene. Hammond stated that she could hear the police yelling "stay in your rooms" several times. Hammond stated that at this point the shooting had stopped. Hammond stated that once they realized the police were on scene, one of the women inside room # 9 with her yelled out "we have someone injured in here." Hammond stated that a police officer then entered the room and placed a gauze around her leg and hand. Hammond stated that the police officer then placed her into a wheel chair and brought her outside to a waiting cruiser. Hammond stated that the police cruiser brought her down to the end of the road where there was a waiting ambulance. Hammond stated that she was then transported to Danbury Hospital for treatment. See attached three page written statement for further details.

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