



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

Report #: 1200704559 - 00260187

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	McGowan, Michael	M	W	[REDACTED]	Bus (203) 426 - 5841	3 Main St Newtown CT	CT	

**INTERVIEW REPORT**

Date and Time:

12/15/12 beginning at 1610 hours and concluding 1735 hours.

Place of Interview:

Newtown Police Department  
Detectives Division  
3 Main Street  
Newtown, CT

Interviewee:

Michael McGowan  
Newtown Police Department

Action Taken:

Newtown police officer, McGowan provided a typed statement.

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"On 12/14/12 at approximately 9:30am I was on duty at HQ. At that time dispatch radioed me that there was a report of what sounded like shooting at Sandy Hook School. At that time myself and all other officers in the building ran to our cruisers and started to the school lights and siren. While coming E/B on Church Hill Rd I radioed that I would be going to Crestwood Dr, which is a road behind the school.

I went to Crestwood Dr and stopped at the rear chain link fence gate immediately behind the school. As I exited my cruiser I heard numerous rifle shots being fired from the front of the building. Dispatch advised that the caller could still hear rifle fire and there was a male running down the side of the building. I took this as the male was a suspect shooter. I saw a male was running from the front of the building to the side. I observed a white, adult male running toward me screaming. I ran down the outside of the chain link fence toward the male. The male had an object in his right hand and was screaming. My pistol was drawn and I pointed it at the male and yelled for him to get on the ground. The male continued to run at me and several more times I ordered him to the ground, which he eventually did. The male said his child was in the school and there was shooting.

At that time Chief Kehoe arrived on scene on Crestwood and I told the Chief to cover the male while I tried to get inside the fence, which he did. At that time I could no longer hear any gunfire. I ran back to the gate, got through, ran toward the male and I observed Sgt. Kullgren already with him, handcuffing him.

At that time Ofc. Seabrook was running toward me and we went to the nearest door, on the left side of the building. The door was locked and Ofc. Seabrook smashed out the glass in the door with his rifle barrel and he unlocked the door from the inside. We entered, heard nothing and went left. We began to quickly clear rooms and approximately 15 seconds later Sgt. Kullgren entered with us. We set up in a 3 man position, smelled gunpowder and continued to move down the rear hallway, quickly clearing rooms. Chief Kehoe came in behind us and joined our team.

We then continued to the right hallway and began to make our way down toward the front of the building. We observed a male approximately halfway down and ordered him to the ground, which he did. I moved ahead and handcuffed him. At that time I could see he was a janitor by his t-shirt. I stayed with him for approximately 2 minutes until a trooper arrived at my position. We got the janitor up and ran him to the front of the building, where I turned him over to Ofc. Penna, who took him outside. My team had moved on and I did not see them anywhere.

At this time I was at the front of the building and observed the front window near the main entrance shot out and 2 females lying on the ground in a

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puddle of blood. I took a position at the front of the building near the cafeteria, covered the café and the right hallway. Troopers at that time were evacuating students and teachers from the front hallway. Approximately 3 minutes later Det. Frank entered the front door and we began to make our way back down the right hallway. Other officers and troopers worked their way into the hallway and we began to bang on locked doors attempting to get teachers to open them so that we could evacuate them. Eventually, several doors opened and numerous students and teachers came into the hallway. They were lead to the closest doors, which were at the rear of the building.

We then started checking rooms again and someone had a janitor key set. We unlocked doors and cleared any unopened rooms, making our way to the front of the building.

Upon reaching the front I observed that there were officers and troopers evacuating students from the front hallway. We attempted to make a wall to block the 2 dead females on the ground from the students and at that time someone yelled to block a door on the front of the building. I got into the doorway, turned to face out, stepped back into the room and saw a pile of non moving severely wounded children on the ground. At that time I felt myself starting to become weak in the knees. I stepped out of the room and someone grabbed me and asked me if I was all right. I said no and was led out of the front of the building to Chief Kehoe.

I was outside for approximately 5 minutes and Ofc. Penna got a registration check on the vehicle that was thought to be the shooter's vehicle. Ofc. Penna advised Chief Kehoe of the address, 36 Yogananda Street. Chief Kehoe stated he wanted units on the house ASAP. I advised the Chief that I would take a team to the house. There were troopers involved in the conversation and they made up the team. Ofc. McCluskey was there and he joined with me. We agreed to meet with the troopers on Washington Ave (Rt 34) and lead them to 36 Yogananda St.

We met up with approximately 5 troopers and immediately went to 36 Yogananda St. The residents at 34 Yogananda St were evacuated as well as the 2 homes immediately in front of 36 Yogananda St. Troopers evacuated any homes on the other side of 36 Yogananda St. We set up a perimeter.

I drove to Charter Ridge Rd, which runs parallel behind Yogananda St, parked my cruiser and made my way through the woods to the rear of 36. I took a position on the right side of the house and was able to see the back of the house. There was no movement of any type and we remained in position for approximately 45 minutes, until the arrival of CSP SRT.

I was relieved of my post by 2 SRT members and told to go to the front of house. Ofc. McCluskey and I met with the troopers we had responded

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with and walked to the intersection of Yogananda St and Bresson Rd. We stayed there until an SRT team came back from the house and stated that they needed to get back to the school. I got into their vehicle and directed them back to the school.

Upon arrival at the school I met with several members of my department. While there I was directed to security at the rear of the school for a period of time.

After approximately 90 minutes I was directed to assist with dismissal at other schools, which I did.

I was then directed to assist at Yogananda St with security. I stayed on Yogananda St and never entered the property at 36.

I was relieved from my post at Yoganada St at approximately 7:00pm and returned to HQ."

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

Attachments:

Three page typed statement

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