

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

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ACTION TAKEN:

On 12/14/12 at approximately 0930 hours, I was working as the supervisor in the Southbury Resident Trooper's Office. I was traveling on Lakeside Rd. when I heard Troop A dispatch all available units to an active shooter at Sandy Hook Elementary School. I entered I-84 Westbound from the on-ramp on Lakeside Rd. I traveled westbound and got off at exit 10 in Newtown. I took a left off of the ramp and traveled on Church Hill Rd. I continued onto Riverside Dr. and arrived at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Upon arrival, I parked my vehicle near left side of the entrance to the school parking lot, next to Lt. Hofbauer's vehicle near the fence. I exited my vehicle and proceded across the parking lot, using the first row of vehicles as cover. I approached the front door of the school, I observed a dark vehicle parked in the fire lane to the right side of the entrance. I entered the school lobby through the front doors and I observed Sgt. Cario coming through the lobby with a child in his arm. I exited out into the parking lot and radioed to Tpr. Keane and Det. VanNess to arrange a vehicle to transport Sgt. Cario and the injured child to awaiting ambulances. A dark sport utility vehicle from Newtown Police Dept. pulled up to the front doors and Sgt. Cario and the injured child got into the back hatch of the vehicle. I went back into the front lobby of the school and observed the two females laying in the hallway with obvious gunshot wounds and no signs of life. There were multiple .223 caliber shell casings in the lobby and hallway. I continued down the hallway to the left of the lobby. The door to the first room on the left was closed so I continued to the second door on the left. I entered the second room from the hallway entrance and observed several deceased children and at least two deceased adult females. I noticed a rifle on the floor among the deceased children and teachers near the back side of the room, closer to the adjoining room then it was to the windows. I recall seeing a deceased male on the floor near the entrance. He was wearing black bdu/cargo style pants, an olive drab green vest, and dark sneakers. He was wearing fingerless gloves. He had a drop leg holster which was empty, and another handgun in his left pant pocket which I recognized as a Sig Sauer. He had multiple magazines in his pockets. There was a handgun on the floor near his body which I recognized as a Glock. He had an obvious wound to his head and was laying in a pool of blood. I cleared that room and went back into the hallway and continued to the next door on the left side of the hallway. I entered that room through an open door and observed multiple child victims in the front left corner of the room. I then realized that the victims were piled on top of each other in the

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bathroom. Sgt. Cario then joined me in that room and began to pull the children out of the bathroom to look for any signs of life. Sgt. Cario removed each child and layed them out on the floor of the classroom. TFC Cipriano and another Trooper entered the room and observed the children. I directed TFC Cipriano to continue searching the adjoining classrooms. I remained in that classroom for several minutes to assist Sgt. Cario to check the children. I contacted Troop A dispatch via cell phone to let them know what we were observing inside the school since none of our portable radios were able to send or receive transmissions. Once I told them what we had, I exited that room through a door which led to the adjoining classroom. I cleared that room with several other troopers and then continued to search all classrooms down the adjoining hallway. All the classrooms were searched and the children were escorted out of the building. As we were clearing the classrooms, I was on my cell phone with dispatch who were directing me as to which classrooms to search. Several teachers were calling into 911 to report where they were located and dispatch was relaying their locations to me. At the end of that hallway, I remember seeing members of the Narcotics Task Force and the Emergency Services Unit. We were directed to the Media Center for a group of children locked in a smaller room encompassed in the Media Center. As we entered the Media Center, we realized that the children were in a locked room and we could not gain entry. We requested that somebody respond with a key to open the room. Despite our efforts to identify ourselves and convince the children and teachers to come out, they refused. Eventually a member of ESU arrived with a key and were able to open the locked door. The children and teachers were escorted out of the school through a door on the east side of the school. We continued to clear each classroom in adjacent hallways until we arrived back in the lobby.

At some point, I called dispatch with the license plate which was on the black Honda parked in the fire lane. The vehicle was registered to last name Lanza. A nearby Newtown officer stated that he thought he recognized the last name as someone who worked in the school. I also remember seeing the two dark sweatshirts on the sidewalk near the Honda. I then went back into the school and down the hallway to the left of the lobby. At that point, I observed Bernie Meehan and Matt Cassavecchia triaging the children in the two classrooms. I called dispatch again on my cell phone and updated them on what I was observing to include the number of deceased. I relayed the serial numbers on the guns to dispatch and was advised that the guns also came back to last name of Lanza.

Eventually, the SWAT team came into the classroom and begin to search the entire school. I joined the SWAT team and conducted the search.

Once they deemed the search completed, the SWAT team exited the school and were directed to conduct a search of a nearby building. I remained in the lobby of the school with members of command staff and assisted in coordinating necessary resources.

At one point, there was a report that one of the teacher's cell phones was missing and was reported to be located at a nearby glass company. I

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advised Newtown Officers to join Troopers in conducting a search of the glass company in order to locate the cell phone.

I remained on scene for the entire day and assisted in coordination and eventually set up the temporary morgue. I assisted Central District Major Crime Squad and the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner with efforts to identify the victims. I eventually cleared the scene at approximately 0200 hours on 12/15/12.

CASE STATUS:

This case remains ACTIVE pending further investigation.

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