



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

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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 LUKIENCHUK, PAUL S.	BADGE NO 0573
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active

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SANDY HOOK RESPONSE REPORT

I reside [redacted] 03 from Sandy Hook Elementary School and [redacted] 03 to the Sandy Hook Volunteer Fire department.

I believe it was after 0915 Hrs, on Friday December 14th, 2012, I was on my regular day off. I was standing in my living room, talking with my wife, planning the day, when I heard pop pop, pop,pop, pop, pop. The pops sounded like a string of firecrackers, quick reports with about 10-to 15 seconds time lapse between some reports, then some double reports. There were two distinct volleys. In the initial volley there were 40 to 50 reports. The reports sounded muffled.

My wife looked at me and said something like, "It's a little early for that", referring to our neighbor who occasionally lights off firecrackers during the summer months. There was no one in his backyard. The reports from my neighbor's firecrackers were usually sharp, these were muffled.

I heard sirens go off. This is a frequent occurrence living near the center of town and close to the firehouse. I did not think anything of it. Several minutes had passed, I heard the second volley. The pops were rhythmically constant with 4 or 5 seconds between some pops at times, long enough to think the noise had subsided, then the pops would continue again. I walked onto the front porch to determine where the sounds were coming from, more sirens sounded. I heard a final thud and the pops subsided. Subsequently, a CSP cruiser traveling at a high rate of speed, passed by me. I called Troop-A regionalized dispatch. Dispatch reported an active shooter at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

I went into the house loaded my shotgun, told my wife there was an active shooter at the elementary school, and left. As I pulled onto Dickinson Dr, I observed three CSP cruisers parked along the right shoulder. I drove past them and continued up to the school and parked at the northeast edge of

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the parking lot along the grass.

I exited my assigned vehicle with my shotgun and observed Newtown PD cruisers parked at the left (northeast) front corner of the school. I did not see any police. I ran back toward two female teachers surrounded by children behind the dumpsters at the right front (northwest) corner of the parking lot and identified myself. I was wearing a dark hoodie and work pants with no visible ID. One of the teachers asked if they could leave. I told her and the children to remain until I could determine scene safety. I ran to the northeast corner of the school where the Newtown PD cruisers were parked. I saw unidentified police on the back perimeter. Two 6 or 7 years old girls followed by two older, taller boys came out the east exit and approached. One little girl was heavily blood spattered and dazed. I stopped the children and asked if they were injured, I physically checked the little girl for wounds, which were negative. Her friend said that she was alright and "stuff got on her." I told the two to hold hands and go. The two boys appeared ok as one was skipping as they talked to each other as if nothing had happened. As I turned I saw State Police Detective Rachael Van Ness approaching. She greeted the children. Trooper Dennis Keene came up and offered to get his traffic vest from his trunk to identify me. I told him that I would get mine. I asked if the scene was secured and if Troopers were inside. He related he did not know, but was aware of police forming up in back (southeast corner) of the school. I ran back to the dumpsters to where the children and two teachers were. There was now an additional teacher and more children.

Children with teachers, who had left the school from the east exit, were now approaching walking along the curb of the parking lot and heading toward the firehouse. They were directed by Detective Van Ness. I told the three teachers to join them and have no one leave until a police officer got their names. I could see parents approaching on foot from the firehouse and State Police Sergeant William Cario approaching in an SUV. I went to my vehicle, put on my traffic vest, and headed to the northeast corner where the Newtown PD cruisers were parked. I observed police at the back of the school and more on the perimeter. I took the safety off my shotgun and ran across the front of the school where I believe that I passed Newtown Police Officer Michael McGowan as I went through the front door.

Newtown Police Officer Leonard Penna was positioned along the wall of the main office, scanning the north corridor (front of the school). I asked him, "How many shooters?" He raised two fingers and said that one was down pointing to a classroom in the north corridor. Two adult female bodies were lying supine in a large pool of blood behind him. He shook his head 'no' as I approached them. A tripod easel was behind the bodies where the north corridor and lobby meet. The north corridor was empty and silent. I entered the first room in the north corridor located on my left (room #12). The classroom appeared empty. I opened the door to a small closet which held supplies and left that door open. I did not observe any other doors in the room. As I stepped back into the corridor, I saw .223 casings on the floor and a rifle magazine further down the hall and suddenly became aware of

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the smell of gun powder and blood.

As I entered the second classroom (room #10), I observed the shooter, a white male, on his back with a gunshot to his head that appeared self inflicted. He was wearing a molle vest that held magazines, a thigh holster with a pistol and dark tactical clothing. On the floor to his right was a Glock pistol in breech or jammed position. I suspected that it had jammed because the slide appeared that it had not gone back far enough to be in a fully breeched position. The shooter appeared to be the age of a high school student. His legs were folded underneath him, and from that vantage point he appeared short in stature. He looked gaunt and anorexic. He had what appeared to be fluorescent earbuds in his ears which were in sharp contrast to his white face. In the room, to his right, there were three or four children [REDACTED] 03, 12

[REDACTED] I did not find signs of life.

A .223 Bushmaster rifle was on the floor further into the room away from the shooter's feet, I suspected the rifle had also jammed. The rifle was lying port side up with the charging handle fully extended to the rear, a maneuver a shooter would perform if the rifle had jammed or overheated. There were .223 casings all over the room and into the hall as well as two thirty round .223 magazines taped together, fashioned in a way to facilitate easy speed loading. There was no magazine in the rifle.

I entered the third classroom (room #8) and observed an adult female (teacher) to my immediate left [REDACTED] 03 12 [REDACTED] It appeared that that she was trying to cradle and protect them. This scene was horrific and doesn't leave my mind. I stopped counting casualties at this point. [REDACTED] 03 12 [REDACTED] There were no signs of life. The building was quiet. I

continued going through the next two classrooms (rooms #6 and #4) along the front of the school. They were empty and appeared intact. As I stepped out of classroom #4, I could view the east corridor, there was shattered glass and a shotgun shell amongst the chards in front of the east door exit. The lobby door and east door were breached in a similar manner. I believed there was a second shooter. Toward the end of the east corridor, I saw Newtown Detective Jason Frank and unidentified Troopers that were further behind him.

I felt that I had missed something and began to retrace my steps back towards the lobby along the front of the school. When I entered classroom #8 where the teacher and children were, I again checked for signs of life. I went into classroom #10 and did the same. When I exited the room State Police ESU Sergeant Christopher Bartolotta was in the corridor in front of me. He related that ESU was coming and that we should form up in the lobby for a sweep. We gathered in the front of the main office before the first classroom where I met Sergeant Cario. We spoke briefly. I then saw State Police Lieutenant Michael Hofbauer, Master Sergeant Davis and Newtown Police Lieutenant Christopher Vanghele. They were standing in front

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of me at the doorway to the first classroom. State Police ESU tactical team was gathering. The four aforementioned then entered the first classroom again. Sergeant Cario yelled, "There are kids in here." I asked, "Are they alive?" He said, "Yes." I heard someone inside say everybody hold hands and close your eyes. I then said, "Let's make a human chain across the hall" (to block the children's view of the two female bodies). We did. The children were led out of the classroom down the north corridor and exited from the east exit. All of us, led by State Police ESU swept the rooms and roof in a counterclockwise direction around the building and the roof. During the sweep I observed several loaded shotgun rounds on the floor. It was determined later that they had fallen from a police bandolier. As we entered the lobby again, I stepped outside where I was met by State Police Major Crime Commander, Lieutenant David DelVecchia.

Lieutenant DelVecchia assigned me to interview the suspicious person being detained at the Newtown PD and the Newtown Police first responders.

On my way to the Newtown Police Department, I returned home and changed some of my bloody clothes. I then proceeded to the Newtown PD, where State Police Detective William Flynn and I interviewed the detained suspicious person. Refer to companion case: CFS-12-00705183. It was determined he had no part in this incident and subsequently released. State Police Detective Jeremy Combes and I then interviewed Newtown Police first responders for approximately the next eight days. (Refer to interview reports).

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