



**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 MARINO, BRIAN	BADGE NO 0438
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

DATE AND TIME OF INVESTIGATION:

On December 14, 2012, at approximately 0940 hours

SUMMARY:

Members of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office responded to the reported "active shooter" situation which occurred at the Sandy Hook Elementary School located at number 12 Dickinson Drive in Newtown, Connecticut.

PERSONNEL PRESENT:

- Sgt. Thomas Bennett, supervisor, member of the State Police Department, assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office.
- Tpr. Brian Marino, cover officer, member of the State Police Department, assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office.
- Tpr. Janice Warkoski, cover officer, member of the State Police Department, assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office.
- Det. Scott Flockhart, cover officer, member of the New Milford Police Department, assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office.
- Ofc. Thomas Bean, cover officer, member of the Newtown Police Department, assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office.
- Ofc. Leonard Greene, cover officer, member of the Wolcott Police Department, assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office.
- Ofc. Michael McPadden, cover officer, member of the Shelton Police Department, assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office.
- Ofc. Jared Turner, cover officer, member of the Brookfield Police Department, assigned to the Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office.

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ACTION TAKEN:

On December 14, 2012, at approximately 0935 hours, the above members of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force were at the undercover off-site located [REDACTED] 13 [REDACTED], when Trooper Marino received a telephone call from Lt. Perry who was at Troop A in Southbury fueling his vehicle. Lt. Perry relayed information to Trooper Marino regarding a shooting currently taking place in a school in Newtown, Connecticut. At this point, the radio was turned on in order for members of the Northwest office to ascertain the most current and accurate information. As the radio was activated, information immediately began being dispatched regarding an "active shooter" at the Sandy Hook Elementary School with directions to the location additionally being given. Upon hearing the bolos, Sgt. Bennett gave the command for all of the investigators in the office to put on their state police raid gear and assigned Ofc. Bean as the driver of the Northwest Office's raid van due to the fact that he is a Newtown Police officer familiar with the area.

Within minutes of hearing the initial "active shooter" situation, all of the above personnel put raid equipment having clearly identifiable "POLICE" markings, entered the Northwest Office's raid van, and proceeded to the Sandy Hook Elementary School. While enroute to the location, personnel continued to monitor the State Police radio that was dispatching there was a possibility of more than one shooter.

Upon arriving on the scene, Ofc. Bean parked the raid van on Dickinson Drive. At the time of arrival, Dickinson Drive was beginning to get filled with responding vehicles making only enough room for one lane of traffic. The Northwest Office's raid van was parked on the left side of the roadway heading towards the school a couple of car lengths past the driveway for the Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire Station.

Once the raid van was parked, the above personnel exited the vehicle and quickly moved towards the school. As the raid team advanced, personnel encountered Trooper Mo who is assigned to Troop A in Southbury. At the time, Trooper Mo was standing over a white male who was being detained in handcuffs sitting on the ground. Sgt. Bennett quickly assigned Trooper Warkoski and Officer Green to assist Trooper Mo with the detainee as the remainder members of the Northwest Office continued towards the school.

The raid team moved through the front parking lot of the Sandy Hook Elementary School which was hectic with children as well as adults running in the opposite direction towards the fire station and advanced towards the Northeast corner of the school. There was an apparent perimeter established because personnel noticed a uniformed trooper posted at the Northeast corner of the building which was Room# 2 (Possible Day Care

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room). The raid team quickly moved past the posted uniform trooper posted at the Northeast corner and advanced down the East side of the building past Room# 1 (Perry's Kindergarten) until reaching Room# 46 (Varga's 4th Grade room).

At this point, Trooper Marino observed a uniformed trooper recognized to be Trooper Blumenthal in the Southeast exit's corridor between Room# 46 (Varga's 4th grade room) and Room# 42 (Fressola's 4th grade room). Trooper Blumenthal waved the raid team into the building at which time personnel entered the building from the school's Southeast entrance prior to Room# 42 (Fressola's 4th grade room).

Once in the building, Trooper Blumenthal gave personnel a quick debrief of the situation. Trooper Blumenthal relayed the fact that there were numerous victims consisting of adults and children near the front lobby and Northern classroom areas. Furthermore, there appeared that a suspect was deceased, however, there may be more than one "shooter" involved. The school had not yet been cleared, although an "active shooter" group consisting of police personnel was currently moving through the school performing a preliminary search.

Trooper Blumenthal told the raid team that he was assigned to secure the building's East hallway from the Southeast corner (Varga's 4th grade room). Immediately, the members of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force conducted preliminary sweeps of Room# 42 (Fressola's 4th grade room), Room# 46 (Varga's 4th grade room), and Room# 40 (Storage room). While conducting the preliminary searches of the aforementioned rooms, the raid team observed an "active shooter" cluster advance down the East hallway towards their position. The "active shooter" cluster moved past the raid team turning down the South hallway. Members of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force then immediately secured the classrooms located at the building's Southeast corner along with the school's East and South hallways. While securing the area, the raid team observed a number of other "active shooter" clusters travel past their position from the North hallway. One of the clusters included Lt. Perry and another included Detective Mudry of the State Police.

At some point as members of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office were securing the East and South hallways, children were escorted out of the school through their position from the South hallway. The students exited the building from the Southeast exit between Room# 42 (Fressola's 4th grade room) and Room# 46 (Varga's 4th grade room).

Shortly after the children were safely escorted out of the building through the Southeast exit, members of the Connecticut State Police Emergency Services Unit advanced down the East hallway conducting another preliminary search of the premises. The Emergency Services Unit entered every room in the East hallway before proceeding to clearing every room in the South hallway.

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Once the preliminary as well as secondary searches were completed by a number of law enforcement groups, Lt. Perry approached the raid team and informed them the school had been declared secured. Lt Perry then instructed Trooper Marino to remain behind in the school continuing to secure the Southeast corner of the building while he escorted the other members of the raid team out of the building. Lt. Perry brought the members of the raid team down the East and North hallways exiting from the lobby and front entrance.

STATUS:

This case will remain open.

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