

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

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1200704559	12/14/2012	09:41	12/14/2012		JEWISS	S, DANIEL E.		0336	ZULLO, CHRISTOPHE W.		0842	
INCIDENT ADDRESS						APARTMENT NO	TOWN CD	TYPE OF EXC	EPTIONAL CLEARANCE	CASE STATUS		
00012 Dickinson Dr/ Newtown 06482								Not Applicable	•	Active		

Action Taken:

On 12/14/12 at approximately 0935 hours, I was in my assigned cruiser off duty in the Town of Southbury when I heard a radio broadcast for an "active shooter" at the Sandy Hook Elementary School, 12 Dickinson Street, Newtown, Connecticut. I immediately responded to the school, following the directions that were being broadcast over the radio. I arrived a short time later, at the same time as Trooper Cipriano. When I arrived at the school, I observed several civilians behind the parking lot on Dickinson Street. I parked my vehicle in the parking lot of Sandy Hook Elementary School. I then put on my bullet proof vest, retrieved my shotgun and raid jacket from my trunk and ran toward the school. At no time did I hear any gun fire. I heard someone asking to get a perimeter. I ran to a dumpster at the front right (facing the main entrance of the school) corner of the school. Once there, I encountered a Newtown Police Officer and two civilians crouched behind the dumpsters. I then observed a person whom I believe to be Sergeant Cario carrying a small child and placing the child into the vehicle. I did observe a separate vehicle parked in the front of the school that appeared out of place as it did not appear to be a police type vehicle. It was being searched by an unknown officer. I was also told of two sweatshirts by or in the vehicle.

I then recognized Detective Mudry running toward the main entrance of the school. Detective Mudry called out to me and Detective Mudry and I entered the main entrance of the school either through the front door or the broken window. I immediately noticed two deceased adults lying on the floor in the hallway just to the left of the entrance. Detective Mudry and I went down the left (north) hallway. Detective Mudry and I continued down the hallway with Detective Mudry facing forward and myself covering the rear. I do not recall our exact movement in the northeast hallway. I only entered the doorway in room #10. I did see a white male deceased in the door way of room #10. The white male had brown hair, black boots, and green pants. I also observed a black colored pistol lying on the ground next to the deceased male. When we arrived at room number 8, an unknown officer/Trooper advised us something to the effect that there was nothing more we can do in this room. I did not enter room number 8. At some point we were notified of a possible second shooter. I recall we evacuated children and at least one female adult from one classroom in the

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north hallway but I do not recall which classroom. I was telling the children to place their hands on the shoulders of the person in front of them and to keep their eyes shut (they would be going past the deceased people in north hallway/entrance). The children and adult(s) then exited through the main entrance. In the north hallway, I also observed a partially filled rifle magazine on the floor in the hallway in the area of room number 8. Detective Mudry and I continued through the north hallway and down the east hallway, at some point being joined by two other Troopers (unknown) and forming an active shooter team. In the active shooter formation, I had the right side. We cleared an unknown number of rooms as we continued through the east hallway. As we attempted to open doors, we would be yelling out "police". Many of the doors that we encountered were locked. In some cases, the door would be opened when we were yelling out "police". In all cases, the children were being given the same instructions as mentioned above. We were providing cover for the evacuees as they were exiting the classroom and to the exit of the building. At a point during the search/evacuation. I was given the master key for the classrooms. I used the key to open one classroom and then passed it to another officer or Trooper. At a point during the search (I beleive at the southeast corner), we met up with another group of officers/Troopers who were coming from the other side of the school. They said that they had cleared the hallway on the other side of the school. Someone in the group I was with suggested that we continued going through the school in the direction we were going and research the area thoroughly. We then continued on our search. We did not encounter anymore students but during the search of the cafeteria, two additional adult females were located and evacuated. We then regrouped in the main entrance area. As we were regrouping for another search of the school, the CSP Emergency Services Unit (ESU) arrived and conducted a search. I was instructed to stand at the cafeteria door until it was searched by ESU. At some point I was asked to stand by at rooms #8 and #10 to assist in securing them. I was relieved and exited the school through the main entrance.

I was told to stand just to the right of the main entrance with others who were involved in the initial search and evacuation of the school. We were instructed to stand by there as we were not going to be involved in any other tasks at the scene. A short time later, Master Sergeant Mark Gelvin was looking for assistance in clearing a nearby building (I believe it was Apex glass). He stated a teacher's cell phone was taken by a shooter and it was being pinged in the building. I went to this building with Msgt. Gelvin, numerous other Troopers and FBI SA Bill Aldenberg (who joined our group to assist in the clearing of the building). We walked down Dickinson Street and then southwest on Riverside Road. Once at the building to be searched, I remained outside securing a secondary door with Det. Brian Marino. When that building was cleared with no phone or shooter found, a decision was made to clear a residence directly to the right (facing the building from the road) of the building that was just cleared. I entered this residence with at least Sgt. Thomas Bennett and Detective Marino. This residence was also cleared with no cell phone or shooter being found. I then returned to the elementary school. Once at the school, I secured my shotgun in my trunk and went to the fire department. At the fire department, I spoke to a CSP Sergeant and asked if there was anything I could assist with. He had assigned me to get the ambulances to park close together near the fire department because they had to free up a parking area for other responding Troopers. I was then sent to the rear of the

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fire department where Colonel Stebbins was speaking. It was at this location where I spoke to my supervisor Sergeant David Wagner and he advised me that I could clear from the scene.

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