



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 0336	INVESTIGATING OFFICER VAN NESS, RACHAEL	BADGE NO 1431
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

Action Taken: On 12/14/12, this Detective learned from Detective Mudry #824 that there was an "Active Shooter" situation occurring at a school in the Town of Newtown, CT. This Detective donned her duty vest, gunbelt and State Police Raid Jacket and checked with the desk personnel as to the address of the incident. This Detective was advised that the school was on Dickinson Drive, Sandy Hook, CT, possibly Sandy Hook Elementary.

This Detective followed Detective Mudry, each in our assigned vehicles, to 12 Dickinson Drive, listening to the Troop A radio while traveling, en route, at a high rate of speed with lights and siren. This Detective recalls hearing police personnel over the air asking where the ambulances were, demanding their arrival for medical assistance, and stating that they were "most needed in the Kindergarten Room." This Detective also recalls at some point hearing TFC Kick #811 calling out something about gunshots over the radio, and speaking about setting up a perimeter. This Detective contacted Sgt. Van Ness #138, who was off duty at the time, while en route, advising that there was an active school shooting in Sandy Hook and directing him to respond to **01 02** Sandy Hook, and ensure the safety of the children due to its close proximity to the elementary school. Sgt. Van Ness reported that he immediately put on his gun belt and vest, in addition to his raid jacket and left Southbury en route to Sandy Hook at 0956 hours.

Additionally, this Detective recalls hearing transmission over the radio as she was pulling up Dickinson Drive that there was a male with a head wound down inside the building. This Detective does not recall the exact transmission, but understood it to be the shooter. This Detective parked behind Detective Mudry at the top of the hill right at the entrance to the parking lot of the school, and both of us exited our vehicles and ran toward the school building. There appeared to be numerous police officers and vehicles on scene, in addition to a growing number of spectators and parents assembling in the parking lot. This Detective began to cross the parking lot and was immediately approached by a parent who began to beg for assistance in locating one or more of her children. The woman had a heavy accent (later recognized to be the mother of **01 02 03 12**) and approached this Detective multiple times while in the parking lot, at times speaking about **01 02 03 12** having run out of

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or away from the school to an unknown location.

Almost immediately upon arrival, this Detective observed a white male in handcuffs being escorted through the parking area by a uniformed Trooper. It was relayed that the male was from the New York area and had no connection to the school and no reason to be on scene.

This Detective spoke briefly with TFC Keene #401, who was standing in the middle of the parking lot attempting to keep the parents away from the school. Keene advised that at this time it appeared that there might be two shooters, as there were two sweatshirts located somewhere outside the scene, possibly by some garbage cans, and that one shooter was down inside the building. This Detective observed a black SUV parked immediately in front of the building outside the main doors of the school with the rear doors open, and was advised that they were transporting kids who needed medical attention immediately in the SUV. This Detective observed a small boy to be placed in the rear of the SUV prior to it pulling away to turn the child over to a waiting ambulance. This Detective approached the front of the school and stood adjacent to a mini van that was parked in the front row of parking spaces immediately outside the front windows of the school. This Detective observed TFC Gregg #701 to be standing at the corner of the building on the sidewalk next to the playground area with a long gun, and observed what appeared to be ESU personnel approaching individually or in spurts. This Detective observed Lt. Davis #053 to exit the front doors of the school, at which time he directed me to assist TFC Keene in pushing the encroaching parents further back in the parking lot. As this Detective approached TFC Keene, a parent came running up and attempted to bypass this Detective. The parent was stopped and apologized, stating that he was just scared for the safety of his children. This Detective was then directed by someone to approach the building and begin escorting the children out and through the parking lot as they were released by Officers from within the building. This Detective ran to the sidewalk by TFC Gregg and observed the first group of children being led out of the building along with several staff members and teachers. The children were holding onto each other's shoulders from behind and walking in a single file line as directed. This Detective observed that many of the children were crying and frightened, in addition to being cold, and attempted to be encouraging while leading them to the back of the parking lot and attempting to keep any of the parents present from pulling their children from the lines. The children were led to the rear of the parking lot and were then redirected down the hill with their assigned adults to the Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire House as a staging area. This Detective ran back across the lot and received the next group of children, most of whom exited in the same manner and appeared to exhibit the same mix of emotions. This Detective noted that the majority of the older children exited rapidly and did not stop running the entire time en route down the hill. There were no orderly lines associated with some of the older children as they exited, most of them were exhibiting the "flight" self preservation response associated with the traumatic event. This Detective remained with the children from those grades who were not physically able to run, always walking behind the last child in the group in an effort to ensure that if additional shots were aimed at the children, (as the theory that there could be another shooter in the wood line or inside the building was still

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circulating,) this Detective would have the opportunity to gather and shield the stragglers. This Detective continued to receive and escort the students from inside the school for an unknown period of time, at times bringing students located within the building that had no adult with them, down the hill and into the firehouse or to the parking lot of the firehouse where a staff member or parent could receive the children and guide them inside the building.

At some point this Detective observed two white females to come running out of the building, both wearing purple shirts. This Detective observed that they were both crying and visibly shaken, with one of the two appearing to be having an anxiety attack or suffering from a cardiac issue. This Detective ran across the front of the building toward the front doors and grabbed the woman, assisting her to the back of the parking lot where she was turned over to an EMS worker who knew the woman as a cafeteria worker in the school. This Detective has a recollection of having observed some of the casualties in what she believes to have been in Miss Soto's classroom through the windows along the front of the school, but I remain unsure, at this time, if this is an accurate memory.

At one point this Detective recalls an ESU officer exiting the building carrying a small girl, possibly a Kindergartener on his hip, and holding the hand of another child as well. This Detective was not advised as to where the children had been found or why there was no adult faculty or staff member with them. This Detective was advised that they appeared to be the last and brought the children down the hill to the Firehouse.

At some point while in the parking lot, this Detective observed members of the SNTF to arrive and disappear around the side of the building. At one point while in the parking lot, this Detective observed TFC Macisco #906 to begin recording the registration plates of the vehicles in the parking lot.

Upon arrival at the firehouse, this Detective assisted staff and faculty in sending the parents out to the parking lot area and the students into the garage bays so that attendance could be taken and the process of signing out the children to their parents or caretakers could begin.

Once all of the children were in the garage bays, teachers began to sign children out to their parents. This Detective documented several children's, as well as their parents' names via ID, prior to excusing them from the garage area. The aforementioned names were turned over to the staff member in charge or each respective grade level for attendance purposes.

Once the majority of the children were signed out, this Detective began to separate the faculty and staff members and pass out written statement paper and pens, asking them to begin to document what they had seen, heard, where they had been, etc. As this Detective was doing this, she

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observed numerous other Troopers and Detectives arriving, inclusive of members of the SNTF whom had been observed in the parking lot of the school earlier, walking toward the school.

This Detective's recollections of the time spans between events as well as the order in which some of the events occurred are not reliable on their own. This Detective has no recollection of when it was relayed to her that there were fatalities other than the shooter, and further had no recollection of when it became known that there were injured parties beyond the two children who were transported to Danbury Hospital.

While on scene, this Detective observed there to be a small black vehicle parked in the fire lane outside of the school to the right of the front doors, but at the time of arrival this Detective was unaware of how it was involved in the scene. At some point in time it was relayed to this Detective that the vehicle was associated with the shooter(s).

The status of the case remains actively under investigation.

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