



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

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Attachments: Statements: Teletype: Photos: Sketchmap: Evidence: Other:

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 GUERRA, CARLO E.	BADGE NO 0420
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

Action Taken:

On the date of 12-14-2012 I was assigned to a prisoner escort with Trooper First Class Cournoyer # 1315 through our assigned unit, Traffic Services Unit. The escort was from Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Facility located in Montville, Connecticut to Danbury, Connecticut Superior Court. While en route to Danbury Superior Court I heard on the troop radio, Channel 1 Troop A, about an "Active Shooter" at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown. As the troop was putting this information over the air, we were passing exit 11 on I-84. Tfc. Cournoyer responded to the scene immediately as the call came over the air. When Tfc. Cournoyer broke off of the prisoner escort I called my office and made contact with our duty sergeant to inform him of the situation which required Tfc. Cournoyer to break off of the prisoner escort. Sgt. Netkovick was unaware of the incident in Newtown and asked me to keep him informed. I completed the escort to Danbury Superior Court and then responded to the scene from there.

As soon as I cleared the prisoner escort I informed the troop that I was responding to Newtown and acknowledged when I signed off at the scene. I approached the school to the left side of the building and entered the school utilizing the side door, located near the northeast corner of the building. The door was being held open by a uniformed police officer. As I entered the side door, located near the northeast corner of the building, children were approaching me along with teachers. I escorted the students and teachers to the outside and turned them over to another uniformed trooper who was stationed out in the parking lot. I then re-entered the building utilizing the same side door.

When I re-entered the building I was able to look down the hallways to the left and straight ahead. I observed something lying in the hallway straight ahead but was unable to make out exactly what it was due to the fact that it was towards the other end of the hallway. I later found out that it was a faculty member of the school that had been shot. I did observe some other small objects lying on the floor in the hallway which later I learned were rifle magazines.

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I entered the classroom to my immediate right (later identified as classroom #2) and started clearing classrooms that were located to the front of the school. When I entered the first classroom I was able to hook up with another trooper but could not identify him by name. The classrooms had adjoining doors and we were able to go from one classroom to another. As we were clearing the rooms we came across a classroom which I thought at first was an art room because I saw a lot of red paint all over the walls and in the far left corner I thought I observed a pile of dirty laundry. There were troopers already in the same classroom at this time. As I continued to stare at the room not being able to figure out what I was looking at, I realized that the red paint was actually blood and the pile of dirty laundry were actually dead bodies. I slowly entered the room and it was requested by another trooper that was already in the room that I take some photos of the scene before he started to alter the scene in an attempt to find anyone that might still be alive. With my personal cell phone I took six (6) photos of the scene as the other trooper actively continued the search. (see supplemental photo report under case # 12-00704597)

After having taken the photos I entered the hallway just outside that classroom and met up with other troopers that were already standing in the hallway. I walked towards the main lobby when I partially entered the next classroom which contained the suspected shooter. It appeared that the shooter was dead because he **03, 12** and he looked very pale in color. I exited the classroom and continued with the team to clear classrooms looking for a second shooter or more children and teachers that may have still been hiding in different places throughout the school. We cleared the entire east hallway without incident and moved into the south hallway of the school. We cleared the classrooms in the south hallway, down to the library/media room center. Inside the library there was a room which was locked and we were unable to gain access but we could hear teachers talking back to us through the door. We informed them that we were police but they would not unlock the door. They would tell us "if you are police you would have a key and unlock the door." We were able to finally locate a key and unlock the door. The room contained several teachers and many children. We escorted the children and teachers out of the building utilizing the nearest exit. After the entire library was cleared we continued our sweep towards the main lobby. When we reached the main lobby at this time the SWAT team was starting to filter into the main lobby and taking over the search of the building at which time I exited the school and maintained in the parking lot with other troopers that were with me in the school.

While in the parking lot we were approached by Lt. Colonel Corona who ordered us to move the vehicles which were parked in the parking lot to make room for the command post. Several troopers attempted to move some of the cruisers but were unable to because a lot of them were locked. We were then advised by M/Sgt. Gelven that a cell phone had been pinged and it came back to a glass company just at the end of the school driveway. M/Sgt. Gelven led a group of us to the glass company and the nearby residence. Both places were searched with negative results. After

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having searched both areas we returned back to the school parking lot where we were looking for further instructions. Upon returning to the school we were advised to go to the firehouse at the end of the school driveway to await further instructions. While in the parking lot of the firehouse, we were approached by Lt. Colonel Corona and were told that we were going to be needed to make notifications to the families of the deceased. Tfc. Bell advised Lt. Colonel Corona that we were in no condition to make notification, based on the trauma which we had just been through, and recommended that he find other troopers to make notifications. Eventually we were told that we were not needed and that we should return to Troop A and attend a planned debriefing. After the debriefing we were released for the day and advised that the agency would be in touch for future debriefings.

Case status:
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