

Haney, M.

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**Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT**

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>HANEY, MARK F</u>		Making Statement as: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone	Business Phone	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>86022</u>	
Business Street Address <u>S. W. A. T</u>		City <u>Den.</u>	County <u>Den.</u>	State <u>CO</u>	Zip Code <u>80210</u>
Officer Taking Statement <u>M. F. Hanney</u>		Serial No. <u>86022</u>	Date <u>04-20-99</u>	Time <u>1220</u> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at <u>Columbine Highschool</u>			Location where statement taken: <u>Leahwood Jay St</u>		

Summary of Statement:

ON 04-20-99 I was on  
Vacation and heard on the radio about the  
shooting at Columbine Highschool

I turned on the S.W.A.T  
radio and then responded to the scene  
shortly after that. I assisted at the  
north east entry by escorting dozens  
of students out of the building.

After the suspects were apparently  
found, I responded inside assisting with  
a double check of the building.

*I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.*

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*Mark F. Hanney*  
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LACOVETTA, A.

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Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>LACQUETTA ANTHONY</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address <u>DENVER POLICE DEPT</u>		City <u>DENVER</u>	County <u>DENVER</u>	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone ( )	Business Phone ( ) <u>871-8888</u>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>67005</u>	
Business Street Address <u>550 E ILIFF</u>		City <u>DENVER</u>	County <u>DENVER</u>	State <u>CO</u>	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date <u>4/20/99</u>	Time Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL</u>			Location where statement taken: <u>LEAWOOD SCHOOL</u>		

Summary of Statement:

I WAS NOTIFIED BY RADIO ON A HOSTAGE BARRICADE SITUATION IN JEFFERSON COUNTY AT COLUMBINE HIGH. UPON MY ARRIVAL I TEAMED UP WITH SGT. LEWIS AND 10-12 OTHER SWAT OFFICERS. WE ENTERED FROM THE EAST ENTRANCE. I WAS INVOLVED IN CLEARING MOST OF THE SOUTHWEST PORTION OF THE SCHOOL. AT THE END OF THE INCIDENT IWB ASSISTED WITH SECURING THE LIBRARY AREA, WHERE MOST OF THE FATALLY WOUNDED WERE FOUND

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Sgt. Anthony Lacquetta 185  
Signature of Person Making Statement



KIBEL, D.

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Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>KIBEL, DAVID L. (KING 18)</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone ( )	Business Phone ( ) <u>877-8888</u>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>82536</u>	
Business Street Address <u>555 E. WILF AV. (METRO)</u>		City <u>DEN</u>	County <u>DEN</u>	State <u>CO</u>	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement <u>SAME</u>		Serial No.	Date <u>4-20-99</u>	Time <u>1745</u> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>COLUMBIAN HIGH SCHOOL</u>			Location where statement taken: <u>LEAWOOD ELEM. SCHOOL</u>		

Summary of Statement:

I RESPONDED TO THE ABOVE LOCATION AT APPROX. 1230 HRS. AS PART OF A UNIT CALL-OUT TO A REPORTED SHOOTING/ BARRI-CADED. I WAS STATIONED ON THE INNER PERIMETER AT THE N.W. CORNER OF THE SCHOOL & ASSISTED IN EVACUATING STUDENTS & STAFF. NO OTHER ACTION WAS TAKEN BY ME AT THE SC

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*David L. Kibel*  
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Lahey, T.

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Denver Police Department  
**STATEMENT**

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) <u>LAHEY, TOM S</u>			MAKING STATEMENT IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS		CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
RESIDENCE PHONE ( )	BUSINESS PHONE <u>(303) 871-8888</u>		SOCIAL SECURITY NO		DATE OF BIRTH / SERIAL NO <u>89-5</u>
BUSINESS STREET ADDRESS <u>550 E ILIFF AVE.</u>		CITY <u>DENVER</u>	COUNTY <u>DENVER</u>	STATE <u>CO</u>	ZIP CODE <u>80210</u>
OFFICER TAKING STATEMENT		SERIAL NUMBER	DATE <u>4 120 199</u>	TIME <u>1720</u> Hours	
CONCERNING AN INCIDENT OCCURRING AT <u>COLUMBINE H.S</u>			LOCATION WHERE STATEMENT TAKEN <u>JAIL - LEAWOOD</u>		

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT

ON 4-20-99 AT APPROX. 1300 HRS. I RESPONDED TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL REGARDING A SHOOTING/HOSTAGE SITUATION. UPON ARRIVAL, I IMMEDIATELY BEGAN ASSISTING & ESCORTING OUT STUDENTS THAT WERE HIDING INSIDE THE SCHOOL. OFFICERS INSIDE HAD REQUESTED AN AMBULANCE FOR AN INJURED PERSON INSIDE THE SCHOOL. I ESCORTED THE AMBULANCE WITH PARAMEDICS INTO THE BUILDING THROUGH THE WEST CAFETERIA DOORS. ONCE INSIDE, I ASSISTED FELLOW TEAM MEMBERS CLEAR THE UPPER WEST LEVEL OF THE SCHOOL. INSIDE THE LIBRARY I OBSERVED NUMEROUS CHILDREN ON THE FLOOR ALL BUT ONE FEMALE APPEARED TO BE DECEASED AND SEVERAL OFFICERS WERE ASSISTING THE WOUNDED (ALIVE) FEMALE. AFTER SECURING THE WEST UPPER FLOOR, WE WERE INFORMED THE BUILDING WAS CLEAR. WE REGROUPED AND DOUBLE CHECKED THE FLOOR. NO OTHER PERSONS WERE LOCATED

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LEWIS, M.

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Denver Police Department  
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NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) <i>Lewis MARK L.</i>		MAKING STATEMENT IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS <i>Denver Police Department</i>		CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
RESIDENCE PHONE ( ) ( )	BUSINESS PHONE ( ) ( )	SOCIAL SECURITY NO		DATE OF BIRTH / SERIAL NO	
BUSINESS STREET ADDRESS <i>550 E. Cliff Ave</i>		CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
OFFICER TAKING STATEMENT <i>3 Metro SWAT</i>		SERIAL NUMBER <i>71-005</i>	DATE <i>4/20/99</i>	TIME <i>11:30 AM</i> Hours	
CONCERNING AN INCIDENT OCCURRING AT <i>Columbine High School.</i>			LOCATION WHERE STATEMENT TAKEN <i>Leewood Elementary</i>		

**SUMMARY OF STATEMENT**

*I was notified by radio to respond to assist Jeff County with a hostage + shooting incident at Columbine High School. When I arrived I gathered up an entry team and teamed up with Jefferson County's SWAT team members. About 10-12 officers approached the East entrance with the cover of a fire truck. We then broke off with a team of Lewis, Oucaman, Smith, Monahan, Jacovetta. We cleared the southeast end of the building looking for victims or suspects. This continued into the main office area and eventually the main floor. We then assisted in the library to secure and check for survivors.*

*"God Bless the Children + their Families"*

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*Mark L Lewis*  
Signature of person making statement

MCKIBBEN, T.

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**Denver Police Department  
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Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>McKibben T.I.</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone	Business Phone	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No.	
Business Street Address <u>550 E. ILLIFF AVE.</u>		City <u>DENVER</u>	County	State	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date <u>4/20/99</u>	Time <u>1715</u> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL</u>			Location where statement taken: <u>LEAWOOD &amp; JAY ST.</u>		

Summary of Statement:

ON THE DATE, I AM ASSIGNED TO THE MEIRO/SWAT UNIT. I RESPONDED AROUND 12:30 pm TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL ON A SHOOTING INVOLVING EXPLOSIVES AND SUSPECTS STILL AT LARGE. I BECAME PART OF A SWAT TEAM SEARCHING THE S.W. SIDE OF THE SCHOOL. OUR TEAM WAS COMPRISED OF MEIRO/SWAT & JEFFCO SWAT. DURING OUR SEARCH WE WERE ABLE TO RESCUE APPROX 60 STUDENTS AND WE DID DISCOVER ~~THE~~ APPROX 14 VICTIMS AND THE TWO SUSPECTS DEAD. THERE WAS ABOUT 10 DEAD VICTIMS I ~~SAW~~ SAW IN THE LIBRARY AND THE 2 DEAD SUSPECTS w/ THEIR WEAPONS (SHOTGUNS) AND SOME IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVES. MY TEAM FINISHED SEARCHING THE SCIENCE AREA & MUSIC AREA. SECURED AND LEFT.

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MOEN, C.

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**Denver Police Department  
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Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>Man Cam T 91027</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
Residence Street Address	City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone ( )	Business Phone <u>(303) 871-8888</u>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>91027</u>
Business Street Address <u>Metro SWAT</u>	City	County	State	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement	Serial No.	Date <u>4-20-99</u>	Time <u>1735</u> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>Columbine High School</u>		Location where statement taken: <u>Leeward JAY ST.</u>		

**Summary of Statement:**

on 4-20-99 at about 1200 hrs I was notified by Metro S- Sgt organ and was ordered to respond to the area of Columbine High school on a reported shots fired and possible hostage situation taking place inside the school.

upon arrival to the school, I met some of the other Metro SWAT officers who were staged on the south east side of the school.

at that point, Sgt Penn advised me to take a position on windows and doorways on the east side of the school. I held that position during most of the operation.

after the school was secured and the suspects were found to be D.O.A. inside the school, the night shift and day shift Metro SWAT officers conducted a second sweep of parts of the school to insure that all suspects were in custody or D.O.A. I assisted with the second sweep.

During the second sweep I observed several victims who

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Summary of Statement (cont.) were D.A. Maitly inside the Cafeteria  
I also observed shell casings and empty 9mm  
magazines in the hallway near the Cafeteria. I also  
observed several explosive devices in that area.

After the second sweep was complete we were  
excused from the school area.

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**Denver Police Department  
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Last, First, Middle Initial <u>McNAHAN ROSS</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address <u>METRO SWAT</u>		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone ( )	Business Phone ( ) <u>8718888</u>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No.	
Business Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date	Time	Hours
Concerning an incident occurring at:			Location where statement taken: <u>LEEWOOD ELEM.</u>		

Summary of Statement:

I RESPONDED THIS DATE TO LEEWOOD & PIERCE ST. UPON ARRIVAL WE APPROACHED THE SCHOOL USING A FIRE TRUCK AS COVER. ONCE AT THE DOORS WE ENTERED THE SCHOOL CLEARING ROOMS & HALLS. SEVERAL PEOPLE WERE FOUND IN THE ROOMS WE WERE CLEARING AND THEY WERE TAKEN FROM THE BLDG. WE CONTINUED THIS OPERATION UNTILL WE REACHED THE ROOM WHICH CONTAINED SIX OR EIGHT DEAD CHILDREN AND THE TWO SUSPECTS.

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MONEGHAN, J

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**OFFICER JAMES MONEGHAN**  
**Columbine High School Shooting**

**JCSO CR 99-7625**  
**APD CR 99-12067**  
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The following interview is being recorded at Leawood Elementary School in Littleton, Colorado on April 20, 1999 at approximately 1933 hours in regards to a shooting incident at Columbine High School earlier this date. Present during this interview is Officer James MONEGHAN with the Denver Police Department and representing him is Mark Colin, an attorney with Bruno, Bruno and Colin. Conducting this interview will be Detective Jim Vonderohe with the Arvada Police Department and a member of the Jefferson County Critical Incident Team.

**JM: Officer Jim Moneghan**

**JV: Detective Jim Vonderohe**

JV: Can we call you Jim?

JM: Yes.

JV: Okay. Okay, Jim, when did you start with the Denver Police Department?

JM: On June 16, 1982.

JV: And were you ever with any department previous to that?

JM: No I was not.

JV: Okay. And what is your current shift assignment?

JM: I'm a neighborhood police officer, District , and I work nine to five, Monday through Friday.

JV: And how long have you held this assignment?

JM: Approximately six months.

JV: What are your duties under this assignment?

JM: As a neighborhood police officer, uh I handle routine patrol functions, also investigate narcotics activities and nuisance complaints in the West Colfax neighborhood.

JV: And how long, so you're not a member of the Denver SWAT team or anything like that.

JM: No I'm not.

JV: Regarding this incident today, could you tell me how you became involved in it and how you arrived here and the details from that.

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**OFFICER JAMES MONEGHAN**  
**Columbine High School Shooting**

**JCSO CR 99-7625**  
**APD CR 99-12067**  
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JM: I was working with Officer Ken Petrafeso, also assigned to District 1 Neighborhood Police. Uh, we heard the citywide call for help that Jefferson County officers were requesting assistance, there were shots fired at Columbine High School. My partner and I, we were at Colfax and I-25. We decided to respond to the scene to see if we could assist.

JV: And who is your partner again?

JM: Kent Petrafeso.

JV: Kent?

JM: Yeah, it's Kent. P-i-t...

JV: Part of the Petrafeso family?

JM: Exactly. You want his badge number.

JV: Yeah if -----

JM: 94, or it's 9203, 9203 I'm sorry. And we responded to the scene, upon our arrival we were at the southeast corner of the parking lot of the school. From that vantage point, we couldn't see any activity and we decided to get closer to see if we could be any assistance to the officers in the inner perimeter. I don't know street we went up, we went up a block and, well we went, what we did was we went south on, we were on Pierce, so we went south on Pierce to the first street that cut through westbound, we went west about a block and then uh, some individual in the block let us cut through his back yard, we borrowed a ladder from him and we climbed over these two 6 or 8 foot fences to uh...

JV: So you left your car at this...

JM: We left our car over there at the southeast corner of the high school parking lot and we ran up the block, cut through this individual's backyard, he provided us a ladder, we climbed over the two 8 foot fences and arrived in the, the, it would be the southwest parking lot of the Columbine High School. You know once we entered the parking lot we could see approximately eight students were hunkered down behind the cars, could see that the, what turned out to be the library, the upper second floor library computer lab windows where numerous gunshot holes in them, windows were knocked out. There were several Denver officers on the scene, Jeffco officers, I think they're Jeffco officers in the yellow, look like they're bicycle or I'm not really sure, they are wearing, bright yellow shirts but they were up in the parking lot. My partner and I made our way closer to the inner perimeter and stood by behind vehicles to provide cover and uh, waited for

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additional instructions.

JV: Okay. Backing up a little bit, when you crossed on to the school grounds, did you hear any gunfire or any explosions?

JM: No, not at the, no.

JV: Okay. So these windows were already shot out?

JM: They were already shot out.

JV: Did you ever happen to look at your watch to see what time this was?

JM: Uh, no.

JV: Okay.

JM: I was trying to think of that on the way over here, I can't even remember what time we got here.

JV: Okay. Then you saw numerous other officers from different agencies.

JM: Right.

JV: SWAT and normal.

JM: SWAT and regular Jefferson County Sheriff's, several officers in uh, one of them was wearing like a bright yellow shirt, another officer was in plain clothes in like a dark blue Crown Vic he had over there.

JV:: And up to that point you hadn't heard anybody shoot any...

JM: No.

JV: Weapons or any explosions.

JM: No explosions, no shooting.

JV: You mention that the windows in the library were shot out?

JM: Yes.

JV: How did you know it was the library? Did you know it was the library, did you know at that point?

JM: Uh, you could look in and you could see the shelves with the numerous books in it.

JV: Okay, it looked different than a regular classroom.

JM: Right, it looked like the library.

JV: Now is this on the upper level.

JM: Upper level, second floor.

JV: Okay, I...

JM: It's kind of weird, it's kind of like a walk-out basement so th...

JV: That's what I understand...

JM: The bottom part of it's the cafeteria and then right above the cafeteria turns out to be the library computer lab.

JV: So you're looking almost eye level into the library.

JM: No, it's the second floor...

JV: It's higher...

JM: It's higher...

JV: Okay.

JM: We're looking, when we're looking in the parking lot, the parking lot, we're looking into what turns out to be the cafeteria.

JV: The cafeteria.

JM: And then uh, the library quite a bit higher.

JV: Now these windows, are they clear or tinted?

JM: Tinted windows.

JV: Both the cafeteria and the library.

JM: Uh huh, tinted windows.

JV: Okay, but most of the library windows were already shot out...

JM: Quite a few of them.

JV: Upon your arrival.

JM: Yeah, quite a few of them were shot.

JV: Could you notice anybody moving around inside.

JM: Not on my arrival.

JV: Okay.

JM: Later on we end up extracting a student from the library.

JV: Okay, let's just pick up then from where you said that you were there...

JM: We arrive at the, we arrive in the parking lot, uh, we get closer to the inner perimeter, we uh, we hide behind cover, behind several vehicles, uh, as we're watching the high school eventually Metro Swat, Denver Metro Swat shows up with a fire truck, a Littleton fire truck...

JV: Is that green color?

JM: Yeah, I think it was like pumper 11. Now they were upon that school, they were on the hill, the parking lot is on the lower level and they were on the hill, there's uh, when I arrived at the scene I didn't see the student who was down. What happens is the fire truck shows up, Metro Swat's over there, what I come to find out is there's a student by the doors that's down, Metro Swat goes in and retrieves, I believe it's a gal.

JV: You saw that take place.

JM: Right, they, they lay down some suppression fire, go behind the fire truck, go out pick up the body and bring her back in front of the fire truck, and, she's not, when they bring her out you can tell she's DOA.

JV: Is this the fire truck they tried to back in?

JM: Right, it got stuck in the mud. They kept trying to bring it back and back and it just kept sinking in the mud.

JV: And you just observed one body to be taken from that one doorway?

JM: Right, right they bring one body back.

JV: Do you know if there was a second body there or if they already took a second body.

JM: They might already took one out by the time I was there, I know they took one.

JV: Did you notice the doors, were they shot out where the body was lying nearby?

JM: Later when I go up there?

JV: No at that moment when they...

JM: No, you know I can't even see that part, they are up on the hill I'm down here lower in the parking lot, I can see the truck, I can see them go behind the building and then come back with the body.

JV: Okay, so you...

JM: You know shots are fired and, you know, I'm not really sure if shots are fired by Metro SWAT or suspects firing, you know it's kind of unclear at that time.

JV: At that point you did hear shots?

JM: Shot are being, shots are fired...

JV: As they were trying to rescue this girl.

JM: They're going into rescue, check on her, and you know shots are fired and uh, at that point I don't know if it's you know Metro SWAT shooting or the suspect shooting at them because the information we have is these individuals are heavily armed, automatic weapons, you know explosive devices so I don't know if they're engaged in a fire fight while they try to go extract the body.

JV: How far away were you from the school?

JM: Uh, maybe uh 40, 40, 40 to 60 feet away.



JV: Okay, and you were behind the inner perimeter.

JM: We're on the inner perimeter, we're in the inner perimeter.

JV: So you're in mingled with the SWAT team.

JM: They're, they're over on the other side but yeah we're all in the parking lot.

JV: Did you know that Denver SWAT was shooting.

JM: Uh, shots are fired, I'm not sure, you know, there's quite a bit of shots fired, you know I assumed that they're, they're doing the shooting but I can't see, they're out of my view at that point, when they go, it's kind of uh, uh a foyer type of deal, I'm trying to think of the word, but they have, they were out of my sight, my line of sight at that point when they go and rescue that female who turns out to be DOA.

JV: Could you determine from hearing or seeing shots come from within the school.

JM: No, no I couldn't see, you know what those guys were out of my vision so...

JV: Okay.

JM: I don't know if they're engaged in a fire fight or...

JV: Okay...

JM: If they're taking shots, you know, I don't, it's just a lot of rounds.

JV: How many rounds do you think were fired?

JM: That's hard for me to say.

JV: Just approximately...

JM: You know probably more than ten (laugh)

JV: What time span were these shots?

JM: Just quick, it was real quick.

JV: Okay, would you guess automatic?

JM: I would, automatic fire.

JV: And then what did you do?

JM: You know I held my position, I was covering the upper and lower windows to ensure no suspects popped up out of the cafeteria or the library. I held my position and we just provided you know uh cover just in case anybody else...

JV: And you never saw anybody moving around inside school?

JM: No, no.

JV: Okay. And how long did you provide cover until you made your next move?

JM: They extracted the body from uh, from that alcove in there and then uh Capt. DiManna and Lieutenant. Phelan and several SWAT officers then uh got to the side of the school and began making their way down where I then noticed that there was another body of a student laying at the end of a stairwell on the sidewalk.

JV: This is then where they took the girl from.

JM: No, the girl's up, the girl's up, they have to come down...

JV: This is another body...

JM: Yeah, it's kind of hard, it's like a walkout basement so they're have to come down this hill into the parking lot when I'm at and uh there's a body down there that they're gonna go check on this student and uh, check his condition to see if he's, you know, needs medical attention, they can see that he's, you know been injured.

JV: Okay.

JM: So they're making their way down the hill, up against the wall and at that point DiManna yells over, yells at me, gets my attention and uh, indicates to me to put down suppression fire. The indication was to me I, I thought his indication was to put down some suppression fire, to cover him because they're coming down and they're going to have to come out to the open in front of the windows where they've already engaged the suspect before, there was information already the windows were shot out was that the suspect was at that second floor window and fired out to engage the police officers who were on the scene prior to my arrival.

JV: Okay.

JM: So when he gave that indication I took it to be the, provide suppression fire for him and his team so that he could go, come out and extract the student who was down on the sidewalk.

JV: Now is this Captain DiManna?

JM: Captain DiManna.

JV: Vince, is it?

JM: Yeah.

JV: Okay.

JM: Yeah, I think, he's still a captain, I don't think he's a chief, no he's not a chief. He's a captain, I think he's a captain of the SWAT team.

JV: I've seen his name before. How did he give you this indication?

JM: He kind of yelled at me and then, uh...

JV: What did he yell, did you hear it?

JM: I uh, I thought he yelled cover fire which I took it to be the suppression fire so what I did was then fire at the wall, the wall where the cafeteria, underneath the window, provide suppression fire for DiManna's team to extract the student.

JV: So you fired at the cafeteria wall?

JM: The cafeteria wall, I didn't fire up into the second floor, I fired into the cafeteria...

JV: So you were shooting at a downward angle.

JM: I'm shooting more, yeah, I'm kind of shooting almost level for me on that cause uh the library's quite a bit higher.

JV: And uh, when you fired did you see any students or any people inside where you were aiming?

JM: No, no.

JV: You just wanted to what uh, suppression fire...

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JM: Just suppression fire...

JV: To let the suspects know you were shooting.

JM: Right, so allow DiManna's team to come out there and extract that student because they're in an awkward position, they have to come around a blind corner, what happens is the student's down, they're coming around a blind corner exposition themselves to the library where the suspect has already engaged police officers and gunfire so I fired the suppression fire, yelled to DiManna it was clear and then uh his team checked on the student, the student turned out to be DOA, they immediately to back to the wall and then back up to the fire truck.

JV: Was your partner with you then?

JM: My partner was there.

JV: Did he supply suppression fire?

JM: No, no he had a shotgun, so he had the shotgun and I had my 45 so I elected to provide the suppression.

JV: Okay. How many shots did you fire?

JM: Uh, six.

JV: Than after DiManna's team checked on the body and then they'd left to go inside the school or...

JM: Well you know what, they didn't know, they went back up and I think they formulated a plan to decide how they were going tactically you know engage the suspect. You know what, this is pure speculation on my part because they went up and then uh they must have reformed up there, they formed up the SWAT teams because I didn't see, DiManna and Phelan are in civilian clothes so I think they responded either from home or something, regular SWAT officers show up. They gain entry into the school through the cafeteria windows cause they're worried about, they don't go through the door cause they're worried about explosive devices. They gain entry into the door and then they start extracting students, we provide cover, bring the students up the stairs. At that time as they're extracting students uh, a male party, a male student pops up out of the second floor library and sees serious injury, bleeding out of his head, uh, he attempts to crawl out of the window of the library, then he falls back, falls back down underneath the wall, the library wall and he's out of our view, I try to run up, I run up behind a vehicle, get close to the library and start yelling at him, try to engage him and tell him that you know to sit

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tight, that we'll come up and we'll get him but tell him not to jump out of the window. I don't get any response from him and then uh, he pops up one more time and then he's, he's trying to crawl out the window so I uh leave my position to cover, I swing around the parking lot and try to get up to the fire truck to retrieve a ladder to see if I can go get him out of the library, get a shield.

JV: You're doing all this by yourself?

JM: Uh yeah.

JV: Were there other officers around.

JM: Well those other guys were kind of providing cover for me while I go, because the command guys are up at the fire truck so I'm kind of thinking maybe they got a game plan, a better game plan than I have on this, you know, so I run back up to the fire truck and then they're kind of, I go hey there's a guy over here on the second floor we gotta get him out of here What I really wanted was a hook and ladder, I want to go take the fire truck, put a couple cops on the fire truck, go in there, lift the ladder up and you know what get this kid out of the library. So uh the ladder thing doesn't work out because that's not, that's not even practical so I go up there and then, I.. well you know what do the best you can, just tell that kid to sit tight and we're gonna get him out of there, okay. So I grab a shield, we go back down there...

JV: Whose we now?

JM: Officer Ken Larita. He comes back down, he provides cover for me, we get back to the window of the library we're behind cover at a car and uh this kid starts crawling out the window and he's a big kid, he's probably like 6'2", 160 lbs. or something, but he crawling out the window, he's coming out and he coming out, he's crawling out head first so he's gonna fall and it's about a good 20 feet, 20-30 feet from the library window to the bottom of the cafeteria onto the grass so we're yelling, you know we're screaming at this kid, you know 'hey go back in there, don't do that, don't do that, we're gonna come and get you' and you know he's not even paying any attention to us, you know he seems dazed and stuff like that, we're trying to get closer, I'm trying to think you know what the hell I can do, you know, I can't run up and catch the kid and stuff like that, so we're screaming at this kid and at that point there's uh, another jurisdiction SWAT team with an armored vehicle. We're yelling at them 'bring it over, bring it over here' they get over to the window and the kid drops on top of the armored car, drops on top of the armored car. I run up I grab the kid, uh, he's kind of struggling with us, we're able to get him into the back of the armored car, load him up and you know the other officers are providing us cover. He takes off, they take off with him and then uh I go back to my position and uh we just, or uh keep watching the library windows and the cafeteria, we assist on the

extraction of more students and staff, you know getting them through the cafeteria up the stairs and then the other officers...

JV: So you're inside the school then are you outside?

JM: No, no I'm outside the school, the Metro guys are inside, they bring the students and the staff to the door. Uh...

JV: -----

JM: My partners and I would then, you know, advise them to go up the stairs and provide cover so nobody could pop out of the library cause we were still unsure where, you know, suspects are, how many suspects we've got. You know, there's no gunfire or anything going on at that time.

JV: No explosions.

JM: No explosions but you know we're still at that one where...

JV: Who knows...

JM: Who knows what's going on, you, communication on the radio is more like, the Metro guys are on one channel so they know what's going on inside the school but they hadn't got up, by the time they got up to the second floor to the library where the main scene was most of the students I think end up being shot and killed, we had already gotten that kid out of the, you know the, we extracted him quite a while ago, the kid out of the second floor window. So it was a while before they even got back up there, before they were able to clear that first floor and make it up to the second floor into the library.

JV: So the suspects could have been up in the library...

JM: Right, we didn't know where they were, you know, we knew that they engaged the police officers upon their arrival with gunfire, you know that there was pipe bombs explode, there was a pipe bomb exploded in the parking lot.

JV: Oh there was.

JM: There was one exploded in the parking lot. There was another pipe bomb on the other side of the fence where we were at but uh, you know what it was one of them deals like the only place for us to be was there, so you just had to kind of take your chances and kind of hope it doesn't go off but as, that was the point, you know the point of impact right there so we need to stay, we provided you know the cover and we were going

engage anyone.

JV: Going back to the six shots that you fired, that's the total amount you fired today...

JM: Right...

JV: In this incident.

JM: Right, uh huh.

JV: Did you take deliberate aim as to where you were shooting.

JM: I take aim right at the wall.

JV:: Okay. Could you see if you were even hitting the wall.

JM: I'm, yeah I could see it when I hit the wall cause I was getting cement fragments and you know the dust.

JV: Okay. Is it a cinder block wall or is it...

JM: It looked, looked like uh like a heavy cement, thick cement like a bearing wall.

JV: What color is it?

JM: It was a tan.

JV: Okay. For your present assignment, what kind of work were you assigned to?

JM: Uh, I've been in Patrol the majority of my career, I've been in the Vice and Narcotics Bureau for, I was in there for a year, uh the majority of my career's been in Patrol.

JV: Okay. And as far as your work days, is this your first day or second day or third day.

JM: Uh second day.

JV: Second day, you work five 8's?

JM: Five 8's yeah, Monday through Friday.

JV: Okay, and uh before this incident today when you last eat?

JM: Uh, this morning.

JV: And do you remember what you had to eat and drink.

JM: It was kind of a bagel and coffee and yogurt.

JV: What time was that?

JM: Uh about 8:30.

JV: Have you consumed any alcohol in the previous 24 hours before this incident?

JM: No.

JV: Have you taken any drugs, prescription or otherwise in the last 24 hours prior to this incident?

JM: No.

JV: And before coming to work today, how much sleep did you have last night and what was the quality of that sleep.

JM: I had eight hours of sound sleep.

JV: Okay, and what time, how long were you working your shift today before you responded?

JM: I'd say like approximately three hours, I thought it was about 12 when we came.

JV: And you previously indicated that you've been involved in traumatic incidents like this before.

JM: Yes I have

JV: How many?

JM: Two.

JV: Could you briefly tell me about them.

JM: Uh, in 1992 I was involved in a shooting, I was attempting to break up a party and uh an individual came out of a chair with a gun and uh began firing at me. I was able to return fire and end the confrontation without being seriously injured and I was involved in



another incident uh, in 1993, on a domestic disturbance where an individual threw a, a knife at me in an attempt to take my life and I shot him.

JV: Okay.

JM: -----

JV: Both these incidents, uh the other party was he killed?

JM: No.

JV: They both lived.

JM: Both lived.

JV: In regards to these two incidents, did they affect you as an officer?

JM: No I don't think so.

JV: And uh, have you experienced any recent family problems?

JM: No I haven't.

JV: And have you experienced any work related problems recently?

JM: No.

JV: And do you wear contacts or glasses?

JM: No I don't.

JV: Were you wearing any today during this incident when you fired?

JM: No I wasn't.

JV: And your vision is normal.

JM: 20/20.

JV: Have you experienced any recent medical problems that have been treated or untreated?

JM: No.

JV: Regarding the incident today that you were, as far as shooting yourself, were there any physical conditions that may be affected what you were doing, say the weather or the sunlight or anything like that.

JM: No, no.

JV: How many weapons were you carrying today at the Columbine High School?

JM: Uh, my 45, my partner had his weapon and we had a shotgun.

JV: Okay, but you personally. Just the 45.

JM: Just the 45.

JV: And uh, what make of gun.

JM: It's a Smith & Wesson 4569.

JV: And do you have the serial number on that.

JM: It is TFN9037.

JV: Okay. And how long have you owned that gun?

JM: Since 1992.

JV: It's your personal gun, I mean the department doesn't buy them for you.

JM: No, it's my personal gun.

JV: What type of training have you had in regards to shooting that weapon, as far as how many times do you go to the range per year and the type of scores you shoot, or your marksmen classification.

JM: Uh I don't know what my marksman classification is, I shoot this quarterly. I received training Introduction to 45 training from the Denver Police Department and uh quarterly I go down and qualify and I shoot usually in the mid to high 80s.

JV: And passing it?

JM: Passing is 80 I believe.

JV: And the department supplies you ammunition.

JM: Yes this is department ammunition.

JV: How much ammunition are you supplied.

JM: Uh 25 rounds.

JV: Okay, and did you have 25 rounds with you today.

JM: Yes I did.

JV: Okay Do you know what type of ammo or who is the manufacturer.

JM: I haven't looked at it before -Speer, 45 auto.

JV: Okay and uh you've got silver shell casings?

JM: Right.

JV: Are they out at the scene where you shot...

JM: Yeah, they're in the parking lot.

JV: And uh, so you have 19 live rounds with you right now.

JM: Yes.

JV: Would you be able to count them out here.

JM: Uh sure. There's eight, ten, eighteen, I have one in the chamber.

JV: Okay. Any other incidents as far as shooting that you've been involved in besides what you told me?

JM: Years ago I was involved in a shooting at a lumber yard, in 1983, but it was, I didn't shoot anybody, I was just working an on-duty job and a van was shot.

JV: In following this incident, after you cleared from the high school did you talk to anybody in great detail about what you did today.

JM: Uh no.

JV: Has anybody handled your weapon since this incident?

JM: No.

JV: What time do you think you cleared from the school grounds?

JM: Five o'clock.

JV: And where'd you go then.

JM::: I assisted uh Denver Homicide in arriving at the scene, I escort them in, well we were in a march unit, we escorted them in from uh Grant Ranch Boulevard, Bowles to Pierce and Bowles, and then I went to District 1 at that time. Prior to leaving the scene, I was informed that I could make a written statement regarding this incident at the District 1 station so I responded to District 1. Upon my arrival at District 1 I was informed that I needed to respond back here to the scene to talk to the investigators so then I just came back.

JV: Have you talked to any other officers, whether it be Denver or other agencies that were involved in this incident that fired their weapons.

JM: No.

JV: And again the basis for you shooting six rounds today was due to an order from one of the captains.

JM: Captain DiManna, it was for suppression fire so that his team could go check on the condition of a down student because they were, going to be put, going to put themselves in a position where you're kind of coming around a blind corner into an area of fire which the suspect has already, you know, the suspects had engaged the police officers earlier.

JV: And you got a wounded student there or dead.

JM: Down, yeah, it turned out to be a DOA but we were unsure at that time if the student was critically injured and needed to be extracted.

JV: Is there anything else you make regarding your statement that maybe I haven't asked you or left out or something that is on your mind.

JM: No, I think that covers it.

JV: Nothing.

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JM: No.

JV: Okay. There's nothing further, this interview will conclude at approximately 2006 hours.

End of interview.

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Detective Jonathan Pickett  
Wheat Ridge Police Department

WMTF# None  
JCSO# 99-7625  
Connecting CR(s)#  

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### **SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**

#### **Interview with Officer Tom O'Neil.**

Officer O'Neil told me the following;

#### Background information:

- Officer O'Neil works for the Denver police as a SWAT/K9 officer.
- Officer O'Neil has worked in Denver for 28 years, and has spent the last 16 years in his current assignment.
- Officer O'Neil carries a Glock model 21 .45 caliber hand gun, serial number ACP868 US.
- The Glock 21 holds 14 rounds. (13 rounds in the magazine, 1 round in the chamber.)
- Officer O'Neil keeps 12 rounds in the magazine and 1 round in the chamber.
- At the time of interview Officer O'Neil had 8 rounds in his magazine and 1 in the chamber.
- Officer O'Neil has owned his Glock for 5 years.
- Officer O'Neil uses standard departmental issue ammunition. (Jacketed hollow points)
- As a SWAT Officer, Officer O'Neil has to qualify with a 90% or better with his hand gun.
- Officer O'Neil wears contact lenses that correct his vision to 20/20. Officer O'Neil was wearing his contacts at the time of the Columbine incident.
- The last meal Officer O'Neil ate was on 042099 between 1100 and 1130 hrs. (Just prior to the Columbine incident.)
- Officer O'Neil works day shift.
- The last call out Officer O'Neil was on, was Sunday, April 18, 1999. Officer O'Neil was called out to clear a building with his K9. The call out lasted approximately ½ hour

#### Incident information:

- Officer O'Neil learned of the Columbine High School incident through an officer at Denver district 4.
- Sgt. Lewis phoned Jefferson County to confirm the information and offered their assistance.
- Officer O'Neil arrived at the school with Sgt. O'Shea and Officer Bloodworth.

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**WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE**

Detective Jonathan Pickett  
Wheat Ridge Police Department

WMTF# None  
JCSO# 99-7625  
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- The information the Officers had was that the shooting was occurring on the south side of the school.
- The three Officers immediately responded to the south side of the school.
- Officer O'Neil saw two people that appeared to be "down" (Injured and lying on the ground) outside the school.
- The three Officers approached the school assessing the situation.
- Officer O'Neil and Bloodworth approached from the south side near a fenced in area containing what Officer O'Neil thought was generators.
- Sgt. O'Shea went around the east side of the generators.
- As the officers were approaching, Officer O'Neil saw what appeared to be an assault rifle barrel stick out from behind the school doors.
- The barrel was similar to that of an M16 or AR style Colt rifle.
- The officers were outside an L shaped portion of the building. The ends of the L were running north/south and east/west. On the north/south wall in the corner was a set of double doors.
- The glass was out of the doors.
- The door was a "right out." (A door that the knob or handle is on the right side and opens to the outside.)
- Officer O'Neil was only able to see the barrel of the gun, due to the suspect being behind the metal portion of the door.
- Officer O'Neil and Officer Bloodworth fired at the door, where it appeared that the suspect would have to be.
- Officer Bloodworth was firing an MP5. (A 9mm sub machine gun.)
- Officer O'Neil does not know if any of his or Officer Bloodworth's shots struck the suspect.
- The three Officers waited until a rescue vehicle, in this case a fire truck, could be brought up to assist with the evacuation of the downed students.
- It took approximately 20 to 25 minutes to get the rescue team into position.
- While waiting for the rescue team to arrive, Officer O'Neil observed movement in one of the students' arms. (Blonde student) the other student appeared to be brunette.
- Both victims appeared to be females.
- One of the students was approximately 5' from the door that the suspects rifle was seen behind.
- When the rescue team moved in to get the downed students, the team laid down suppression fire.

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Wheat Ridge Police Department

WMTF# None  
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Once the two students were taken away from the scene Officer O'Neil assisted with the bringing students out of the school. Officer O'Neil checked for weapons on the students and sent them to the triage area. After the students were freed, Officer O'Neil held an inner perimeter position with his K9. This position was near a gym door.

I took Officer O'Neil's side arm as evidence and turned it over to deputies of the Jefferson County Sheriffs office.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON INTERVIEW WITH DENVER  
POLICE DEPARTMENT SWAT SERGEANT DANIEL PATRICK  
O'SHEA ON APRIL 20, 1999

Reporting investigator, P.J. Doyle, is a commissioned peace officer employed by the District Attorney of the First Judicial District Attorney's Office serving Jefferson and Gilpin Counties.

On April 20, 1999 I was asked to respond to Leawood Elementary School as a member of the Jefferson County Critical Incident Team. I was assigned to interview Sergeant Daniel Patrick O'Shea, a supervisor of the night shift of the Metro SWAT, 550 E. Iliff, Denver. SWAT: 303 871-8888 Office: 303 698-4009.

I noticed that Sgt. O'Shea had blood on the stomach area of his t-shirt. He told me it was a victim's blood. Sgt. O'Shea was provided with beverages and he called his home.

Following is Sgt. O'Shea's law enforcement history:

Lafayette Police Department Patrol Jan. 1982-Nov. 1986  
Denver Police Department Dist. 2 Patrol 1986-1990  
Denver Police Department Gang Task Force 1990-1992  
Denver Police Department Traffic Solo M/C 1992-1994  
Denver Police Department Sergeant Dist. 6 1994-1997  
Denver Police Department Sergeant Metro SWAT 1997-present

Sgt. O'Shea's duties include: Coordination and oversight of tactical operations, barricaded suspects, hostage situations, rescue and crowd control. His training includes 24 hour basic certification course in operation of MP5, quarterly qualifications with MP5, weekly dry fire and manipulation and weekly training on SWAT tactics.

Sgt. O'Shea worked the night before April 20th. He began his shift at 7:00 p.m., and ended at 3:00 a.m.. He generally works Monday through Friday. His last meal was a bowl of cereal at about 3:00 a.m.. He has had no alcohol within the last 24 hours. He has had no prescription or other drugs. He slept from about 3:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on April 20th.

Sgt. O'Shea was driving to pick up his daughter from school when he was made aware of this incident and was not yet on shift. He had no traumas prior to this incident. He has no family problems and no work related problems. His eyesight is excellent. He had an RK about 4 years ago. He has no medical problems and no physical conditions that were affected by weather or other conditions at the time of the incident.

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Sgt. O'Shea's duty weapon is a Heckler-Koch 9 mm sub machine gun (MP5), serial #62350336. It is department owned and the standard rounds issued for use are 9mm Luger Plus P, 124 Grain, GDHP. He has carried the same weapon for 2 years. His range scores are in the 100's and his lowest score was 96. He carries 3 magazines. Another 2 are in a "piggy back clip" in the case with his firearm. He carried 84 rounds into the building before discharge. He said that he reloaded 2 magazines and topped off with 5 or 6 more rounds. He said that he has found the weapon fires better when used with the magazines, (which are designed to hold 30 rounds) loaded with 28 rounds.

Sgt. O'Shea did not know the suspects and had no prior contact with them.

Sgt. O'Shea has had no prior shooting incidents. After the incident, he was told by Lt. Vessa of the Denver Police Department to come to Leawood Elementary School. He said that he met with other Denver SWAT officers in the school parking lot, but they did not discuss the incident. Al Shell, a trainee on Metro SWAT, carried the weapon while Sgt. O'Shea carried a wounded female out of the library at Columbine High School. That is the only other person who handled Sgt. O'Shea's weapon following the incident. This weapon is now secured in the truck of Sgt. O'Shea's car.

Sgt. O'Shea drew a diagram of the shooting scene. That diagram is attached to this report.

REGARDING THE INCIDENT:

Sgt. O'Shea told me the following:

He was on his way to pick his daughter up from school. He was driving his "personal use" police vehicle. He heard Division Chief calling for SWAT officers to respond to Columbine High School on a report of shots fired at the school. He went, with other SWAT members, and escorted about 100 people out back through already secured areas. The rescue operation took place about noon.

Sgt. O'Shea's unit later went to the library. He moved forward to render cover when they closed in on the library. One of the suspects threw an improvised explosive and Sgt. O'Shea fired his weapon. This happened at the door by the entry way. A suspect discharged at least 3 rounds in the direction of the SWAT officers. He said that he could see muzzle flash coming from the suspect, but could not see the shooter. He believes that he did not hit any suspect with his rounds.

Sgt. O'Shea said that during the performance of his duties he: directed cover fire to prevent hostiles from harming the rescue teams, exchanged fire with the suspects who fired.

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(Please refer to the diagram by Sgt. O'Shea.) Sgt. O'Shea said that he shot 9 to 12 3 burst rounds.

Sgt. O'Shea said that doors were locked and the people inside were afraid to let them in because, although they identified themselves as police, the people inside were afraid to come out. Several doors were forced open to get to potential victims.

Sgt. O'Shea's weapon was left secured in his car.

No further information at this time.

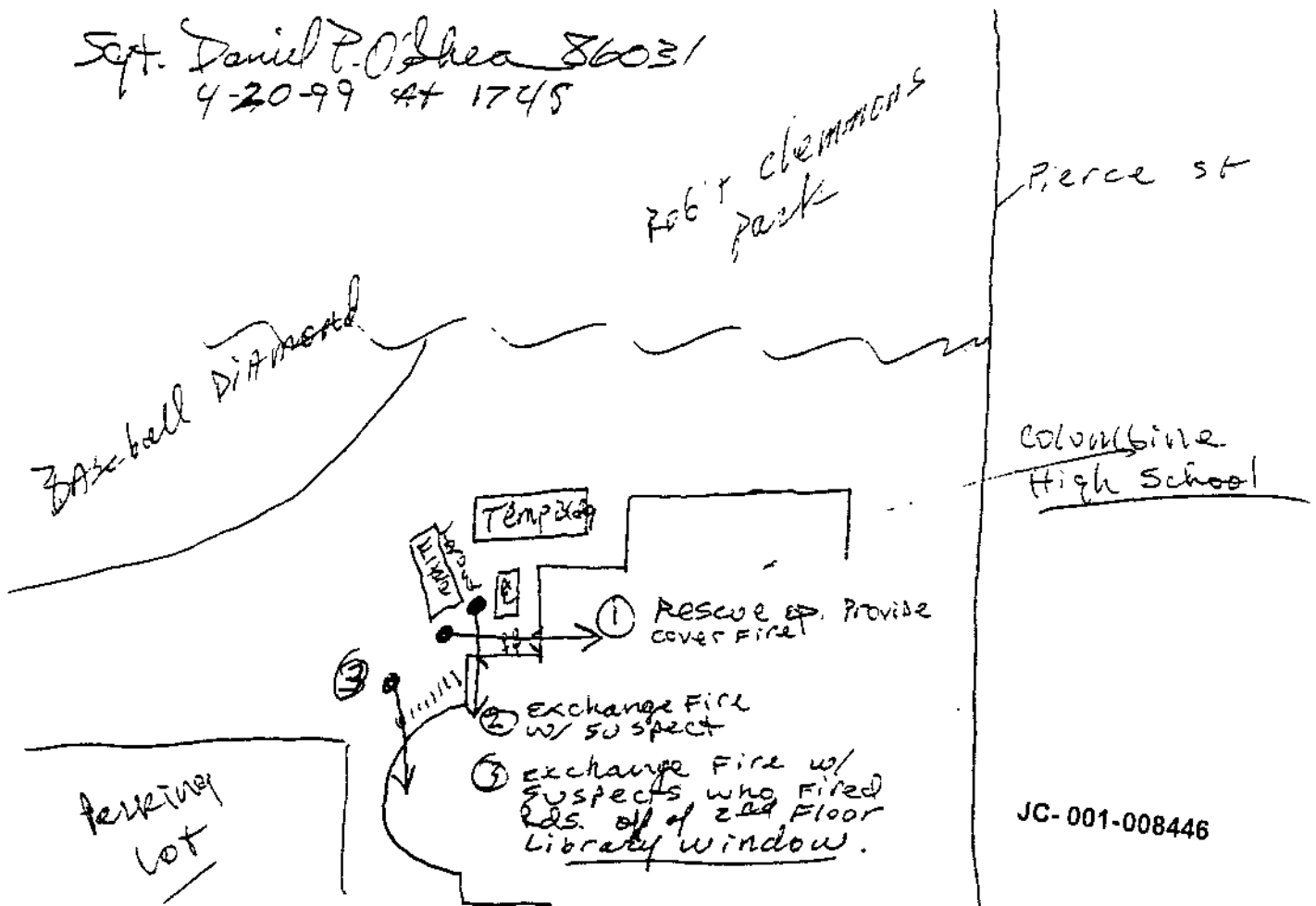
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On this date while driving to West Ridge Elem. School, Alamo West Kipling, in my personal use police vehicle from DPD Metro SWAT, I heard Division chief Whitman call for SWAT officers to respond to Columbine High School on a report of shots fired inside the school. I responded to that call from Wadsworth & Bellevue.

Below is a schematic of my initial actions and engagements at the scene

Sgt. Daniel P. O'Hea 86031  
4-20-99 at 1745



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STATEMENT**


Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <b>ORGAN, ROBERT</b>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone	Business Phone	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No.	
	<b>871-8888</b>			<b>75033</b>	
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<b>550 E. ILLIFF AVE</b>		<b>Denver</b>	<b>Denver</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>80210</b>
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date	Time	
			<b>04.20.99</b>	<b>1725</b> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <b>COLUMBINE H/S</b>			Location where statement taken: <b>LEAWOOD ELEMENTARY</b>		

Summary of Statement:

04.20.99 AT APPROXIMATELY 12 NOON - I OVERHEARD  
A SITUATION BEING BROADCAST OF A SHOOTING AT  
COLUMBINE H/S. I CONTACTED METRO-3 LT. VESSA  
AND ASKED IF I COULD BE OF HELP. HE RESPONDED  
IF ALL OUT THE NIGHT SHIFT (DETS) AND RESPON  
TO THE H/S. THERE WERE REPORTS OF SHOOTING IN  
PROGRESS. MULTIPLE SUSPECTS AND VICTIMS.  
I THEN RESPONDED CODE #10 TO LEAWOOD/PIERCE  
ON ARRIVAL I JOINED UP WITH OTHER DENVER  
SWAT OFFICERS AND MOVED UP TO THE SCHOOL  
AS A CONTAINMENT TEAM  
IT WAS DETERMINED THAT WE WOULD MOVE INTO  
THE SCHOOL AND BEGIN CLEARING THE ROOMS  
FOR SUSPECTS / VICTIMS  
THIS INCLUDED THE OFFICE AREA, COMPUTER  
RM, GYMNASIUM + LOCKER ROOMS. WE EXTRICATE

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

04, 20, 99  
 Date                     AM  
1745                     PM  
 Time Statement Completed

 75033  
 Signature of Person Making Statement





Summary of Statement (cont.) A FEMALE FROM THE OFFICE AREA

WE LOCATED FIVE INDIVIDUALS IN THE DRIFTING

+ TECH LAB. - THESE INDIVIDUALS ALL WERE

OK AND REMOVED FROM THE BUILDING. THE

REMAINDER OF THE AREA DESCRIBED WAS CLEAR.

NO SHOTS WERE FIRED BY MYSELF OR ANY


OF THE TEAM I WAS WITH.

JEAN / DEMONICO / VESSA / LEWIS / CARINO / BROWN /

R. GRAY / ORGAN

*I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.*

4/20/99  
Date  AM  
1745  PM  
Time Statement Completed

  
Signature of Person Making Statement 2303

OVERMAN, K.

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**Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT**

Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>Overman, Ken A</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address	City	County	State	Zip Code	
Residence Phone	Business Phone <u>303 871 8888</u>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>72084</u>	
Business Street Address <u>550 E. Flitt</u>	City <u>Metro Supt Div</u>	County <u>Den</u>	State <u>CO</u>	Zip Code	
Officer Taking Statement	Serial No.	Date <u>4/20/99</u>	Time <u>17:20</u> Hours		
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>Columbine High School.</u>			Location where statement taken: <u>Leawood School.</u>		

Summary of Statement:

At approx 1130am this date I responded to the above location on shot fired @ Columbine High school. Upon arrival we formed a team along with several Jefferson Co. officers and entered the school on the east side class room door just south of the main entrance. Upon entry we began a tactical sweep of the class rooms. Search Science & Math areas first. We then moved into the main JHS Hall & Office Area. We found 4 office staff hiding in the office area and subdued them. We continued clearing rooms to the north side of the school. Shop Areas - we then cleared back from the main hallway toward the Cafeteria - Auditorium Area. We ended up at the library where we met up the other teams that entered through the West. I found no shots and encountered only the two office staff.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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Signature of Person Making Statement



PADGETT

JC-001-008452

**Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT**

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>PADGETT, KENNETH, L</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone	Business Phone <u>(303) 871-8888</u>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>86058</u>	
Business Street Address <u>550 N. CLIFF AVE</u>		City <u>DENVER</u>	County <u>DENVER</u>	State <u>CO</u>	Zip Code <u>80210</u>
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date <u>04-20-99</u>	Time <u>1720</u>	Hours
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL</u>			Location where statement taken: <u>LEAWOOD + JAY</u>		

Summary of Statement:

ON APRIL DATE OFFICER SWALD ~~8029~~ AND I RESPONDED PER REQUEST TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL ON A SHOOTING. ONCE AT THE SCENE I JOINED UP WITH OTHER DENVER SWAT OFFICERS AND FORTIFIED THE SCHOOL TO ASSIST WITH THE EVAC OF STUDENTS STILL INSIDE. AREAS SEARCHED & SECURED BY THIS TEAM WERE THE LUNCH ROOM, KITCHEN, AUDITORIUM 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR AND THE LIBRARY. NUMEROUS STUDENTS & TEACHERS WERE CONTACTED AND LED OUT TO SAFETY. ALSO LOCKED DOORS WERE BREACHED BY WAY OF A RAM & PRY TOOLS. ONCE THE SUSPECTS WERE FOUND (DOA) OFFICERS RE CHECKED THE 2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR AREA TO SEARCH FOR OTHER VICTIMS.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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Signature of Person Making Statement



PANCK, S.

JC-001-008454

Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT

Name, First, Middle Initial <u>PANCK STEVEN W.</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone	Business Phone <u>(303) 871-8888</u>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>77011</u>	
Business Street Address <u>520 E. IRIFF</u>		City <u>DENVER</u>	County <u>DENVER</u>	State <u>CO</u>	Zip Code <u>80211</u>
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date <u>4-20-99</u>	Time <u>17:40</u> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>COMBINE HIGH</u>			Location where statement taken: <u>LEAWOOD ELEMENTARY</u>		

Summary of Statement:

WHILE WORKING CAR 1115 OUR METRO/SWAT UNIT WAS CALLED TO COMBINE ~~EA~~ HIGH SCHOOL ON A SHOOTING IN PROGRESS I VOLUNTEERED TO BRING THE EQUIPMENT. UPON MY ARRIVAL I CONTACTED LT. VESSA AND COMPANY HIM AND OTHER SWAT MEN TO THE NORTH SIDE - THE SCHOOL MYSELF TECH. BROEN TOOK INNER PERIMETER POSITIONS ON THE NORTH WEST CORNER UNTIL REINFORCED BY LAKEWOOD SWAT. AT THAT TIME I JOINED LT. VESSA & CAPT. DILLMAN ON THE WEST SIDE I ASSISTED WITH RESCUE OF STUDENTS THAT ANOTHER TEAM WAS EXTRACTING FROM THE CAFETERIA AREA. THEN I JOINED THOSE TEAM MEMBERS INSIDE THE CAFETERIA. DURING THIS TIME WE BACKED JEFFCO SWAT, WHO WAS CLEARING

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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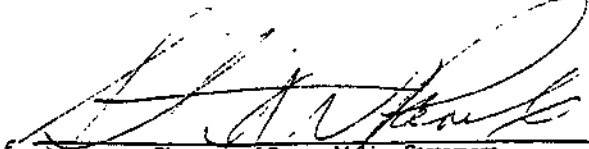


Summary of Statement (cont.)

THE LOWER LEVEL DURING THIS TIME WE EXTRACTED NUMEROUS HOSTAGES, WEAL OVER A HUNDRED. WE CONTINUED TO CLEAR THE LOWER LEVEL. WE PROCEEDED UP STAIRS AND CLEARED CLASSROOMS WITH JEFFCO, AND CONTINUED TO EXTRACT HOSTAGES. ~~WE~~ ~~WENT~~ JEFFCO SWAT FINALLY BEGAN TO CLEAR THE LIBRARY WITH DENVER AS BACK UP. JEFFCO & DENVER LOCATED SEVERAL D.O.A. STUDENTS AND TWO (2) POSSIBLE D.O.A. SUSPECTS. WE DID CONTINUE TO CLEAR. THEN WE LEFT THE SCENE.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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 Signature of Person Making Statement



PENN, R.

JC-001-008457

**Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT**

Last, First, Middle Initial <b>KEVIN RAY L. 79-61</b>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone	Business Phone <b>( ) 811-8888</b>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No.	
Business Street Address <b>550 E. ILLIFF AVE</b>		City	County	State	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement	Serial No.	Date <b>04-20-99</b>	Time <b>1720</b> Hours		
Concerning an incident occurring at: <b>COLUMBIAN H.S.</b>			Location where statement taken: <b>LEAWOOD KILMUR</b>		

Summary of Statement:

On 04-20-99 shortly after noon I responded to COLUMBIAN H.S. on a call to assist w/ PARTIAL SHOOTING INSIDE THE SCHOOL. WHEN I ARRIVED I RESPONDED TO THE MURDER C.P. ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE SCHOOL. I TOOK A TEAM OF MORAN, DALMONICO, VOSBA, BANTON, BRAY & R. BRAY w/ SGT. ORBAN AND LINKED UP WITH SGT. LACROIX ON THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SCHOOL. THE COMBINED TEAMS CLEARED FROM SOUTH TO NORTH. THE OFFICE AREA WAS CLEARED W/ THE TEAM CONTACTING A FEMALE LOCKED IN HER OFFICE. SHE WAS EVACUATED OUT, ~~UNASSISTED~~ BY LITTLETON P.O. SWAT MEMBERS WHO WERE TRAILING OUR TEAM. WE CLEARED THE OFFICE AREA, INCLUSIVE ARTS AREA, GYM, WEIGHT ROOM, BOYS & GIRLS LOCKERS & CLASS ROOMS ENCOUNTERED. THE FEMALE IN THE OFFICE WAS THE ONLY PART I PERSONALLY ENCOUNTERED.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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Time Statement Completed

*Sgt. Kevin L. Moran 79-61*  
Signature of Person Making Statement

PHELAN, P.  
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Denver Police Department  
**STATEMENT**

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) <u>PHELAN PATRICK</u>		MAKING STATEMENT IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS	CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
RESIDENCE PHONE ( ) ( )	BUSINESS PHONE ( ) ( )	SOCIAL SECURITY NO		DATE OF BIRTH / SERIAL NO # <u>80011</u>
BUSINESS STREET ADDRESS <u>550 E. ILLIPE AVE</u>	CITY <u>DENVER</u>	COUNTY <u>DENVER</u>	STATE <u>CO</u>	ZIP CODE <u>80210</u>
OFFICER TAKING STATEMENT	SERIAL NUMBER	DATE <u>4 20 199</u>	TIME <u>1730</u>	Hours
CONCERNING AN INCIDENT OCCURRING AT <u>COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL</u>		LOCATION WHERE STATEMENT TAKEN <u>LEAWOOD ELM. SCHOOL</u>		

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT

On ABOVE DATE AT APPROX 11:30hrs A CALL WAS AIRCD FOR METRO/SWAT Personnel TO RESPOND TO Colorado <sup>HIGH SCHOOL</sup> ON A HOSTAGE SITUATION WITH SUBJECTS FIRE. During my response I attempted to coordinate METRO/SWAT'S response to the situation. Upon arrival a plan was formulated to use a FIRE TRUCK TO PROVIDE COVER AND MOVE A SWAT TEAM INTO A POSITION TO RESCUE DOWNED STUDENTS. Using THE FIRE TRUCK FOR COVER WE WENT TO THE WESTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL. I OBSERVED THREE KIDS LYING OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL, IT APPEARED THAT THEY WERE ALL UNHARMED. IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE ANY OF THE THREE THAT WERE STILL ALIVE WE PUT TOGETHER A RESCUE TEAM. CAPTAIN DIMANNA, SGT O'SHUA, TION G. LORAY AND I MADE OUR WAY TO THE KIDS. I HAD CRUISED TION LORAY AN SGT O'SHUA TO USE SUPERVISOR FIRE, IF NECESSARY.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts which I have been asked.

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Signature of person making statement

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT (CONT)

TO OBLIVE OUR APPROACH, AT THE SPININGS THE  
 SUSPECTS HAD FIRED FROM. WE MADE OUR WAY TO  
 THE FIRST VICTIM, A YOUNG FEMALE, I PICKED HER  
 UP IN MY ARMS AND BEGAN TO MULE HER. HER  
 HEAD FELL TO THE SIDE AND I NOTICE A BULLET  
 HOLE TO THE SIDE OF HER HEAD. SHE APPEARED DEAD.  
 I TOLD THE CAPTAIN, "SHE'S DEAD", I THEN  
 OBSERVED A SECOND VICTIM, A MALE LAYING A FEW  
 FEET EAST OF THE GIRL. THE MALE WAS MOVING,  
 HIS ARM AND APPEARED ALIVE. I BENT DOWN AND  
 ATTEMPTED TO COMFORT THE STUDENT. HIS EYES WERE OPEN  
 AND HE HAD A BULLET WOUND TO HIS CHEST. HE  
 WAS IN SHOCK. I GRABBED HIM BY THE FEET, YELLED  
 TO THE TEAM, "LET'S GO", AND DROPPED THE STUDENT TO  
 THE FIRE TRUCK. I THEN, WITH THE HELP OF A TIER CO  
 DEPUTY PUT THE STUDENT IN THE REAR SEAT OF A PATROL  
 CAR. ~~THE~~ ~~THE~~ ~~THE~~ ~~THE~~, WHEN I WAS DROPPING  
 THE MALE TO SAFETY I OBSERVED SEVERAL FLASHES TO  
 MY RIGHT AND OBSERVED SGT. CISHA RETURN FIRE. ~~NO~~ Nor  
 KNOWING FOR SURE IF THE FIRST FEMALE WAS DEAD, WE  
 RETURNED IN THE SAME CONFIGURATION TO HER BODY. I  
 PICKED HER UP AND CARRIED HER TO THE FIRE TRUCK, WE  
 THEN ATTEMPTED TO RESCUE A THIRD MALE STUDENT WHO  
 WAS DOWN STAIRS TO THE SOUTH OF THE DOOR.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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 Signature of person making statement

Denver Police Department  
**STATEMENT**

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) <u>FARLOW PATRICK</u>		MAKING STATEMENT IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS	CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
RESIDENCE PHONE ( )	BUSINESS PHONE ( )	SOCIAL SECURITY NO		DATE OF BIRTH / SERIAL NO <u>70011</u>	
BUSINESS STREET ADDRESS <u>550 E ILIAC AVE</u>	CITY <u>Den</u>	COUNTY <u>Den</u>	STATE <u>Co</u>	ZIP CODE <u>80216</u>	
OFFICER TAKING STATEMENT	SERIAL NUMBER	DATE <u>1 1</u>	TIME <u>1736</u> Hours		
CONCERNING AN INCIDENT OCCURRING AT <u>Colerain High School</u>		LOCATION WHERE STATEMENT TAKEN <u>LEAWOOD ALN. SCHOOL</u>			

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT

We made our way to the Building for Ocular. Myself and Captain Dinninger went to the third body. I put my hand on his neck, there was no pulse, his color was blue, he was in a pool of blood, he appeared dead. We left him and returned to the fire truck. It was hard to leave him.

I then assisted Jeff Co. with the search and evacuation of the students.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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Time Statement Completed

LT. F. K. R.  
Signature of person making statement

RAMIREZ, A.  
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Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>Andrew A. [Signature]</i>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
Residence Street Address	City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone	Business Phone <i>877-1988</i>	Social Security No.	Date of Birth / Serial No. <i>8/60/6</i>	
Business Street Address <i>Denver Police Metro/STAT Bureau</i>	City	County	State	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement	Serial No.	Date <i>4-20-99</i>	Time <i>1730</i> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <i>Clanwin H/S</i>		Location where statement taken: <i>Linwood Elementary</i>		

Summary of Statement:

*On 4-20-99 at approx 1210 hours we were called out to respond to Clanwin H/S on a shooting and went into the H/S on a search mission with Sgt Javetta as team leader. We searched and assisted in securing the area. I did not fire my weapon. Some victims were found in the library.*

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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Signature of Person Making Statement





ROMERO, G

JC-001-008465

**First Judicial District**  
**Critical Incident Team**  
Detective Steven Holmes  
Golden Police Department

**JCSO# 99-7625**  
April 21, 1999

### **Supplemental Report**

On April 20, 1999, I was contacted by members of the Critical Incident Team to assist with a possible officer involved shooting at Columbine Highschool, 6201 S. Pierce Street, unincorporated Jefferson County, Colorado. During this incident, I was asked to speak with two officers who stated they fired their duty weapons during the incident. The interviews took place at Leawood Elementary School, 6155 W. Leawood Drive, Littleton, Colorado. The following is a synopsis of the information provided to me by officer Greg Romero and Lt. Terry Manwaring.

### **Greg Romero**

**Denver PD Badge Number 82-67**  
**Weapon: Colt AR-15 A5**  
**Serial Number: LGC-010987**  
**Rounds Fired: Four**

Officer Greg Romero, Denver Police Department, is a 21 year veteran of law enforcement with 18 years at the Denver Police Department, and 3 years with Northglen. Romero is currently assigned to the Denver Gang Unit and works a day shift, Monday through Friday, 1000 hours until 1800 hours. Romero has had formal training in gang related issues. Romero is also a former member of the Denver Police Department SWAT Team, and the Metro Gang Task Force. Romero has had a 40 hour school in the use of the Colt AR-15 and has shot a total of approximately 5000 rounds through this firearm. The above listed Colt AR-15, is assigned to Romero through the department.

Prior to this incident, Romero had been on duty for approximately two hours. He stated he ate the night before at approximately 2000 hours, and had approximately 6.5 hours of sleep. No alcohol was consumed. Before he was dispatched to Columbine Highschool, Romero and his partner attempted to arrest a gang member with an active warrant in the area of Morrison Road and Stuart Street. They were unable to make contact. After attempting to contact the gang member, Romero and his partner sat down to eat breakfast. Romero had a glass of juice before being dispatched to the highschool. He has no medical, personal, or professional problems stated. He also does not wear corrective lenses.

Upon his arrival at Columbine, Romero entered a four-wheel drive vehicle with other police officers. The officers responded to what he believed to be the south west corner of the facility,

near the gymnasium. When exiting the vehicle, Romero noticed approximately 20 to 25 students who were hiding or injured in and around the parking lots of the school. Romero assisted in dragging the parties to cover. Romero stated he was in a position approximately 50 yards from, and above, the parking lot to the west of the school. Members of the Jefferson County SO were in the parking lot, and Romero moved to their location to assist. From this location Romero witnessed two explosions and saw many pipes bombs on the ground. He also saw smoke near what he referred to as the backdoor.

From his location, near a Jeffco patrol car, Romero observed a student lying on the ground near a set of two windows. Romero described the area to be west of the library and cafeteria. Romero approached the student, who he observed to be injured, and began to pull the student away from the building. As he did so, Romero stated that some windows blew out around him. Romero grabbed the student with his left hand, began dragging the student away from the school, and fired four rounds into the lower half of one of the smaller windows in front of him. Romero did not believe that he engaged a suspect. Within seconds of firing his rounds, Romero observed a suspect to the right of his location. He did not engage the suspect upon seeing them.

While on scene, Romero noticed what he believed to be four or five magazines from what he thought was a .45 calibre pistol. He also noticed a black trenchcoat lying on the ground. Romero stayed on scene until he cleared at approximately 1630 hours. No more rounds were fired by Romero.

No further information was provided.

**Lt. Terry Manwaring**

**Jefferson County Sheriff's Office**

**Weapon: Colt AR-15 - A3**

**Serial Number: LBD004810**

**Rounds Fired: two**

Lt. Manwaring had been a deputy for the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) since 1976. He is currently the commander of the Mountain Precinct and the commander of the JCSO SWAT Team. Manwaring works Monday through Friday from 0800 hours until 1700 hours, and is on-call for the SWAT Team 24 hours a day. Manwaring's SWAT training has included SWAT Commander School along with 20 hours a month of in-service SWAT Training. This training focuses on room entries, dynamic entries, methodical searches, explosives, warrant service, and hostage rescue. Manwaring personally owns the AR-15 used in this incident and has fired approximately 200 to 300 rounds with this firearm. He also stated that he had fired approximately 10000 rounds through previous use with the AR-15, MP-5, and HK's.

Manwaring was on his second day of work for the week. He had eaten dinner the night before and consumed one alcoholic beverage. Manwaring said that he had approximately 7 hours and forty-five minutes of sleep the night before and had a bagel, donut, and coffee the morning of April 20, 1999. Manwaring wears corrective lenses, which he wore at the time of the incident, and is having no personal or professional problems. He currently has a hernia, a prostate infection (no medication), and cracked ribs. Manwaring was shot on duty in 1979 and was involved in a shooting sometime in the mid-1980's. The suspect was not hit by his gunfire. He also stated he was on duty at the time of the Mossbrucker incident.

Manwaring was on patrol in the area of Tiny Town when he heard the call for assistance at Columbine Highschool. He did not know what time this occurred. He stated he drove with lights and sirens to Columbine Highschool from Tiny Town in an unknown amount of time. While en route, Manwaring stated he requested the call-out of the JCSO SWAT Team. Upon arrival at the school, Manwaring staged at Leawood and Pierce Streets where he met with members of Littleton SWAT and Denver SWAT. From here, the SWAT personnel on scene decided to utilize a fire truck, for cover, and approach the southwest corner of the complex. The fire truck was driven by SWAT personnel.

Manwaring said the truck drove to the east side of the building, but it is believed that he meant the west side. From here, SWAT personnel separated into two teams, with Manwaring's team going to the doorway to the north of the library, above the parking lots, on the west side of the school. Manwaring stated that they had received information that there were shots being fired in the area of the cafeteria. Upon arrival in the area of the door way, Manwaring observed two juveniles to be laying on the ground to the west of the door. Manwaring stated he believed one

of the children to be alive at the time the officers arrived. It was decided that officers would approach the children and bring them out from the area of the door. Officers approached and Manwaring was asked to provide cover. Manwaring described the door to look like "Swiss cheese" and said it was difficult to see through the glass. As he was covering the officers, he observed a Silhouette move on the inside of the doorway. Manwaring could only describe the figure as a "veiled person". Manwaring said he shot two rounds at the silhouette but could not make any indication as to whether he hit the figure. Manwaring and the others were able to bring the bodies of the two juveniles to the back of the fire truck.

Manwaring explained that he held his position at this doorway for what he believed to be two hours. From there, the SWAT members retreated to coordinate with other SWAT members and obtain diagrams and blueprints of the school. Manwaring's team was later asked to secure the area in and around the cafeteria and library. Manwaring explained that his team breached the glass in this area and was able to remove approximately 60 students. Following this, his team assisted with clearing the school, including the library.

After completing the search of the interior of the building, Manwaring's team conducted a search of the perimeter of the school. Following the search of the perimeter, a meeting with the SWAT team leaders was conducted and a debriefing with Manwaring's supervisors and the Special Agent in Charge of the FBI. Manwaring came to Leawood Elementary following the debriefing. Manwaring stated that he was unable to unload his AR-15 himself. Manwaring had an injury to the fingers on his right hand which I observed. The AR-15 was unloaded by a party named Dave Walcher, and returned to Manwaring.

No further information was provided by Lt. Manwaring.

GR: Officer Greg Romero  
SH: Investigator Steve Holmes

SH: ...Officer Greg Romero reference a officer involved shooting at Columbine Senior High School. Uh, how long have you been with the department?

GR: Been a police officer for twenty-one years. I've been with Denver for sss, eighteen.

SH: Eighteen. Where were you before that?

GR: Northglenn.

SH: What's your current, um assignment?

GR: Current assignment is, uh, uniformed out of the gang unit.

SH: How long you been doing that?

GR: Uh, for about seven years or so.

SH: What kind of specific training do you have?

GR: Oh, you mean in relation, general?

SH: Yeah, just in general.

GR: General, my main area of focus right now and what I'm considered an expert at is gangs.

SH: Gangs.

GR: I've had, uh, been on SWAT team before, uh, I've done a stint with Metro Gang Task Force, was also a mounted officer for a while, I've had, uh, quite a bit of training in handling ??? firearms.

SH: Are you getting a call?

GR: They're gonna have to wait. Go ahead. I'm sorry.

SH: Um, which, uh, shift are you on?

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GR: Uh, days.

SH: Days. Which days of the week do you work?

GR: Monday through Friday. With exceptions on an as needed basis.

SH: You got great gig there.

GR: Oh yeah. Ten to six.

SH: Oh, so you came on a ten o'clock?

GR: Correct.

SH: Ten then. Uh, what, what was the last time you ate, before this incident occurred.

GR: I was sitting down when it came out, so it would have been last night.

SH: Okay. Last night?

GR: Last night.

SH: About what time?

GR: Oh, eight p.m. The only thing I've had today was, uh, a glass of juice.

SH: Okay.

GR: Before the incident.

SH: Have you, uh, drank any alcohol in the last twenty-four hours?

GR: Probably not in the last, I don't think I've drank any this year.

SH: Oh, okay. How much sleep did you get last night?

GR: Um, about seven hours, six and a half, something like that.

SH: So, this incident happened, what time did you get dispatched to this?

GR: I'd have to ask.

SH: Uh, rough estimate.

GR: Whatever time, let me think, it would have been somewhere, I would imagine prior to

noon. I wasn't doing the paperwork, the log sheet today, cause we have partners.

SH: Um hmm.

GR: I was driving. So I wasn't keeping track of the time.

SH: Okay.

GR: Would of been, uh, we come on at ten, went to do a pick up, I would imagine just before noon sometime.

SH: Okay.

GR: I'd have to check to be specific with...

SH: Did you handle any calls prior to this?

GR: We don't handle calls.

SH: No, you just...

GR: All we do is, uh, we cover gang things. What we try to do is pick up the gang member who was living at nine-twenty-one South, what street was that...Stuart. And he, he had moved out, so, he was wanted for robbery.

SH: And you had no contact with him?

GR: No contact and then we went from there to a restaurant and we were sitting down, had just ordered, when the call came up. We were at Morrison and Stuart.

SH: Morrison and Stuart.

GR: Yeah, correct.

SH: You had any work problems or anything recently?

GR: You mean like physical?

SH: Yeah, you know, any problems with your bosses or anything like that.

GR: No, nothing.

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SH: Okay. Any medical problems?



GR: No.

SH: Do you wear glasses or contacts?

GR: No.

SH: What kind of gun do you carry?

GR: Um, my sidearm is a Colt CCO, which is a Combat Commander with an officer's bottom.

SH: Okay. Is that a forty-five?

GR: Forty-five.

SH: Do you know what the serial number is off hand.

GR: No, but I can get it.

SH: Yeah, if you would please.

GR: It's, I'll just let you write it ????. Lincoln, Frank, One, Zero, Zero, Four, Four, Edward.

SH: Okay. Um, but this weapon was not fired.

GR: It was not fired.

SH: Did you fire a different weapon?

GR: I fired a different weapon.

SH: What weapon did you fire?

GR: Uh, AR fifteen, eight two.

SH: Hold one second. AR fifteen, eight two.

GR: Eight two. That's the model number.

SH: Okay.

GR: So it's a two twenty-three caliber.

SH: Two, two, three.

GR: Correct.

SH: Is that the serial number?

GR: That's the serial number.

SH: Lincoln, George, Charles, zero, one, zero, nine, eight, seven.

GR: Correct.

SH: Um, why were you firing that weapon?

GR: At the time, um, we'd. You want me to lead us through it or just...

SH: Um, yeah, actually I'd like, uh, if you could be as specific as possible (inaudible).

GR: Specifically we'd come up to assist on Jeffco and a call for help. We got there to the back along with several other Denver officers and other agency officers.

SH: Let's hold on until that finishes.

GR: I'm sorry.

SH: If you don't mind starting over.

GR: Not at all. Tell me when to start.

SH: Go ahead please.

GR: What point?

SH: Um, basically when you were coming up on the scene.

GR: When we got, um, to the scene, we got out of our patrol car and jumped in a, uh, four wheel drive vehicle that would hold more people. Probably about six Denver officers went around the southwest corner of the high school which is a, adjacent to the, I guess it would be the southwest parking lot, and uh, next to the gym. And in that area as we pulled up we observed, I observed, twenty to twenty-five individuals in various positions that had been shot or were down on the ground hiding. Uh, probably more than that, uh, there's a, uh, equipment shed close to the football, up there, and there was probably about eight or nine of them that. One was, kind, the first one I came in contact with was the young man who was out in the open. He wasn't able to move, so, another officer and myself grabbed one of his pant legs and drug him to a position of cover behind the

building.

SH: Okay.

GR: Then, as we got all those, the initial, let's say eight to nine of `em in a position of cover behind the, the equipment shed, we looked toward the building itself and we could see some officers down in the parking lot, uh, Jeffco deputy and another officer which I found out later was the school resource officer. He wasn't wearing a uniform.

SH: Okay.

GR: But he did have a shirt that said police on it.

SH: You observed them in that parking lot?

GR: Correct. They were down below. So I was up above.

SH: Okay.

GR: Probably about, oh, maybe fifty yards from `em.

SH: Okay.

GR: And they were back behind cars and, uh, I couldn't hear what they said but they were pointing up toward the top of the building and then we could see a bunch more people up there who had been injured, which would be an area directly, probably west, most west, from what they call, um, the teachers conference area.

SH: Um hmm.

GR: And, uh, the lunchroom area is on the main floor. Then the next floor up is, I guess, the library.

SH: Okay.

GR: As we were, uh, there's more people to help, so I had run up to a Jeffco car that was in the middle. He was down behind the car yelling that he needed some help and more people up there so we drug a couple more people that were out in the open behind his car.

SH: Okay.

GR: And I know there were five or six; could have been more, you know, but just, I can only think of the ones I was actually grabbing.

SH: Okay.

GR: And I was more as a, functioning as a cover officer because of the fact I had a long weapon instead of my sidearm up.

SH: Was that, was that weapon assigned to you?

GR: Yes.

SH: Okay. Do you carry it in your patrol...

GR: I carry it every day.

SH: Do you carry it in your patrol car with you?

GR: Correct. Before I got to carry it, I had to go through a forty hour school to certify that you were capable of carrying it.

SH: How many times do you think you've fired the weapon?

GR: Since the school?

SH: Yeah.

GR: Cause I haven't had the weapon that long, probably, I've probably put five thousand rounds through it.

SH: Five thousand rounds?

GR: Right. But I mean I only fired it, uh, in that five thousand rounds, let's say, on different incidences, not times, I'd say probably four times.

SH: Okay.

GR: But I shoot quite a bit.

SH: How many rounds do you think you expended today?

GR: Four.

SH: Four. Do you know that for sure?

GR: Yeah. I thought three initially.

SH: Okay.

GR: But once everything settled down and the scene was secure I went up and stood by where it was and counted four spent casings.

SH: Were you the only one who had an AR-fifteen there?

GR: Correct. And it was just in the immediate area where I was standing, you could see my, my footprints and some dried marks where I'd been standing cause I was pulling a, a young man out of the way when I shot.

SH: You were pulling a man?

GR: Yeah. What happened was, uh, I was taking a cover position so I was watching up...

SH: Okay.

GR: Above us and at the main level while other officers were trying to move people. As that was going on, uh, a smoke bomb or something ignited above me, above this flight of stairs so I was like mid-way between the two floors.

SH: So you were actually in the building?

GR: Outside.

SH: Outside.

GR: Never went in the building.

SH: Stairs going up towards the building.

GR: Towards the back door to the, uh, I guess you could get to the gymnasium area. I didn't go in the high school so I can't tell you what it's like.

SH: Okay. I, that's where I was just a little confused. You know, you said going up the stairs so there's a set of stairs going up the back on the south side.

GR: Correct. Well, when we first came up in the area the storage shed is in...

SH: Okay.

GR: It's probably twenty-five to thirty feet higher in elevation than the lower parking lot.

SH: Okay.

GR: Uh, Jeffco deputies were down in the lower parking lot. A lot of the injured people were on multiple levels.

SH: Okay.

GR: Because there's a hill there. And, uh, as we were coming in you could see, once we saw the explosions down, I noticed two pipe bombs that hadn't exploded. So we had to be careful about that.

SH: How many explosions did you see?

GR: I only actually heard like maybe two and, uh...

SH: You said there was a smoke bomb?

GR: Well, it had to be either a dud or smoke bomb up by the back door on the upper level. So I was below that so I can't see what it was but I saw the smoke (inaudible).

SH: Okay. Um.

GR: About the time we're moving people out and I'm just standing there covering people and helping as best I can, uh, we hear some gunfire start shooting, start going off. And about the same time right in front of the window where I was standing, there was a young man laying down. He'd been shot. As that was going on, the window blew out. Now whether it was from an explosion or whether it was gunfire coming out, I don't know. And that would be I guess the ????. There are two windows in the actual concrete portion on the lower level.

SH: Okay.

GR: And then there's a, there's a series of probably fifty windows around the cafeteria. So, when I looked in those windows after, it's a separate room. And it, it's like a teachers lounge or something to that effect, off the side of the cafeteria.

SH: Okay.

GR: Well, that window came out, he was right in front of it. I grabbed him. As I'm pulling hi away and the window was coming out, I put what I thought was three rounds of basically suppression fire down toward the lower part of the window, not up.

SH: Okay.

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GR: And then, uh, but in the window. And what ended up happening was I pulled him out of the way and we got him out of there and in the meantime, there's more gunfire going on cause there's several officers behind me shooting.

SH: Okay.

GR: And I feel there's bullets whizzing out the other way cause I hear 'em. I was right below the windows. Right in front of where the shots are coming out, I'm standing right there.

SH: Okay.

GR: So, uh, got him out of the way and up against the building between a series of windows. So we're in a, a well protected area. The only way somebody could have shot us then once I got him out of the way was if they actually put their body outside a window.

SH: Okay.

GR: So, once everything settled down and, uh, there was no more gunfire, we were able to get the rest of the people out.

SH: Did you actually see a suspect?

GR: Only briefly up, up above.

SH: Okay.

GR: I just caught a glimpse of him and I never got target acquisition on him.

SH: Okay. In reference to where you were firing through the window or at the window, did you see a suspect in there?

GR: No.

SH: Or was he in a different location?

GR: He was, there could have been one in the lower level.

SH: Okay.

GR: Because glass was coming out.

SH: Okay.

GR: That much I could observe.

SH: Okay.

GR: And that would have been around down just below where I was, well, probably an elevation of only a couple feet. And glass was coming from the upper level too, which would be the library.

SH: Okay.

GR: And so the lower level was the cafeteria. There were, um, some kind of an alarm going off too, we could hear that, after the explosion.

SH: Let's hold on one second. Okay, I'm sorry.

GR: Once, once, uh, like I said, as I'm pulling the young man back, is, I just took a one handed shot and it was pointed in a downward, more as a suppression thing. Honestly, I felt they could have been coming out at us because the glass came out to us.

SH: Okay.

GR: Now what brought it out, where it was an explosion or gunfire, I don't know.

SH: Okay.

GR: And, and the glass was gone so I couldn't really tell you.

SH: But you did not see a suspect in there?

GR: Correct.

SH: Okay.

GR: Uh, where I saw the suspect is slightly to the right of that. Okay.

SH: Was this at the same time?

GR: Not simultaneous, you know, it, it's just before or just after.

SH: Okay.

GR: Okay.



SH: So a rough estimate of time (inaudible).

GR: I mean, basically within seconds.

SH: Okay.

GR: And, uh, basically what I'm doing is ducking and pulling. Cause you know, I, I'm just, all I did was grab the kid's clothes and drag.

SH: Okay.

GR: And then someone else came up and took him from me and I just held my position on one knee looking at the windows above us and the windows, uh, just to the right of us. I couldn't see around the building because there's a curvature there.

SH: Would you mind drawing me a diagram (inaudible).

GR: No, sure. Um, what part do you want?

SH: Um, basically where you were and which area of the building you were on and where you were, um, in reference to where you drug the party out and then fired. I know it's gonna be a little difficult cause it's a big school, but.

GR: You know, what I'm gonna have to do is do it instead of looking down at it like you typically would. Let's do it that way cause it's easier...

SH: Oh, okay.

GR: ...visualize the steps.

SH: Okay.

GR: What you have is a set of doors, probably double doors.

SH: Okay.

GR: Up above.

SH: Okay.

GR: And that goes into the gym area.

SH: Okay.

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- GR: K? And then you've got like a little courtyard area with a sidewalk and it runs along the building.
- SH: Okay.
- GR: And then there's like a fence I think. Now this isn't the best drawing obviously. And it's chain link.
- SH: Okay.
- GR: K? And there's a sidewalk. Gunfire had been, originally we got here, gunfire had come from up here.
- SH: Okay.
- GR: Then there's a door in here that while we were coming running up flew open and it stayed open. And smoke, an explosion of smoke came out of here.
- SH: Okay. Can you draw the smoke in there? Just so I can make a reference.
- GR: Okay. Then you've got a little courtyard area here and one thing I remember about here is I noticed as I was running down before the shooting, I noticed like four, three or four magazines that had been eject, used up.
- SH: Okay.
- GR: Uh, maybe forty-five or something like that. They looked, uh, maybe like a Smith and Wesson.
- SH: Okay.
- GR: And also I noticed a black trench coat.
- SH: Okay.
- GR: That was right there.
- SH: Okay.
- GR: And that was right, the trench coat was sitting somewhere here, right by fence. Now it could have been on either side or partly both and, and you gotta realize there's probably, if there's one, uh, book bag, knapsack type thing, there's probably thirty or forty.

SH: Okay.

GR: They're everywhere.

SH: Okay.

GR: One thing that really struck out was the black trench coat and it was more like a, like an Australian outback coat.

SH: Okay.

GR: Have you seen those?

SH: Yeah, I know what you're talking about.

GR: Yeah. Real dark black, looked like an oil skin.

SH: Okay.

GR: And, uh, that was right around the magazines that were expended.

SH: Okay.

GR: Okay? And there was a lot of, and there were bullet holes in the windows and glass right by it.

SH: Okay.

GR: Right above it. So there's like a window right in here and there's holes in it so there'd been a fire fight right there.

SH: Okay.

GR: Okay, that was the impression I got when I came in. Uh, then there's a set of steps that go down, there's like a little area like this, then there's a set of steps that run diagonally.

SH: Okay. Now, we're looking to the north from the south side of the building, is that correct?

GR: Probably southwest.

SH: Southwest?

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GR: And you're looking, uh, up against the brick.

SH: Okay.

GR: K? Then you've got, uh, the different levels, you've got like one level that runs like this and then it curves around like that and there's windows in there. This, I guess, is where the library is.

SH: Okay.

GR: K? And then, uh, there's I think some more windows up here. The level that I had more dealings with, cause I couldn't see around here. I was right in this area here.

SH: Okay.

GR: And, uh, there's two windows. One like this, one like this. The young man that was down on the ground was right here in this area.

SH: Okay.

GR: And, uh, as I'm pulling him, and the gunfire starts and people are yelling, there's somebody in the window, this is where I shot to, right here.

SH: Okay.

GR: And, uh, this window for lack of a better way blew out. As it turned out both windows ended up being blown out. Then you got another set of windows that runs on the other level and this is I guess the cafeteria.

SH: (Inaudible.)

GR: There's a doorway between here and here.

SH: Okay.

GR: And right in this area I'd be standing right about here and like I said, I went back there afterwards and I saw the four casings.

SH: Okay.

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GR: From my weapon.

SH: Okay.

GR: And you can see the drag mark...

SH: Where you...

GR: From where I'd slipped standing and pulled up trying to get somebody...

SH: Okay.

GR: And then, uh, that's the area. So my, my shooting was directed into the lower level.

SH: Okay.

GR: Now, uh, after that I took a position where I could, uh, went back out to the parking lot out here by the Jeffco deputy and took a position behind one of the cars to watch the windows above while more people were pulled out.

SH: In a cover capacity?

GR: Correct.

SH: Did you fire your weapon anymore?

GR: No. The only time I fired was right here and that was when glass blew out and I'm pulling the kid out.

SH: Okay, okay.

GR: And then that's it.

SH: Okay.

GR: It's pretty, pretty, uh, terrible.

SH: This'll actually give me an understanding because I will probably need to go over and look at the scene and I will have a better understanding based on this of...

GR: Yeah, and, and, uh, the only other thing I can tell you is, of course these are all windows. And I stayed on that assignment until the building was clear. So I was on the inner perimeter but I never went in the building.

SH: Okay. What time did you clear the scene?

GR: I never officially cleared it.

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SH: You were just told...

GR: On dispatch. We were just told to leave probably around, and it's an estimate, probably four-thirty.

SH: Okay.

GR: As soon as I left, went and got the car, came straight here.

SH: Okay. Probably all I need.

GR: K.

SH: I appreciate it Officer Romero.

GR: No problem. I hope it was, uh, complete enough.

SH: Well, I'm sure it was.

ROUNDTREE, W.  
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### Denver Police Department STATEMENT

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>Richard E. Willis</u>		Making Statement as: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone	Business Phone <u>2718888</u>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>80035</u>	
Business Street Address <u>550 E. 21st Ave</u>		City <u>Denver</u>	County <u>11</u>	State <u>Colo</u>	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date <u>4-20-99</u>	Time <u>12:00 pm</u> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>Columbine High School</u>			Location where statement taken: <u>Leewood 2 July 91</u>		

Summary of Statement:

On this date I received a call to assist DPO officers and SWAT on a shooting at Columbine High School. Upon arrival, assisted SWAT team members under the direction of Capt. Dimunan, Lt. Phelan and Vessa Sgt's Tucavetta, Lewis, Penn and Organ. We then did a systematic search of the first floor area, searching for wounded parties and suspects from South to North. All areas were clear. At no time did I discharge my weapons.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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Sewald, J.

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**Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT**

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>SEWALL, J. E.</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address	City	County	State	Zip Code	
Residence Phone ( )	Business Phone ( )	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>90-27</u>	
Business Street Address <u>550 E. ILL. ST.</u>	City <u>Denver</u>	County <u>Denver</u>	State <u>CO</u>	Zip Code <u>80210</u>	
Officer Taking Statement	Serial No.	Date <u>04-20-94</u>	Time <u>1730</u>	Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>Columbine High School</u>			Location where statement taken: <u>East Leonard Leonard Elementary</u>		

Summary of Statement:

on this date I responded with my partner - K. Padgett to a shooting at Columbine High School. upon arrival we were instructed to form several teams to search the building for suspects & hostages. we searched several floors and rooms encountering numerous victims that were hiding and several that were dead. upon entering and searching the library area we confronted the suspects down by apparent self inflicted gun shot wounds. At no time did I have to fire my weapon. Our team was able to get about 70-100 people out of the building. we then re-checked the building to secure it for the investigators. I was made aware of the incident from the T.V. then by my Police Radio.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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SHELL, A.

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Denver Police Department  
**STATEMENT**

(Last, First, Middle Initial) <u>HELL HEVIN</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone	Business Phone	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>95011</u>	
Business Street Address <u>1605 S UNIVERSITY BLVD</u>		City <u>DENVER</u>	County <u>DENVER</u>	State <u>CO</u>	Zip Code <u>80210</u>
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date <u>4-20-99</u>	Time <u>1710</u>	Hours
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL</u>			Location where statement taken: <u>LEAHWOOD / 741 ST</u>		

Summary of Statement:


on 4-20-99, I responded to Columbine High School as a member of the Denver Police SWAT team. I heard on the radio that shots had been fired and students had been shot.

I responded as part of a four man team which provided cover and assisted in the evacuation of students who were trapped or were trapped. I then assisted Denver Paramedics who responded inside the library by providing cover. Inside the library were several students who had been shot and killed.

I then assisted in completing a double check for Denver SWAT's area of responsibility.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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SMITH, J.

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Denver Police Department  
**STATEMENT**

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) <u>SMITH JAMES R</u>			MAKING STATEMENT IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS		CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE
RESIDENCE PHONE ( )	BUSINESS PHONE <u>(303) 871-8888</u>	SOCIAL SECURITY NO		DATE OF BIRTH / SERIAL NO <u>86044</u>	
BUSINESS STREET ADDRESS <u>METRO SWAT BUREAU 550 E. 11<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE</u>		CITY <u>DEN</u>	COUNTY <u>DEN</u>	STATE <u>CO</u>	ZIP CODE <u>80210</u>
OFFICER TAKING STATEMENT		SERIAL NUMBER	DATE <u>04/20/99</u>	TIME <u>1720</u>	Hours
CONCERNING AN INCIDENT OCCURRING AT <u>COLUMBINE H.S</u>			LOCATION WHERE STATEMENT TAKEN <u>LEAWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL</u>		

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT

ON 4/20/99 AT ABOUT 11:30 HOURS I RESPONDED TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL ON A MULTIPLE SHOOTING. UPON ARRIVAL I WAS DIRECTED TO BE ON AN ENTRY TEAM CONSISTING OF DENVER AND JEFFERSON COUNTY SWAT OFFICERS. WE APPROACHED THE EAST SIDE OF SCHOOL WITH A FIRE TRUCK AS COVER. UPON ENTERING THE SCHOOL WE BEGAN SEARCHING ROOMS FROM THE SOUTH/EAST AND SYSTEMATICALLY NORTH AND WEST. WE FOUND THREE FEMALE EMPLOYEES HIDING IN THE SCHOOL'S OFFICE. THEY WERE EVACUATED AND WE CONTINUED SEARCHING. WE MADE OUR WAY TO THE LIBRARY WHERE WE FOUND NUMEROUS BODIES DOA AND A COUPLE OF INJURED.

WE FOUND WHAT WE BELIEVED TO BE THE SUSPECTS ALSO. AFTER THAT WE RE-SEARCHED THE FIRST LEVEL FOR ANY REMAINING PEOPLE.

WE WERE THEN DIRECTED TO LEAWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR STATEMENTS.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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Signature of James R Smith 86044

VESSA, F.

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**Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT**

Name (Last, First, Middle initial) <u>SSA FRANK J. 90002</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
Residence Street Address [REDACTED]	City <u>DENVER</u>	County <u>DENVER</u>	State <u>CO</u>	Zip Code <u>80210</u>
Residence Phone [REDACTED]	Business Phone <u>(303) 640-9523</u>	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. <u>90002</u>
Business Street Address <u>ASTRO SUAT</u>	City	County	State	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement	Serial No.	Date <u>04-20-99</u>	Time <u>1720</u> Hours	
Concerning an incident occurring at: <u>COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL</u>		Location where statement taken: <u>LEWIS &amp; JAY</u>		

Summary of Statement:

ON THIS DATE AT APPROX 1230 HRS I WAS CALLED TO RESPOND TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL ON A SHOOTING INCIDENT. UPON ARRIVAL I WAS DIRECTED BY DETECTIVE [REDACTED] TO ENTER DOORS ON THE SOUTH EAST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL. ONCE INSIDE WE STARTED CLEARING ROOMS AND HALLWAYS WORKING NORTH AND THEN WEST. AT THE END OF THE SEARCH I ENDED UP [REDACTED] THE LIBRARY WITH OTHER SUAT TEAM MEMBERS. WE THEN WENT TO THE SOUTH WEST CORNER OF THE SCHOOL AND RE-CHECKED THAT AREA FOR MORE VICTIMS AND ANY MORE POSSIBLE SUSPECTS.

*I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.*

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Signature of Person Making Statement





VESSA, F. LT.

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**Denver Police Department  
STATEMENT**

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) <i>355A Frank J. Wto</i>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address <i>Metro / SWAT</i>		City <i>Denver</i>	County <i>Co.</i>	State <i>Co.</i>	Zip Code
Residence Phone ( )	Business Phone ( )	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No.	
Business Street Address <i>871-8868</i>		City <i>Denver</i>	County <i>Co.</i>	State	Zip Code
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date	Time	Hours
Concerning an incident occurring at:			Location where statement taken:		

Summary of Statement:

*ON 4-20-99, I responded to a hostage barricade situation at Columbine H.S. I was directed to the N.W. side of the building (school). I hooked up with Metro One (Pi Maurra) and assisted in the coordination of the building clearance and rescue operation. As students and teachers were rescued from the school we directed them to an area of safety where they were debriefed and identified.*

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I do not maintain that it contains all of the facts or details of the incident, but only those facts about which I have been asked.

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