



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

Report #: 1200704559 - 00017426

Report Type: Initial Report:  Prosecutors Report:  Supplement:  Re-open:  Assist:  Closing:

Attachments: Statements:  Teletype:  Photos:  Sketchmap:  Evidence:  Other:

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| CFS NO<br>1200704559                                     | INCIDENT DATE<br>12/14/2012 | TIME<br>09:41 | INCIDENT DATE<br>12/14/2012 | TIME | PRIMARY OFFICER<br>JEWISS, DANIEL E. | BADGE NO<br>0336 | INVESTIGATING OFFICER<br>MCGEEVER, JOHN         | BADGE NO<br>0837      |
| INCIDENT ADDRESS<br>00012 Dickinson Dr Dr/ Newtown 06482 |                             |               |                             |      | APARTMENT NO                         | TOWN CD          | TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE<br>Not Applicable | CASE STATUS<br>Active |

**ACTION TAKEN:**

On 12/14/12 at approximately 0930 hours, I was parked at Troop A writing a report in my vehicle. Dispatcher Brennan put out a radio transmission that there was an active shooter at a school in Newtown. I put my vehicle in gear and headed westbound on I-84. I asked dispatch which exit to use to get to the school. Dispatcher Brennan told me to use exit 10. As I was getting off at exit 10, I observed two Newtown Police vehicles heading toward Sandy Hook on Church Hill Rd. I slowed down at the end of the ramp and turned left onto Church Hill Rd. At this point, the Newtown vehicles were out of my line of sight. I continued on Church Hill Rd. There was a radio transmission to turn left at the bottom of the hill. I turned left and observed a police officer working at a construction sight. He directed me to continue straight ahead. I quickly realized that I was going the wrong way and turned around. I observed TFC Kick heading the wrong way as well. He turned around and we both headed back toward Sandy Hook. We both turned left onto Riverside Dr. TFC Kick was a short distance ahead of me and made it to the school first. TFC Kick pulled up to the front of the school, near the black Honda in the fire lane. I parked my vehicle near the second row of parking spaces. As I was exiting my vehicle, Captain Rios approached my driver's side door with a white male in handcuffs. I retreated to my trunk to get my shotgun. Captain Rios asked if he could secure the male in the front seat of my vehicle. I told him that I could not secure him in my vehicle and locked my car. I racked a round in the chamber of my shotgun and headed toward the front door of the school.

As I approach the front entrance of the school, I observed the broken glass on the ground near the doors. I observed several troopers and police officers inside the lobby of the school. I entered the school through the broken glass window on the right side of the main doors. As I entered the school, I observed two females lying on the ground in the hallway to the left. I heard officers giving orders to someone in the hallway to the right side of the school. I took cover at the corner of the hallway and observed a male holding a phone half way down the hall. There were officers coming down the hallway toward the janitor and they were ordering him to get on the ground and drop the phone. Once he was handcuffed, I approached the custodian with Lt. Hofbauer and I believe MSgt Davis as well. We asked the Newtown officers if they had a description of the gunman. They

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didn't have any information about the gunman. Lt. Hofbauer and I entered the kitchen and conducted a cursory search. We then entered the Cafeteria and cleared the room. We then went into the Stage area and conducted a cursory search of the Stage and adjoining closet area. We went back into the hall and turned left toward the lobby. We cleared the bathrooms on our right side. After clearing the bathrooms, I returned to the lobby and someone handed a young girl to me. Someone told me that she was not injured and ordered me to take her out of the school. I observed that she was covered in blood despite the fact that she was not injured. I took her hand and led her out of the school and across the parking lot. I handed the girl over to a mother and ambulance personnel in the parking lot and asked them to take the girl over to the ambulance on the other side of the parking lot. I returned back to the lobby of the school. The front doors of the school were now open.

As I entered the lobby, I observed Sgt. Cario pushing an office chair with an adult female out of the school. I observed Officer Chapman holding a child in his arm, but I was unsure if the child was male or female. I also observed TFC Dragon holding a child in his arms. I was unsure if the child was a male or female. I held the doors open so that they could exit the school. TFC Kick moved his vehicle to the front door to transport the injured female. TFC Blumenthal and I went into the lobby and met up with TFC Cipriano and several other officers to form a search team. We headed down the hallway to the left of the lobby. We bypassed the first room and the second room because we were advised that those rooms were already checked. We entered the third room and observed several bodies down. I was advised that they were deceased and unable to be saved. We used the connector door into the adjacent room and cleared that room. We exited that room and went into the hallway. I remember seeing a magazine in the hallway with unspent rounds in it. We went into the next room and cleared that room. We continued to clear rooms to the end of the hall. We then entered the first room on the adjacent hallway and observed children and one injured teacher. The teacher had an apparent injury to her foot. We escorted all the children out of the school through an adjacent exit door. We directed them toward the parking lot and turned them all over to other officers who were leading them toward the firehouse. We re-entered the school and continued down the hallway to the left. I observed an exit door with the glass broken out. I was not sure how the glass got broken. We continued to clear all the rooms in the hallway. As we cleared the rooms, we were escorting the children down the halls and toward the exits. Newtown Police were also escorting children from the classrooms in the back hallway toward the exits.

Once we were finished clearing the hallway, we continued to clear rooms down the back hallway. I remember entering the media center and hearing a Newtown Lieutenant say that a group of children just entered from the media center to an adjacent room. We entered the adjacent room and realized that the children were locked in a closet. At that point, members of the tactical team came into the Media Center with a key and gained entry to the closet. We directed the children down the back hallway toward the exit. Once the media center was cleared, I was assigned by Lt. Perry to take a post outside the media center. The tactical team continued to clear rooms in the back hallway. Once they cleared beyond my location

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outside the media center, I fell into formation and followed the team toward the main entrance. Once the building was deemed safe, we all mustered outside the main entrance of the school in the parking lot.

A while later, Det. Walkley asked me to take a post in the hallway outside of room #10 and secure the scene. I stood there for about 20 minutes and then was relieved by Lt. DeVecchia.

I was later approached by MSgt. Gelvin and asked to join a team to conduct a search of a nearby glass company in an effort to locate a missing cell phone. Our team searched the building and adjacent abandoned trailer. We returned to the parking lot of the school and assisted in various tasks.

At some point, I noticed that one of the vehicles in the parking lot was leaking fluid. That vehicle was a green van. I pointed it out to Lt. Perry and we discovered that the vehicle had been struck by a bullet. We taped off the vehicle to secure the evidence.

CASE STATUS:

This case remains ACTIVE.

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