



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

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Report Type: Initial Report: Prosecutors Report: Supplement: Re-open: Assist: Closing:

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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 COURNOYER, KEN M.	BADGE NO 1315
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

ACTION TAKEN:

On 12-14-12, I was conducting a prisoner escort with TFC Guerra from Corrigan-Radgowski Correctional Facility to Danbury Superior Court. At approximately 0937, I was advised by TFC Guerra that there was an active shooter situation in Newtown, CT. We had just passed the Exit 10 off-ramp in the left lane. I pulled over to the right shoulder and I traveled the wrong way on the Exit 10 on-ramp. I initially turned right off of the ramp and quickly realized that I was going the wrong way. When I turned around and began to pass the Exit 10 ramps again, I met up with TFC Benecchi and followed him to the Sandy Hook School. Upon arrival at the school, I positioned my vehicle near the entrance to the parking lot. I exited my vehicle and put on my body armor. TFC Benecchi and I conducted a perimeter search of the parking lot and then continued to the northeast corner of the school at which time we met up with TFC Dragon. We each made our way across the front of the school to the main doors and lobby. Once we reconvened, we entered the front lobby of the school.

Upon entering the school, we began heading down the north hallway and into room #10. Near the entrance to the room, I observed the shooter laying on the floor. A short distance from the shooter, I recall seeing a [REDACTED] 01 02 03 12

[REDACTED] We cleared the room and proceeded across the hall to room #7. There were kids in the classroom and TFC Benecchi escorted them out to the parking lot. I remained in room #7 until TFC Benecchi returned. We then went into room #5 and cleared the room. TFC Benecchi escorted the teacher and students out of the building to officers in the parking lot. When TFC Benecchi returned, we went into room #8. I observed multiple victims deceased in the bathroom in the corner of the room. All injuries were inconsistent with life and we knew that we could not help them. We exited room #8 and continued down the north hallway clearing rooms. At the end of the hallway, we entered into room #1. In room #1, I observed an injured teacher with a bullet wound on her foot. The teacher was on one side of a divider and a group of children and a teacher's aid were on the other side of the divider. TFC Benecchi escorted the children out of a side door of the building and I escorted the wounded teacher out. Initially the teacher told me to leave without her due to her injury. I

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advised her that I was not leaving without her and she eventually agreed. The teacher told me to wheel her out in an office chair and I advised her that it was safer if she was walking along with me. I advised her that it would be easier to move her to safety if we should encounter gunfire. The injured teacher leaned on my left shoulder and I escorted her out of the side door, located near the northeast corner of the building, and into the parking lot. I handed the teacher off to emergency medical service personnel in the parking lot and returned to the side door, located near the north east corner of the school. Upon returning to the school, I met up with TFC Benecchi and we continued to clear the classrooms. We cleared the entire east hallway without incident and moved into the south hallway of the school. We cleared the hallway classrooms down to the library/media center. Upon entering the library, we encountered several locked doors to rooms or closets. We realized that there were teachers and students in the closets but initially they would not come out or open the doors. Eventually someone arrived with a set of keys to open the closet doors. I remember one little boy exiting the closet and stating that he had a very good hiding spot. I remember him being so proud of himself for hiding so well. I thought to myself that the teacher did a great job of distracting the children from what was actually taking place. Once all of the children were out of the library and escorted out of the building, we continued to search the south hallway. We then moved into the west hallway and cleared all the classrooms. We eventually went into the cafeteria/auditorium and cleared the room. I remember that the stage area was very dark and we could not see if there was anybody up there. I borrowed a flashlight from Lt. Perry and cleared the stage area. We eventually made our way back to the main lobby of the building and I observed the SWAT team entering the building. I returned to the doorway of room #10 and relieved the Trooper who was standing guard at the door. I remained at the door until the SWAT team entered and cleared the room. At that time, I was relieved of my post and I exited the building through the front doors. I took a post on the northwest corner of the building with another Trooper with a rifle while TFC Benecchi was clearing the wood line on the west side of the building. Once the wood line was cleared, I was relieved of my post and returned to the parking lot.

While in the parking lot, I was standing with other Troopers when Lt. Colonel Corona approached us and ordered us to move vehicles to allow access to the command post. A couple of people tried to move vehicles but many of them were locked. We were then advised that a cell phone was pinged and was believed to be at a glass company down the street. MSgt. Gelven led a group of us to the glass company and an adjacent residence. Once we cleared the glass company and residence without finding the phone, we returned to the parking lot of the school. Upon returning to the parking lot, we were all advised to go to the firehouse and clear our heads. While in the parking lot of the firehouse, we were again approached by Lt. Colonel Corona and advised that we were needed to do notifications to the families. We advised him that we were initial responders to the school and that we didn't think that it was a good idea for us to do the notifications. Lt. Colonel Corona stated that we were the only uniformed officers available to do the notifications. TFC Bell again told him that we didn't want to do notifications based on what we had just been through. Eventually we were told that we would not be needed to do notifications. We were eventually directed to return to Troop A in

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Southbury. Upon arrival to Troop A, a short debriefing was conducted and we were relieved for the day. We were advised that we would be contacted for a future debriefing.

CASE STATUS:

This case remains ACTIVE.

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