



**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 RODEN, JOSEPH	BADGE NO 0174
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

Action Taken: On 12/14/2012 at approximately 0930 hours, I was at the Woodbury Resident Trooper's Office completing paperwork, when I heard Troop L broadcast that Newtown was responding to an active shooter incident. Upon hearing this, I left my office and responded towards Newtown in my assigned cruiser. As I traveled through Southbury, directions to the school were provided by Troop desk personnel. Utilizing the dispatch provided directions, I arrived at the scene. As I pulled into the parking lot, I parked my vehicle away from the main entrance and behind several rows of cars, that could be used for cover.

I exited my vehicle and retrieved my shotgun from the trunk and observed TFC Blumenthal #690, do the same. We then proceeded towards the main entrance of the building. As I approached, I observed a large hole in the glass window to the right of the main doors, which were closed. TFC Blumenthal and I entered the building through the hole in the glass window. As I entered into the main lobby, I observed two deceased females in the hallway to the left. I observed Sgt. Cario #149 carrying a child, which appeared to be lifeless, out of the building. I observed two Newtown officers, and between 4-5 troopers in the lobby area. I recall seeing Msgt Davis outside of the main entrance and LT. Hofbauer in the lobby. Two active shooter teams were formed. One team consisting of Newtown officers, headed down the west hallway to the right of the main entrance, and the other team headed down the north hallway. We conducted the search of the building with the understanding that there were two shooters. This was based in part due to the two hooded sweatshirts observed on the sidewalk near a dark colored sedan, and witness accounts. As the second team started down the hallway, I believe that the point man was a Newtown officer who had a rifle, I was on the left side with my shotgun, and Oxford officer Ramirez AC35, was behind me. I do not recall who was on the right side of the formation. As I looked down the hallway, I observed what I recognized to be a least one 30 round magazine for an AR-15. I distinctly remember thinking that we were in trouble because no one had rifle grade body armor. As we began to head down the hallway, [REDACTED] 01 02 [REDACTED]. We then proceeded down the hallway to clear rooms and to locate the shooter. As we moved past the two deceased adults in the hallway, I heard no sounds. Upon reaching classroom 12, someone said that the room had been cleared and was empty. We then continued down the hallway, stopping and clearing

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rooms as we encountered them. I maintained cover in the hallway while the right side rooms were checked. I entered and cleared the next classroom on the left, classroom 8, with Officer Ramirez. As I entered the room, I observed two deceased females, and a mass of deceased children in the corner of the room. There were approximately 12-15 children in this mass of bodies. All had apparent gunshot wounds and there were numerous shell casings scattered about the room. We exited the classroom and continued down the hallway. Upon reaching the next classroom on the left, classroom 10, again Officer Ramirez and I entered to clear it. As I entered the room, I observed a male dressed in dark colored clothing, which included a load bearing vest, apparently deceased, just inside the doorway. I observed a pistol laying about a foot away from his body. I observed a yellow/orange colored earplug in his left ear. I advised the remaining team members in the hallway of the discovery, and was told that the Newtown officers had advanced only as far as that classroom, where they had handcuffed the deceased male. I observed two deceased adult females in this room with multiple deceased children. All of these deceased had apparent gunshot wounds. I observed an AR-15 style rifle in the classroom. We finished clearing the room and returned to the hallway. We continued to check the classrooms in this hallway, which were locked. We could see movement inside, as someone moved the paper covering the window. We identified ourselves as the police, that we were there to get them out. The door opened and inside we found a classroom full of children and two adult teachers. There was a brief discussion about taking the class down the hallway past the deceased adults, or holding them in the classroom until an alternate route could be secured. It was decided to take them down the hallway past the deceased adults and out the front doors, which is what happened. We continued down the hallway, to where the hall turned 90 degrees to the right, on the east side of the building. We cleared the classroom at the corner of the hallways and located an alternative exit to the building, near classroom 1. This exit was covered by uniformed troopers/officers who were on the perimeter of the building, and would prevent the staff and children from going past the victims in the classrooms and hallway. We continued to clear the hallway, room by room. We encountered numerous classrooms with both teachers and children hiding inside. Some of the adults would open the door, while others would not, requiring us to utilize a master key that one of the officer's had. We advised each room that we were the police, and that we were there to get them out, that they were safe now. By this time additional troopers had made their way into the building and escorted the teachers and children from the classroom, down the hallway to the exit near classroom 1. We continued the search down the east hallway, where we encountered a smashed window of an exit door. I observed the glass from this door to be on the inside, which indicated that it was smashed from the outside. There was no indication that it was shot out, as the window across the hall was still intact. At the end of this hallway, I observed members of the SNTF providing cover. I recognized two of these members to be Sgt. Bennett and Detective Marino. Trooper Poach, a member of ESU, arrived and began clearing rooms with us. Upon completion of the search, I walked outside to clear my head.

After a few minutes, I re-entered the building. I observed Sgt Del Torto and Trooper Hawley from Troop L enter into the lobby with several other Troopers. I explained to them not to go into the classrooms, as there were numerous dead children in the rooms. Sgt. Bartolatta was forming up a

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second team to re-search the building. This group contained several members of ESU. We again conducted a search of the building, with the members of ESU entering each room this time. As more adults and children were located, they were escorted out of the building.

Upon completion of this second search, I was tasked by Lieutenant Colonel Corona to "get these vehicles out of the way, so my CP can get in here." I then began walking the road leading into the parking lot, which had become clogged by the responding police vehicles. I observed Detective Lukienchuk, from WDMC, attempting to do the same thing. Unlocked vehicles were moved to create a lane large enough for the Lieutenant Colonel's Command Post to get through.

At approximately 1230 hours, I was directed to the fire house along with the other initial responders to meet with Major Hyatt to serve as family liaisons. Upon reaching the fire house, Captain Begert directed my group to an unoccupied area to await further orders, that we were not going to be used as family liaisons due to us being initial responders.

At approximately 1330 hours, the group of initial responders were directed to go back to Troop A for a de-brief by the STOPS program. I then reported to Troop A for the de-briefing, which lasted approximately one hour.

At no point did I kick or move any item of evidence, and I did not lose any shotgun rounds. While searching the building, I believe one of the initial responders dropped a shotgun round as we moved down the hallway. While clearing the hallway and classrooms, I did not see any shotgun rounds on the ground.

Case Status: The status of this case is active.

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