



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

Report #: 1200704559 - 00258036

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

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 0034	INVESTIGATING OFFICER COMBES, JEREMY	BADGE NO 1085
INCIDENT ADDRESS 00012 Dickenson Dr Newtown 06482					APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXCEPTIONAL CLEARANCE Not Applicable	CASE STATUS Active
STATUS CODE C=COMPLAINANT V=VICTIM A=ARRESTEE J=JUVENILE H=OTHER M=MISSING W=WITNESS O=OFFENDER D=DRIVER S=SUSPECT P=POLICE OFFICER T=TOT								
STATUS	NAME	SEX	RACE	D.O.B.	TELEPHONE	ADDRESS	OP STATE & NO.	
W P	Penna, Leonard	M	W	03	Bus (203) 270 - 4235	3 Main St Newtown CT	CT	

INTERVIEW REPORT

Date and Time of Interview:

12/15/12 beginning at 1338 hours and concluding at 1603 hours.

Place of Interview:

Newtown Police Department
Detectives Division
3 Main Street
Newtown, CT

Interviewee:

Officer Leonard Penna
Newtown Police Department

Action Taken:

Officer Penna, provided a typed statement.

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"On 11/14/12 at approximately 09:30 hours, I was at the Newtown Middle School where I am the School Resource Officer, when I heard dispatch send multiple units to Sandy Hook Elementary School for a report of possible gun fire. I immediately left the Middle School and got into patrol car #11 and headed to Sandy Hook Elementary School. Upon my arrival, I parked my patrol vehicle approximately half-way down Dickenson Drive. I exited the vehicle, took out its M-4 rifle and slung it over my shoulder. I then made my way up to the front school parking lot where I observed Sergeant Bahamonde and Lieutenant Vanghele also in the front parking lot. The three of us stayed together and made our way to the left side of the school. I remember seeing other Newtown officers on the left side of the building. As I was making my way to the right side, I observed a Black 4 door Honda Civic sedan parked on an angle in front of where the main entrance of the school is with its front passenger door wide open. I also observed two black zip-up sweat jackets lying on the ground to the right of the vehicle. At that time, I believed there were at least two suspects due to the number of jackets on the ground. I radioed dispatch with the registration plate as a possible suspect vehicle. I continued to the right side of the school with Sergeant Bahamonde and Lieutenant Vanghele where we made entry into the school via an unlocked outside door to the boiler room. I immediately smelled the odor of burnt off gun powder within the school. The three of us began clearing the boiler room and ultimately made our way up to the kitchen of the cafeteria adjacent to the auditorium/gymnasium. Upon clearing the kitchen area, we entered the main entrance vestibule area. The first thing I observed was a female body lying on the floor in the supine position against the wall adjacent to the main office. The body was surrounded by a "pool" of blood which made me then realize that a school shooting had taken place and or in the process. I checked a nearby bathroom to the right of the main office and cleared it. At that time, multiple other units from the State Police made entry into the building as well as Officers Chapman and Smith from the Newtown Police Department. We all made our way down the hallway located in the front of the school. As I observed Officers Chapman and Smith enter a front classroom together to clear it, I proceeded to the following front classroom. I entered the classroom by myself and observed one young female approximately 6 years old who was alive without any apparent injuries. The young female looked at me and stated "I'm scared and want to go home". I also observed multiple bodies lying on the ground in the classroom and as I made my way farther into the classroom I saw a bathroom door partially opened with multiple lifeless bodies on top of one another all with gunshot wounds. The young female was the only one alive in the classroom and I assured her that I was there to help her. I told the young female to stay inside the classroom while I checked to make sure I was able to get her out safely. I went to the first classroom where Officers Chapman and Smith first entered and observed multiple lifeless bodies lying on the ground including what I believed to be a suspect who was lying on his right side and appeared to have been handcuffed behind his back. The "suspect" appeared to be a young white adult male who had multiple holsters on him and a "glock" pistol lying on the ground in front of him with it either being jammed or in the lock back position. I also observed the "suspect" to be wearing ear buds, which I believe them to be green in color. It was my initial belief that Officer Chapman or Officer Smith had shot the suspect although I never heard any gunshots. I then made my way back to the second classroom and grabbed the young female's left arm with my right hand and

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escorted her out of the front doors of the school. As I grabbed the young female's right arm, I felt that her sleeve was covered in blood. I remember getting the young female out to safety away from the school to where multiple personnel where, although I do not know who I left her with. I re-entered the school where I observed a female adult survivor who made her way out to the main hallway. I told her to grab my arm and I then escorted her outside to safety. At one point during this I observed Detective Lukienchuk make entrance into the school through the front door. At one point I also observed a high capacity .223 magazine lying on the ground in the hallway outside the room of where I found the young female alive.

Shortly after I went back outside to the front of the building and looked through the inside of the suspect vehicle. I then observed a long gun on the floor of the back seat. I removed the long gun with a loose magazine and placed it into the trunk of the vehicle to secure it. I then observed the key to the vehicle lying on the front passenger seat. I took possession of the key and locked the vehicle. I notified a State Police personnel who informed me to stay with the vehicle. I remained with the vehicle in-between the vehicle and the front of the school with my back against the school. At that time I observed Officer Hull of the Newtown Police Department taking a position of cover behind the metal dumpsters located on the right side of the school. Officer Hull and I communicated multiple times to cover each other as I stated to Officer Hull that I would keep an eye on the wooded area behind him. At one point, Officer Hull mentioned to me that he had multiple uninjured parents who were also hiding behind the dumpsters. Once we were able to determine it was safe to do so, Officer Hull and I escorted the parents to safety away from the school. A short time later, Detective Jason Frank of the Newtown Police Department arrived on scene in plain clothes. Detective Frank looked at me and asked if he could take my M-4 rifle, which I gave to him. Detective Frank then entered the school through the front doors. As more responding personnel made their way to the school, I felt it was safe to leave the "suspect" vehicle locked and begin assisting responding personnel with checking the remaining parked vehicles in front of the school. As I was checking the parked vehicles, I observed multiple gun shots that struck two vehicles parked next to each other as if the shots were fired from the school. I believe these gunshots were what the first Officers on scene heard and directed at them prior to the suspect shooting himself as I did not hear any gunshots during the entire time that I was on scene. After checking on the vehicles, I did not re-enter the school and I was told to help out at the Sandy Hook Fire House with reuniting parents with their children, which I did among other things. Before going to the Fire House, I remember what I believe to have been a State Trooper asking for keys to get into rooms of the school including the library. I had a set of keys in my pocket for the Middle School, which I gave him as I believe my keys contained a master."

The typed statement was signed by officer Penna, witnessed by Detective Lukienchuk #573 and I notarized the statement.

Attachment:

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three page typed statement

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