



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

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On December 14, 2012, I was the dayshift supervisor at Troop A. At 0937 I was in my assigned cruiser in the Kmart Plaza, South Main Street, Southbury, when I heard the first transmission from Dispatcher Betsy Brennan of an active shooter at the Sandy Hook School, Newtown. I made my way to I-84 west via the #15 on ramp as I instructed all my western patrols toward the school, with the eastern patrols to start heading in that direction (CSP radio time: 09:37:38). I also told my deskman, TFC Chris Kick #811, to get an address for us so that we did not have to look for it. While enroute, Regional Dispatch Deskman TFC Loomis broadcasted more than once that the shooter was in the main office area. A short time after my request, TFC Richard McDaniel #1373 broadcasted directions to the school. TFC McDaniel was on light duty and had relieved TFC Kick, so that TFC Kick could respond to the call. As we responded we kept getting ongoing reports of active shooting. I knew that we needed all available resources. Rather than tie up air time, I instructed all personnel responding to the school to sound off. All Troop A patrols were enroute. As I continued to the scene I asked dispatch to find out what Newtown had on scene and to inquire if they were engaged with the shooter? I further stated that we needed to coordinate our efforts with Newtown (CSP Radio time: 09:42:38). As I got off Exit 10 I stopped on Church Hill Road to adjust my bullet proof vest. As I did so I heard sirens coming up behind me fast. Lt. Michael Hofbauer #040 and Master Sergeant Michael Davis #098 then proceeded past and I fell in immediately behind them. We were nearing the school and I had not yet received a response, so I repeated my questions as to what were Newtown Police's plans (CSP Radio time 09:45:28). Very shortly before our arrival, Dispatcher Betsy Brennan gave a report that there was a victim with numerous gunshot wounds in Room #9 (CSP Radio time: 09:45:49). TFC Loomis then broadcast that there was a sergeant from Newtown on scene and it was unknown if the shooter had been located. I told TFC Loomis to keep an open line with Newtown Police (CSP Radio time 09:46:01). As we pulled into the driveway of the Sandy Hook Elementary School, Lt. Hofbauer led, followed by Msgt. Davis, and then myself. There was one Newtown Police cruiser parked about half way down the driveway on the right side, out of sight of the school. There were additional Newtown police cars stopped in the driveway, between the parking lot and the fenced field. I believe these were also out of sight of the school's entrance. We parked behind, or in the area of the Newtown Police vehicles.

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As our cars were coming to a stop, Lt. Hofbauer radioed that he and Msgt. Davis had arrived (CSP radio time: 09:46:30). I did not sign off at the scene. We immediately exited our cars and ran toward the school's entrance with our handguns drawn. Lt Hofbauer ran along the driveway, in front of parked cars. Msgt. Davis and I ran behind this row of parked cars and then turned left, between parked cars, to run toward the front door. We all regrouped as we got closer to the entrance. I could not clearly see through the glass, but I could see a very large hole shattered in the glass to the right of the main doors. I remember considering that the front doors might be locked, and I did not want to stop moving until I was somewhere with cover. I know that I considered going through the window. As we approached the door I remember seeing Lt. Hofbauer's hand grab the door handle, and that I was off to his right. I do not remember how I entered the school, but it may have been through the window. It did not take us more than 20-30 seconds to move from our cars to the interior of the school.

For perspective, I consider the front of the Sandy Hook Elementary School to be the north side. As I entered the school, the first thing that caught my attention was two Newtown officers who were to my left. I moved behind them. I believe at least one had a long gun. They were using a corner of the cement walls as cover and looking east down the north corridor. There were two female bodies lying on the floor in the right side of the north corridor. The officers were focused on the hallway and spoke as I stood behind them. We did not make eye contact, and I do not recall much about them. One officer was average size in height, while the other was tall. I recall the tall one to have the long gun and, based on subsequent interaction, believe him to have been Newtown Police Officer Chapman. The officer that spoke reported that "they are dead" (pointing to the two bodies in the hall), the shooter was in the hallway and "ducked" into a classroom to the left (front), there was a volley of gunfire, and "it's been quiet for about five minutes."

While I stood behind the two Newtown Officers looking east, I heard double doors (behind me) on the west wall of the lobby open and close. I saw a stocky Newtown Police Officer in the area of these same doors. I assume he took a post there as I do not recall seeing him anywhere other than in that area of the lobby.

As I remained with the two Newtown Officers monitoring the front corridor, TFC Kick arrived (CSP radio time: 09:47:08) and stopped his cruiser at the front of the building near the main entrance. I believe TFC Kick signed off a few seconds before he came into view. TFC Kick entered at about the same time there was a commotion in a second corridor off the west side of the lobby. That second western corridor runs approximately north/south. I remember backing up to see what was going on. There was a group of several police officers (I believe Newtown Officers) at the opposite end of the corridor shouting commands at someone in the corridor. Police officers at both ends of the corridor were covering this individual with their firearms. I remember him holding something in his hand and I remember the idea that he was possibly the janitor. I don't recall if he called

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out that he was the janitor, or if a police officer did. Nevertheless, he eventually released a cell phone and took up a position laying on the floor as officers advanced on him. As that situation was coming under control, Lt. Hofbauer directed TFC Kick to instruct troopers to set up a perimeter on the building. We could hear radio transmissions, but I could not transmit from within the building. TFC Kick radioed to other CSP responders to set up a perimeter (CSP radio time: 09:47:50). At various times, TFC Kick positioned himself on the northwest corner of the building, within view of the entrance. I later utilized TFC Kick, who is usually my deskman, to relay messages on several occasions as my portable would not transmit. As I stood with the Newtown Officers covering the northern corridor there was some discussion near me of a potential threat outside the school in the area of the playground. I feared that there might be the potential that someone was lying in wait for first responders to enter the area. No one could tell me if police personnel were in the area and my portable did not transmit from within the building. I briefly ran out of the building and behind the front row of cars. I asked Newtown Police Captain Rios, who was detaining a civilian, where the playground was and had moved far enough east to see that the area was clear. I observed CSP Sergeant Wagnblas and Sergeant Salmeri move into that area and I returned back into the lobby. I believe I was out of the building less than one minute.

As I returned to the building, the situation in the western corridor was coming under control and I moved back to the two Newtown Officers covering the northern corridor. I believe Msgt. Davis was already there. As I arrived I recall Msgt. Davis saying "form up." I do not remember if he was speaking to the group, or if it was an instruction for me to join them. Msgt. Davis said "I got your back" and I realized I was the back of an active shooter formation. I remember Msgt. Davis was on the right side of the formation (toward the interior of the school) as we advanced down the hall. He had his hand on the rear panel of my vest. As I backed down the hall I had no immediate threats, with only police down range. When we passed the two females there were no signs of life, and they appeared to have multiple gunshot wounds. I do not recall specifically who searched the first room on the left, Room #12, but I remember believing that it was unoccupied and did not perceive it as a threat. I suspect that the two Newtown officers left the formation to check that room as I felt some confusion as our point man had left.

I remember entering a conference room to the right, Room #9. Msgt. Davis was somewhere near me. I did not enter far into the room. I do not know how many people were in the room, but I did not sense a threat. There was a woman motionless to the left of the door, and a woman was crouched on the floor somewhere across the room. There was no one anywhere near the woman by the door, and I knew she was alive (I believe she was crying quietly). The woman across the room appeared to be on a cell phone or portable phone. She ended her conversation saying something like "police just came in" as she started to crawl out of her hiding spot toward me. I later learned from my conversations with CSP detectives that this was a woman named [REDACTED] 04. (CSP 911 time: 09:49:58). I do not recall if I spoke or just gestured for her to stay where she was, but she retreated to her hiding spot. She then called out "That woman is shot." I glanced at the woman by the door and saw blood around her. Her breathing

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appeared good, her head and torso appeared uninjured, and I observed bleeding at her left leg. I told the woman on the floor I would be back and retreated to the hall. I do not believe I was in the room for more than a matter of seconds, and I recall the feeling that I was moving back toward the danger as I left the room.

The next room that I remember entering was Room #10. I do not remember what command or physical signal was given, but I recall feeling that this was a high risk entry. Whatever signal was given, I did not know the status of the shooter until I ran past his body. I entered Room #10 running and I stayed to the right (moving counterclockwise around the perimeter). I recall that another police officer was moving to the left (clockwise) and I saw him across the room. As I entered the room, the taller Newtown Police Officer had stopped at the shooter, holding the barrel of the gun near the shooter's head. I was not able to see the shooter down until I was passing on the right because the Newtown Officer's body blocked my view. The shooter appeared to be of small stature and I did not know if he was a victim, but I then recognized a handgun near his head and another handgun secured on his person. My immediate impression was that he had committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. He was on the floor, canted to his right so that the left side of his face was visible as I passed. I do not recall the specifics of his injury, but I recall that his injury was not consistent with life and I did not check him for vitals or remove the weapons from him. The first victim I came to in Room #10 was an adult female. I was kneeling at this adult female as I observed a police officer enter the room and clear in a clockwise direction. I observed another adult female near a child a distance away. There were also a number of child victims in the room. I remember moving quickly among the bodies, checking for signs of life as I triaged their injuries. Some had injuries which were obviously not consistent with life; others took a little more time. It was my assessment that all victims in Room #10 were dead or gravely injured. I was aware that other police officers were arriving and that this was the first time I called "clear" as I left the room, to let others know I was coming out, and that I had not done this previously as I was too close to the potential shooter. As I entered, or immediately after I entered Room #10, there was a Newtown radio transmission that the "suspect" or "subject" was down (Newtown Police radio 09:51:31). At CSP radio time 09:52:50, Tpr. Katrenya #555 broadcast that Newtown was reporting one suspect down.

I do not recall if we regrouped before proceeding, but my next memory is entering Room #8. I initially moved to the right, counterclockwise, and did not see anything. Getting some distance around the room, I reversed direction and moved down an aisle along the south/interior side of the room. As I did so I observed the bodies of two adult females lying on the floor nearest the west side of the room, there was an open or partially open door in the southwest corner of the room. I initially thought this was a closet. As I approached the door I was initially unable to comprehend what I was looking at. As I stared in disbelief, I recognized the face of a little boy on top of a pile. The little boy was face up and I was looking at a profile of the left side of his face, with top of his head to the west. I do not recall the position of his body. I then began to realize that there were other children around the little boy and that this was actually a pile of dead children. I am unable to recall specific images, but I recall that many had horrific injuries.

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Other than the two dead adult females, there were no obvious signs of blood or tissue around the room and my first impression was that the children had been killed elsewhere and hidden in the bathroom. The face of the little boy is the only specific image I have in that room. I do not recall my actions the first time in Room #8, but I recall [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED] as I exited the room. I also know that my handgun was holstered at that time.

Stepping out of Room #8, I observed that rooms to the east were being evacuated and that there were police officers in both directions. I decided that my services were best utilized if I worked in an EMS capacity as others worked to clear the building. (I have been active in EMS rescue associations and have held the certification of EMT or EMT Intermediate for more than 32 years). As I ran down the hall I made a general statement that the injured should be brought to the front of the school for transport. I ran out the front of the school to TFC Kick and asked for his first aid kit as he had the only vehicle near the school. During this time I believe I first learned that there were two jackets outside the suspect's vehicle and there were suspicions of a second shooter. TFC Kick had his first aid kit on his front passenger seat. I grabbed the kit and told TFC Kick to leave the keys in his car as well as to call for two additional cars to come up to the school to evacuate the injured, as we could not yet call ambulances in. TFC Kick called for additional patrol vehicles to the scene and I ran back into the school with his first aid kit (CSP radio time: 09:53:00).

My assessment was that I needed to treat the injured woman in Room #9 first. That woman had serious injuries but had a good prognosis if I could control her bleeding. The others all appeared to be dead or gravely injured on my initial assessment. I entered Room #9, donned gloves, and proceeded to treat the injured woman as Msgt. Davis covered me from the door. Msgt. Davis asked the victim for a description of the shooter and the victim, although very emotional, reported the shooter was wearing black and had a mask. This was not what we had observed in Room #10. Msgt. Davis then directed a local officer to cover me while he left with the information about a possible second shooter. At one point I borrowed a knife from the local officer and cut the pants from the left leg of the female victim. I quickly bandaged her left leg and left hand, apologizing for the combat medicine and telling her this was just to get her to the ambulance. Not knowing how many patients I would ultimately treat, I tried to conserve medical equipment. As I was bandaging the woman's hand CSP Detective Patrick Dragon entered and identified himself as an EMT. He asked for gloves and I directed him to the first aid kit. I was finishing with the woman and looking around the room for a light table or chair to carry her in as her leg was seriously damaged and I did not have equipment to splint it. Someone in the room suggested using a wheeled office chair nearby. As Det. Dragon and I placed the woman in the chair, one of the females in the room asked "Should we follow you out?" I said it was not safe, we needed to evacuate the victim, and that they would be safe where they were. The woman immediately retreated to her hiding spot under some furniture. I wheeled the victim out the front door and stopped near TFC Kick's car. I do not recall who, if anyone, assisted me from the building. At some point, as I attended to the female victim, I had directed Det. Dragon to return to one of the rooms at the front of the school to provide medical assistance.

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TFC Kick and I assisted the female victim into TFC Kick's right front passenger seat and I directed TFC Kick to drive her out to the ambulances. As we moved the victim out and placed her into the car she repeatedly said "Thank you" and "God bless you."

My next memories are not clear, but I remember standing at the triage point at the front of the school and being frustrated. Det. Dragon or I had carried a little boy [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED] out of the building and I was attending to him near the curb outside the front doors. This victim came from Room #8. He was the only victim to be removed from Room #8. The cruisers that I had TFC Kick call for never arrived because all of the cruisers in sight belonged to personnel engaged in the search of the school. The troopers arriving were coming in on foot because the flood of parents was causing a log jam at the entrance to the driveway. I then observed Newtown Police Lieutenant Chris Vangheli outside a black SUV near the front of the school. I told him I needed to get a victim to an ambulance and needed a ride. He agreed and looked into the passenger compartment to make arrangements. Seeing that the cargo area was empty, I told him to open the rear hatch. I picked up the boy and climbed into the back of the SUV, telling Lt. Vangheli to leave the hatch open. Lt. Vangheli sped to the end of the driveway, having to drive up over curbs and swerve around the rush of parents. I kept speaking to the injured boy although he was completely unresponsive. I knew his condition was grave, but he was still breathing and had a pulse. Looking down the driveway I observed only two ambulances on scene. While I have no specific recollection of Newtown Officer Chapman carrying out a young female victim, I remember knowing that we had three victims in serious or critical condition and only two ambulances. At the end of the driveway I observed a paramedic arriving in a fly car. He was a young man with brown hair whom I did not recognize. I explained that I was an EMT and that we might have as many as 20 injured and that it was not safe for him to enter the school yet. I told him that the ER needed to be made aware. I also advised him that I had an injured boy nearby [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED]. He directed me to put the boy into a nearby ambulance. I lifted the little boy from the back of the SUV and moved him to the ambulance. TFC Kick assisted me. When the doors opened I was relieved to see that the female patient was already in the ambulance, and was alert. There was a male and female attendant in the back of the ambulance. The male said "we already have a patient." I climbed in, told him that the female would make it to Danbury Hospital with bleeding control, and that I had a child [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED], and that the paramedic was aware. I put the boy down on the right side bench seat of the ambulance and left. Lt. Vangheli was already in his SUV getting ready to leave. I called to him, he stopped, and I got into the right front seat. As I sat in the Newtown Police SUV I remember looking down at the blood on my gloves. We then sped back to the front of the school and entered at the front doors.

My next recollection is that when I returned to the school I went back to Room #8. I believe Lt Vangheli followed me in. I returned to what I thought was a closet, but would later realize was the bathroom. I believe there was one or more gunshot holes in the door jam and blood spatter on the walls. I began to realize that these children had actually been shot in this bathroom, not hidden there. I also realized I had to check for possible

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survivors. As I prepared to check the room I recall Lt. Vangheli standing behind me, watching across some type of furniture. TFC Kick was also providing me cover from somewhere within the room. TFC Carlo Guerra #420 had entered the room and was diagonally across the room when I asked if anyone had access to a phone with a camera as I was about to disturb the crime scene. I recall that TFC Guerra took out his phone, but there was some confusion and I did not wait. I later learned that TFC Guerra took some photographs after I started moving bodies. My images of checking the children in the bathroom are not clear. I recall that the sight of the pile of children was unimaginable, and that some of the children had horrific injuries. [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED] I know

that I began to systematically check for signs of life and remove the children. I remember calling into the pile in the hope that a survivor would answer, and that I was watching and hoping to see movement. I pulled the children out of the pile one by one. As I did so I placed their bodies on the floor in the aisle of the classroom. I started nearest the bathroom and placed the children in a row leading toward the entry door. I had no specific memory of how many children I removed. [REDACTED] 03, 12 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] remember being disappointed as I worked my way down to the bathroom floor without finding any survivors. I stopped when I had three children left on the bathroom floor. I could access them and confirmed that they were dead. I had no room outside the bathroom for any more bodies, and I could not justify disturbing the crime scene further to remove the remaining three children. I tried to count the number of dead between rooms #10 and #8, but my mind would not count beyond the low teens and I kept getting confused. I pulled my gloves off as I left the room and I do not recall where I disposed of them. (I returned to the room several days later and observed markers indicating the locations of 11 bodies I had removed from the bathroom).

The northern corridor of the school was still being cleared as I finished removing children from the bathroom in Room #8. I believe I re-checked the victims in Room #10, and I next went to Room #12. I remember saying that that we needed to search the rooms again to check every area where a child could hide. It is my impression that this was my first time being in Room #12. On a first sweep I did not find anything on the east side of the room. I then heard a noise from the southwest corner of the room and recognized that a wheeled bookcase was likely concealing a bathroom. I froze when I heard the noise and Lt Vangheli looked at me. I moved toward the bookcase announcing "State Police." I pulled the bookcase aside and exposed the bathroom door. I could hear children talking and continued calling to them. An adult female voice asked for a badge. I couldn't get to my badge, but Lt Vangheli pulled his off and it was passed under the door. One of the children said "It is the police" after the badge went under the door. The female voice then said something about us needing a key to get into the room. I tried to talk her into opening the door as one of the members of the CSP ESU ran out to find a key. I believe this ESU trooper was TFC Faughnan. After telling us to get a key, the bathroom became very quiet and I became suspicious that something was wrong. TFC Faughnan arrived with a key which he handed to me. I was so anxious that I bent the key in the

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lock. I was able to push the door in only a few inches before there was resistance. I realized that the children were packed so tightly into the bathroom that I could not open the door. Most of the children in the bathroom appeared to be frightened and were crying. I had to squeeze the children out of the bathroom one by one and passed them off to waiting police officers and troopers. The last one out of the bathroom was the teacher, Kaitlin Roig. She was very emotional and I had to persuade her to come out. The troopers and officers then worked together to get the children out of the building as a group.

As we ran across the parking lot with the children I began to realize that my uniform was soiled with blood and tissue from Room #8. I didn't want the children or parents to recognize this and I broke away from the group. As I walked back toward the school I passed a triage station. I asked EMS personnel for a towel to wipe my uniform. Several just stared at my uniform, but one stepped up with a towel to help me clean myself. As I was disposing of the towel, Paramedic Matt Cassavechia approached me. I have known Cassavechia for many years and recognized him as the head of EMS for Danbury Hospital. Cassavechia asked how long it would be until he could get into the building. I told him the building was not yet secured, that all the injured were out, and that numerous dead persons remained in the school. Cassavechia said, "You know I've got to get into the building." I realized that at some point those victims presumed dead would have to be officially pronounced dead. We also needed to impact the fewest number of EMS personnel and that we needed to preserve the integrity of the scene. Looking around I recognized two other senior paramedics that I believed had the experience and training to handle this situation tactically. I told Cassavechia I would bring himself, Paramedic Bernie Meehan, and Paramedic John Reed into the front of the school, which was secured by that point. They were told to bring minimal equipment. As we walked to the school I tried to prepare them for what they were about to see. I told them of the number of victims and the nature of the wounds. I told Cassavechia, "This will be the worst day of your life." We entered at the northeast corner of the building and I announced their presence. I walked them west down the corridor and brought them to Room #8. They were told the locations of the victims and several troopers were assigned to remain with them for cover as well as to protect the integrity of the scene.

I then became part of a team following ESU personnel as they cleared the building. It was our responsibility to cover them from behind and clear any persons they might locate. As this assignment made a complete loop of the building I returned to the lobby area. At that point I spoke with Lt. Jagoda and asked that all personnel involved in the initial response into the school be relieved and kept together in a group to watch and care for one another as we had been affected by what we had seen and done. He agreed and the personnel were identified and separated. Eventually the initial responders were brought back to Troop A to meet with STOPS personnel for a debriefing.

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