



**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 KATRENYA III, ANDREW	BADGE NO 0555
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

**ACTION TAKEN:**

On December 14, 2012 I was assigned to Troop "A" patrol #2. At approximately 0936 hours I was parked in the Danbury Rest Area when Troop "A" Dispatcher Brennan put out a broadcast to all units that there was an active shooter incident at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, CT. I immediately began to respond and requested an address en route. While en route, Troop "A" dispatch reported that shots were still being fired. I arrived on scene at the same time as TFC Bennechi #1413 and TFC Cournoyer #1315, at approximately 0950 hours. I parked my cruiser in front of the back stop for the baseball field, to the left (when looking at the school from the front) and deployed my department issued rifle.

TFC Cournoyer and myself ran to the front left corner of the school (when looking at the school from the front) and met up with Sgt. Wagnblas #278. Sgt. Wagnblas instructed us to hold a perimeter and he left. I covered that corner of the school and TFC Cournoyer covered a door on the side of the building. There were multiple soft clothes officers behind us.

I observed a group of Troopers in front of the school gathering together under the front corridor. Of these Troopers I saw Master Sergeant Davis #098, Sgt. Cario #149, and TFC Kick #811. They entered the school and a short time later I observed a Newtown Officer carrying out a young girl who appeared to be deceased. He carried her towards the cars in the parking lot and I did not see who took her from there. Shortly after I saw Sgt. Cario exit the building with a woman sitting on a chair and put her in a state police cruiser. I then saw a Newtown SUV pull up and someone put a young boy in the back of it. Shortly after TFC Benecchi #1413 began to escort a large amount of children and teachers out the front of the building.

As TFC Benecchi and other Troopers and Officers were evacuating students, the door that TFC Cournoyer was securing opened and Master Sergeant Davis began to escort children out. He instructed us to make sure that the children got out safely. I escorted these children to Detective

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Vanness #1431 who was in the front parking lot and turned them over to her. I ran back toward the front left corner of the building where I saw TFC Cournoyer assisting an adult woman who appeared to have a leg injury. I then entered the opened side door with TFC Bell #354 who had since arrived on scene. As I entered, I could see a trail of blood coming out of the room to the left. I went through the room to the left and TFC Bell went through the room to the right. We came into the hallway where I could smell the odor of gun powder and could see two adult bodies on the floor at the end of the hallway in front of me. I could also see what appeared to be a 30 round magazine on the hallway floor and spent .223 caliber rounds.

TFC Bell and myself got word from Master Sergeant Davis that dispatch was reporting students locked in a room (I don't remember the number). TFC Bell and myself began to clear rooms towards the back of the school. We met up with other Troopers and Newtown Officers in the back hallway and continued to clear classrooms along the back hall. We found live students and teachers in multiple classrooms along the back hallway of the school. At some point I was met by Trooper Poach #668, who was dressed in ESU gear. He assisted us in clearing rooms. We cleared classrooms, closets, bathrooms, and the cafeteria back towards the front lobby where I observed two dead female bodies outside of the front office. These were the bodies I saw earlier when I entered the school at the other end of the hall (front left corner of building when looking at it).

I began to walk along the front hallway where I initially entered the school. I entered the first room on the left, closest to the front lobby to look for injured victims that I could assist. I did not see anyone, but someone (I don't remember who) heard a noise coming from a closet or bathroom in the front corner of the room. Two ESU Troopers, Sgt. Cario, TFC Bell, a Lieutenant from Newtown, and myself attempted to open the door, but it was locked. We could hear a woman's voice inside and despite Sgt. Cario or the Newtown Lieutenant sliding their badge under the door, she refused to open the door. A key for the door was retrieved and a number of children and one blonde female teacher came out of the closet. I assisted in evacuating the children from the school via the side door that I had originally entered. I passed the children off to TFC Keane #401 outside of the building.

I then entered the second room on the left and observed a dead white male on the floor just inside the door. The male had a gun shot wound to the head and was bleeding heavily. I recognized his injuries to be inconsistent with life. I observed a black pistol on the floor near his body. I also observed a pistol in a holster on his body. I observed approximately four to five dead children on the floor and two adult women, all of which had injuries that I recognized to be inconsistent with life. I also observed a black AR-15 type rifle on the ground inside that classroom. The rifle was approximately 10 feet away from the gunman's body, in the direction of the front lobby.

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I then went into the next room down on the left with TFC Cipriano #1383, where I observed a significant amount of dead children piled on top of each other on the floor and inside a bathroom. All of the children I saw [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED] which I recognized to be inconsistent with life. At that point Sgt. O'Donnell #272 and Paramedic Cassavechia from Danbury Hospital had entered the classroom. I exited the room and met up with multiple other Troopers and Officers outside the room, to include Sgt. Bartolotta #161 who was dressed in ESU gear.

Sgt. Bartolotta instructed a Newtown Officer and myself to guard the two above referenced rooms and not to let people walk in or out without proper reason. Sgt. Bartolotta and a group of Troopers discussed conducting a secondary search of the school and started to do so heading toward the front left corner of the school (where I had entered earlier).

I stood guard at the room with the most children (I do not remember the classroom number) and the Newtown Officer secured the room with the gunman. I was later relieved by Sgt. Cario, at which point the Commanding Officer of Western District Major Crime, Lieutenant Delvecchia #034 had arrived at the scene.

After exiting the school via the front door, I gave my name to a Newtown Officer who was keeping a log of people in the school. I was then instructed by Lt. Hofbauer to assist a K-9 handler with a search of the perimeter of the building for a second shooter. Myself and Newtown Officer Chapman assisted TFC Cassavechia #766 (K-9) with a search of the perimeter. We searched the rear and right side of the school property (when looking at it from the front) with no findings. Towards the end of the search CT DEEP Police questioned a male reporter in the woods off the right side of the building (when looking at it from the front). The male was attempting to get closer to the building and was stopped by DEEP Police Officers. He was identified and later released.

Following the search I was instructed by Master Sergeant Davis to go to the Fire Department on Dickinson Dr. to assist with security when the victims' families were notified. Upon arriving at the school TFC Kick and myself were instructed by Lieutenant Colonel Corona #004 to go into the fire house and be liaisons to the victims' families. We both entered a room on the first floor of the fire house where Governor Malloy and Colonel Stebbins were preparing to address a room full of victims' families. Before they began to speak, a Captain (I don't know his name) relieved us and instructed us to "relax."

I later cleared the scene and responded to Troop A per the instruction of Sgt. Cario.

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