



**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 BENECCHI, EDWARD	BADGE NO 1413
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 at approximately 0937 hours, the Troop A dispatcher reported an active shooter incident at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, in the Town of Newtown. I immediately responded with my K-9, Sarik #9061, from the exit 18 commuter lot, which was approximately 17 miles away from the elementary school. At approximately 0950 hours I arrived on scene at the same time as TFC Cournoyer #1315, and TPR Katrenya #555. Upon arrival to the scene we all parked just prior to the entrance of the parking lot to the elementary school and made our way to the north east corner of the building, where a perimeter had been established.

TFC Cournoyer #1315, TPR Katrenya #555, TFC Cipriano #1383 and I then ran to the entrance of the building, in between the front of the building and the parking lot. Due to our position we were unable to take cover while running toward the entrance.

Upon arriving at the entrance I found the front doors were locked, but a large hole had been created in the glass window to the right of the doors. I immediately met with Msgt Davis at this entrance. Msgt. Davis informed me that one team had gone in and just started looking for the shooter. I immediately formed a rescue team consisting of myself, TFC Dragon #706, TFC Cipriano #1338, and TFC Cournoyer #1315. TFC Dragon informed me that he was an EMT and had his medical bag with him.

Upon entering the building I observed a stocky Newtown Police Officer guarding the west hallway. He appeared extremely upset and visibly shaken. The odor of gunpowder hung heavy in the air. I observed two Newtown Police Officers and several other State Troopers advancing down the north hallway, looking for the shooter. I also saw a rifle magazine lying on the hallway floor with loose .223 rounds about.

Upon moving left down the north hallway I observed two females lying on the floor. As TFC Dragon checked the females for signs of life, I hovered down with him providing cover, along with TFC Cipriano and TFC Cournoyer. I could see both females had sustained multiple gunshot wounds to the torso. At this time TFC Dragon informed me that there was no pulse on either of the victims and we could not help them. This team then moved on down the hallway. As we were moving down the hallway I heard someone yell out "second gunman."

The first open room we came to was room 10. As we entered the room I observed a white male, early twenties lying on the floor. He was

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wearing an empty drop leg holster on his right leg and a handgun was sticking out of his left pocket. He had green colored earplugs in his ears and another handgun was next to his body on the floor. I found that he had sustained a gunshot wound to his head as there was a small amount of blood coming from this wound. I then stepped over his body and moved into the room.

Upon entering the room, I observed several children lying on the floor. All the children appeared lifeless and [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED] I remained in the room covering TFC Dragon as he checked for survivors. TFC Dragon stated that there was nothing we could do to help these children. At this time TFC Dragon remained behind checking children, and this team moved forward looking for survivors.

The next room we came to was across the hallway, room 7. TFC Cournoyer and I entered this room and heard screaming. After clearing the room I observed a class room of children and their teacher huddled in the coat area of the room. I then had the children line up. While getting ready to exit this room I observed a tall Newtown Officer running down the hallway toward the exit, with a child cradled in his arms. I told them to close their eyes and put their hand on the person in front of them. I told them we were going to play follow the leader and whoever kept their eyes closed would win. I quickly peeked out of the room and saw that the advanced team had only made it to the northeast corner of the hallway. At this time that section of the hallway had not been secured so I escorted this group of children out of their classroom, past the two deceased females and out the front doors of the building.

As I was exiting the building I could see I was being covered by Msgt. Davis, TFC Blumenthal #690, Lt. Hofbauer #40, TFC Kick #811, Det. Zullo #842, Det. Mudry #824, TFC Bell #354 and TPR Katrenya #555. Upon exiting I met with Det. Van Ness #1431 who then escorted the children to the firehouse.

I then ran back inside and met with TFC Cournoyer and TFC Cipriano. We then went to room #5. Upon entry to this room we found a class room of children and their teacher huddled in the coat area of the room. I then had the children line up. While getting ready to exit this room I observed TFC Dragon running down the hallway cradling an injured child. Again we had the children keep their eyes closed as we escorted them out of the building.

I then ran back inside and met up with TFC Cournoyer, Officer Ramirez of the Oxford Resident Trooper's Office and TFC Cipriano. We then moved back down the left hallway and into room 8. We located multiple children and adults piled on top of one another. [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED]

Due to the type of wounds, we were unable to provide any type of medical treatment as the wounds were inconsistent with life.

We then continued on down the hallway. While moving down the hallway I either helped get other children out of the building or I conducted secondary searches of class rooms. I did this throughout the entire school. During this I escorted children out of the building with Lt. Hofbauer, Sgt. Salmeri #207, Sgt. Wagnblas #278, Lt. Perry #046, and miscellaneous members of the Newtown Police Department and State Police.

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On the south side of the building I met with a large group of Officers and Troopers inside the media center. They had located a set of locked doors and believed that people had barricaded themselves inside. Eventually a set of keys had been obtained to open these doors. Myself, TFC Faughnan #580 along with several other members of law enforcement had made entry into this small room. We then encountered another locked door in this room. TFC Faughnan #580 slid a badge under the door. The door was then opened. I then guided this group of children out of the school. We continued to search the school until we were relieved by the ESU tactical team.

I then deployed my department K-9 Sarik #9061. I took a perimeter post on the rear southeast corner of the modular building. Shortly thereafter, I was pulled from this position to conduct an area search. I searched the wooded area in front of the school with TPR McOmber #995 and TFC Macisco # 906, clearing it with negative results. TPR McOmber and I then cleared the woods and a residential neighborhood southeast of the school. This search yielded negative results.

After clearing these areas, I then went back to the parking lot. There I met with the members of the State Police who had been inside the elementary school. Msgt Gelvin #094, came up to us and stated that they had information that the shooter may have gone to Apex Glass, which was located down the street. A team was assembled and we went to this business. We searched the exterior and interior of this building with negative results.

The status of this case will remain open pending the further investigation from the State Police Major Crime Unit.

CASE STATUS: OPEN

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