



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

Report #: 1200704559 - 00025074

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>HOFBAUER, MICHAEL R.   | BADGE NO<br>0040      |
| INCIDENT ADDRESS<br>00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482 |                             |               |                             |      | APARTMENT NO                         | TOWN CD          | TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE<br>Not Applicable | CASE STATUS<br>Active |

On 12/14/12 at approximately 0937 hours, I was at Troop A when I overheard dispatch call out an active shooter at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown. At this time, I clarified the location of the school at the Troop A sergeant's office. I then instructed Troop A personnel in the same area to respond to Sandy Hook.

I then traveled from Troop A to the scene. Upon my arrival, I parked my assigned cruiser near the North/East corner of the parking lot, next to other parked Newtown cruisers and announced over the State Police radio that "040 and 098 on scene." I then ran across the face of the North side of the school between the parking lot and the face of the school, while Master Sergeant (now Lieutenant) Michael Davis and Sergeant William Cario ran from the North side of that same parking lot.

Arriving at the front doors of the school, an unknown Newtown Police Officer had gained entry into the lobby and opened the front door for me. Master Sergeant Davis and Sergeant Cario then followed me into the lobby.

As I entered into the lobby, I observed two female victims lying off to my left side (to the left of the office as one faces that office) with blood all around them. I attempted to notify Troop A that we had at least two down; however, the radio system was not transmitting in this area. I then moved to the right side of the lobby where I overheard Newtown Police advancing along the West hallway and taking a person into custody (later learned to be a custodian). After they took the custodian into custody, I approached and asked the custodian if he had seen the shooter. He stated that he had not.

I then turned and approached the lobby again, but then entered into the kitchen and cafeteria with Tfc. John McGeever. At this time, we cleared this area, the stage area and storage to the rear of the cafeteria. Once cleared, we cleared two bathrooms off the West hallway across from the cafeteria

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then rejoined the police presence in the lobby. At this time, I saw a Newtown Police Officer with a young girl [REDACTED] 03, 12, 01 02 [REDACTED] her standing by the front door. I do not totally recall, but I may have told Tfc. McGeever to get her away from the school. He then took her and ran her across the parking lot towards the North. Somewhere around this time, I saw Tfc. Christopher Kick near the lobby and I instructed him to coordinate a perimeter around the building.

We then began to clear the North hallway, walking in an Easterly direction. At one point, I walked past a room on the right (later identified as Room 9) where, as someone opened the door, I observed an adult female wounded on the floor. Responding police behind me were able to treat and ultimately extract her as I continued forward with the forward wave making up an assault force seeking a second shooter. I then passed rooms 10 and 8 on the North side of the school (to my left) and continued Easterly as other officers were in those rooms checking for survivors. As I went past room 10, I saw a young white male lying face down close to the doorway with what appeared to be camo-type clothing and a handgun strapped to one leg. He was motionless with blood around his head, which I assumed was a self inflicted shot to the head.

I then continued to assist with hallway security as other officers began identifying themselves to teachers who had locked themselves in classrooms. We then began extracting surviving children and teachers in classes and handed these children off to other responding officers to guide them out of the building at various exits.

I eventually continued with other responding officers and began clearing classes on the East side of the building, at one point walking backwards with Tfc. William Blumenthal to ensure that no other shooter attempted to engage the group from behind. It was at this time, that Tfc. Blumenthal dropped a blue shotgun slug from the bandoleer on his shotgun stock. I later returned to this area with Tfc. Blumenthal to confirm that this was indeed his slug and not an errant slug from a shooter.

I continued with the group clearing rooms and ultimately entered the media center on the South side of the school. Responding officers in that area were aware of children hiding in a locked room off the center that would not come out. Sergeant Joseph Salmeri remained in this location to ensure these children remained protected as the group re-entered the hall and continued in a Westerly direction.

Ultimately, Emergency Services arrived and, as they took over, they conducted their sweep of the building. As I backed out, I was able to begin coordinating additional response from the CARS Unit and touch base with my chain of command. I also attempted to coordinate a K-9 team at each corner of the building, teaming up with a Newtown Officer to maintain mutual communication. I believe that Tfc. Jason Cassavechia was stationed at

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the North/West corner and Tfc. Edward Benecchi was stationed at the North/East corner. I told them to stand by until the rear of the school was secure with K-9 teams. The intent was to conduct K-9 tracks for a potential second shooter if a second shooter had exited the school. I then spent some time with personnel who needed to be relieved from inside the school and was able to monitor the front patio/lobby area. At this time, I observed blood trails on the patio, that I did not recall seeing when I first gained access into the building. I assumed that these blood trails were caused by the extraction of wounded victims.

At one point, as additional command staff responded and assumed duties, I was in the front office with Major Brian Meraviglia, Commanding Officer of Western District when a rear door slowly opened and we heard a woman's voice ask if it was all right to come out. The woman was [REDACTED] 04 [REDACTED]. She had been hiding in a rear storage closet within the rear nurses office along with a school secretary.

As we ensured them it was safe to come out, I was able to identify [REDACTED] 04, 03 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 04, 03 [REDACTED]. As we discussed what they had observed that day [REDACTED] 04 [REDACTED] was able to inform us that she had only seen one male approach the front of the school and begin shooting at the glass. She stated that when that happened, she hid under the desk in the office. She heard the shooter walk in and walk by where she was. [REDACTED] 04 [REDACTED] was able to inform us that she had observed the shooter's feet and lower legs from under the desk that she was hiding beneath and was able to confirm that there was only one shooter that they recalled.

During the initial investigation, I was in rooms 10 and 8, but did not touch any of the victims, as they were already presumed/pronounced deceased. I did observe many expended shell casings throughout the room and in the hallway, including in front of the office door. Many of these casings in front of the office door had been inadvertently trampled upon by rescue operations and by removing [REDACTED] 04 [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] 04 [REDACTED].

The above is to the best of my recollection. I remained on scene until approximately midnight and returned to the command post area again throughout the weekend and the subsequent week.

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