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INTERVIEW/ STATEMENT REPORT

INTERVIEWED: Newtown Police Officer Scott Smith

3 Main St, Newtown CT 06470

DATE AND TIME: Saturday, December 15th, 2012

1715 - 1815 Hrs

LOCATION: Detective Bureau Newtown Police Department

INTERVIEWED BY: Detective Paul Lukienchuk and Jeremy Combes

PURPOSE: Interview Newtown Police Department First Responders, responding to the Sandy

Hook Elementary School murders

BACKGROUND: On Friday, December 14th, 2012, Officer Smith was on general patrol and at approximately 0900 Hrs responded to a report of "Gunfire and shattered glass at Sandy Hook School".

ACTION TAKEN: On Saturday, December 15th, 2012, at approximately 1400 Hrs, Detective Combes and I met with Officer Smith at the

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Detective Bureau, Newtown Police Department to conduct his interview. After conducting the interview, Officer Smith wrote and signed his sworn statement.

Officer Smith wrote the following: "On 12-14-12 at approximately 0900hrs, I responded to Sandy Hook Elementary School for a report of gunfire and shattered glass at the school. I entered the parking lot behind Sgt. Kullgren and Officer Chapman and upon my arrival, I parked my patrol car behind a row of vehicles in front of the school. As I exited my cruiser I heard approximately five rounds of gunfire that sounded as if they were coming from the front of the school. I attempted to remove the M-4 rifle from the trunk of the cruiser but the lock would not release. I closed the trunk and began approaching the front of the school to the right of Officer Chapman. I did not observe anyone outside the front of the building. As I approached the front of the school I heard a transmission over the radio regarding a possible suspect running along the side of the school. I observed two adult females standing near the dumpsters at the northeast corner of the school. The females appeared very distressed, identified themselves as parents, and told me that they had not seen any possible suspects outside the building. I observed a dark four door sedan parked in front of the school near the front door with at least one of its doors open and two black sweatshirts lying on the ground near the passenger side of the car. Based on this observation I assumed at the time that there were at least two suspects. Officer Chapman and I then moved along the north side of the building and checked the exterior of the building in a counter-clockwise direction. We continued checking the exterior until I made eye contact with Officer McGowan who was located on the south side of the building at that time. I did not observe any other people outside the building at that time. I then returned to the front of the building and observed that several officers had made entry into the building and were standing by the front door. I observed a large hole in the glass window immediately to the right of the doorway and also observed that the entry doors were locked. Based on these observations I assumed that the suspect had shot a hole through the glass in order to gain entry into the building. An officer opened the door from inside and I entered the front door of the building and immediately noticed a heavy odor of gun powder in the hallway. I observed two adult females lying on the ground in front of the front office. Both females were obviously deceased. Officer Chapman and I both began moving down the hallway that is immediately to the left of the front door. Officer Chapman and I began checking and clearing each door that we came to. I remember checking a room on the right side of the hallway that appeared to be a closet with computer equipment and that room was empty. I remember checking a second room on the right side of the hallway. That room was a small classroom with several female adults. I recognized one adult as Natalie Hammond. Natalie Hammond indicated that she had been shot in the leg and arm. I did not observe a large amount of blood and the wounds did not appear life threatening at that time. All other adults stated that they were uninjured. Natalie Hammond stated that she saw the shooter but was unable to provide a very accurate description. She indicated at the time that she had only seen one shooter. No other adults inside the room had observed any suspects. At that time, I left Hammond in the care of the other adults in that classroom. Officer Chapman and I continued to check the building as we did not know the status of the shooter at that time. I do not remember how many rooms we checked on the left

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side of the hallway. I remember checking one classroom on the left side of the hallway. As I approached the doorway I observed a black handgun in the lock-back position. Officer Chapman immediately indicated verbally that there was a gun to alert those behind us in the hallway. As I continued to approach the doorway I observed a white male dressed in dark clothing lying on the ground in front of the door just inside the classroom. The male appeared to be a teenager and was obviously deceased due to a gunshot wound to the head. I observed that there was a large pool of blood beneath the male's head and there was still blood dripping from the suspect's nose. I immediately indicated over the radio that I had located a suspect who was deceased. Officer Chapman and I entered the classroom. I observed an adult female lying on the ground at the front of the classroom who was obviously deceased. I also observed what appeared to be more than 10 children who were all lying on the ground throughout the classroom. All of the children appeared to be approximately six years old. I observed 03. 12 rear of the classroom. While scanning the room I did not observe any obvious signs of life. I also observed a black rifle located on the ground in the rear of the classroom. While checking the room for a second suspect I located two uninjured children, one male and one female, inside the bathroom at the rear of the room. I told them they were safe and I instructed both children to keep the door closed and I shut the bathroom door. During that time, Officer Chapman had checked everyone else in the room for a pulse and located one female child with a pulse. Officer Chapman carried the female out of the building and I remained by the classroom door. Additional officers entered the building and began clearing rooms further down the hallway. As the hallway became more secure, I indicated to officers in the hallway that I would be removing two children from that classroom. I returned to the bathroom and told both children to close their eyes. I then carried the children out of the building and put them in the care of several adults who were located at the far end of the parking lot. The adults indicated that they were parents and one adult indicated recognition of one of the children. I then returned to the building and was instructed to locate the janitor to gain access to the roof. While exiting the building earlier with the children I had observed that the janitor was standing in the parking lot in the first row of cars. I returned to the janitor who told me how to gain access to the roof. I removed a set of keys from an interior door along the hallway that is located to the right of the front door. I then located the door with access to the roof which was located near the library in the back hallway. I followed Officer Seabrook onto the roof of the building. I did not locate any additional suspects or evidence that anyone had recently been on the roof. I also checked the center courtyard from the roof and did not observe anyone in the courtyard. After returning to the hallway I was instructed by a CT State Trooper to hold a post in the rear hallway as the S.W.A.T. team cleared the building. I remained in the rear hallway as the building was checked multiple times. I was then relieved of my post and told to exit the building. A short time later, Officer Seabrook and I relieved several ENCONN officers and took up a post at the southwest corner of the property until we were relieved shortly after 1600hrs. At that time I returned to the Newtown Police Department". ATTACHMENTS:

Officer Scott Smith's statement (3 pages original)

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