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SMITH, JAMES (LT.)

JC-001-008304
Boulder County Sheriff's Department - SWAT
After Action Report
Columbine School Shooting - April 20, 1999

Date of Report: April 29, 1999

Nature of Report: Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at about 1600 hours the Boulder County SWAT Team was asked to respond to the Columbine High School in Jefferson County, Colorado. We were asked to help numerous Denver metro agency SWAT Teams in containing a shooting that occurred at the school. The Sheriff Department's team is made up of sheriffs' deputies and police officers from the Lafayette and Erie Police Departments, volunteer medics, and special services techs.

Team members who responded were Captain Tom Shomaker, Lieutenant Jim Smith, Sergeants Jeff Hendry, Tom Sloan, Pat Haugse, Rick Brough, Dan Barber, Mike Dimond, Tom McGrath, Dwight Hill, Guy Coshall (Erie PD), Detectives Brian Lindsey, Tim Lynch, Officers Jon Shiels, Gardner Mendenhall (Lafayette PD). Paramedics John Michael, and Harvey ???? ,and Special Service Tech Jim Andrews.

Details: Captain Shomaker reported to the Command Post at 1745 hours. The team was asked to get ready to deploy. We were asked be prepared to enter the school, and search a designated area. We were to search for additional suspects, injured or hiding students, and to log the location of any fatalities and ordinance. The team was ready to deploy, and moved to a staging area on the north west side of the school at about 1830 hours. We were held at that location for several hours due to the discovery of many unexploded ordinance that was being found in and around the school building.

After several hours we returned to the original staging area and waited there until the school was determined safe to enter. We returned to the forward staging area and made entry into the school at 2330 hours. Before making entry we overheard radio traffic that four or five persons in uniform had made an unescorted entry through the east entry door. Several minutes later we observed four people walk out of a door on the north west side of the school. All four were wearing jump suits with ATP markings. We were asked to contact the individuals and find out whom they were and what they were doing. Captain Shomaker and I approached them. Capt. Shomaker found out that the four were asked to meet a SWAT Team to help in searching for unexploded bombs. The command post asked us to direct the individuals out of the school building and to the north east corner.

We were asked to search the cafeteria or Commons area, and an adjacent block of class rooms. We were to work with the Boulder Police Department SWAT Team. They had the responsibility for searching the kitchen and auditorium. We were then to join teams and meet at an assembly point on the second floor of the school. Assigned to our team was an EOD expert, who was a deputy with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, and a team to operate an infrared device from DEA. One DEA agent was identified as Larry Giliotti. I did not get the identity of the
other DEA Agent or the Jeffco Deputy.

My primary role was to document and log the information requested. Upon our approach to the school building I saw a black plastic bag, lying on the ground by the west entry door, on the upper or second story level. I had been told that the plastic bag was covering a body at that location. We decided to enter the Commons area through a door in the northwest corner of the area. This was through a door next to the kitchen. Upon approaching this area, walking down a set of concrete steps, I noticed the covered body of what was a young male. He was covered by a sheet or blanket. I marked the location of this body on a photo copy of the floor plan of the school.

After entering the building the team worked along the inside west exterior wall to the south east corner of the Commons area. The team leader asked the EOD expert to advance to his location to look at a suspected explosive device. The officer checked the device and figured out that it had already been detonated.

As I advanced through the Commons area I looked for any fallen victims, devices or other evidence. I first located what seemed a partially detonated device consisting of a 10 lb. propane bottle, similar to the type found on gas powered charcoal grills, surrounded by several 1 gallon plastic bottles. Lying next to this was a large faced clock that may be a timing device. This entire device was inside a backpack or bag. The bag, surrounding chairs, tables and backpacks had all sustained fire damage. In addition the ceiling tiles directly above this device appeared to have been burned by fire. The floor was covered by water that apparently came from the fire sprinkler system. This device was located on the north side of the Commons, about half way into the room itself.

I observed three other areas in the Commons area that looked to be damaged by explosive devices. These were best identified by a characteristic double fan burn pattern on the floor, showing where the device had detonated. One was located on the east side of the Commons at the far edge of the tables and chairs, about half way into the room. Another was located next to some tables on the south east side of the room. Another was in the hall way coming from the Commons area into the block of class rooms.

This device left several pieces of debris and shrapnel. One was a partially intact metal cylinder that had pierced the drywall of the hall, and come to rest inside a computer lab. The classroom where this was found is located on the left or east side of the first hallway east of the Commons area. The classroom is on the corner of the main east/west hallway and the first north/south hallway. I observed what might be a metal end cap laying next to the computer lab, in the east/west hallway. I also observed a piece of deformed metal laying on the floor at the far east end of this east/west hallway.

The final area I saw damaged by explosives was on the first landing on the main stairs from the Commons area to the second floor. This area was next to the wall and exhibited the same double fan burn pattern on the floor that was the same as all the others.
As the tactical team would clear hallways and rooms, the DEA infrared team would follow, checking the walls and ceilings for any indication of anyone hiding. As the team would clear the rooms, a team leader would note the date, time and team that had cleared the area.

After completing our area of responsibility, we again joined with the SWAT Team of the Boulder Police Department. We joined with them in the auditorium. After joining with them we moved to the second floor, where we met with other search teams if we were needed. At the assembly point, on the second floor near the library, we learned that the entire school had been searched, and we cleared the building through the east doors.

We attended a debriefing with all the search teams. At the debriefing I gave my hand written notes on our search to investigators with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. After the debriefing the team cleared the scene.

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Memorandum May 4, 1999

To: Sgt. Warren, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department

From: Capt. Tom Shomaker

Ref: Columbine School - Mutual Aid

The information you requested regarding the identity of the officers and actions of our SWAT team at Columbine School on April 20, 1999, is contained within the report faxed with this memo.

If I can be of any further assistance please contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas L. Shomaker
303-441-3654
## Denver Police Department

**Report of Use of Force**

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**Suspect**

- **Name**: Harry Bloodworth
- **DOB**: N/A
- **Sex**: Male
- **Race**: Black
- **Address**: N/A

**Weapon Used**

- **Type of Weapon**: 12-gauge shotgun

**Level of Resistance**

- **How Used**: None

**Suspect Who Contacted**

- **Supervisor**: N/A

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### Witnesses

- **Business Address**: N/A
- **Business Phone**: N/A
- **Supervisor Who Contacted**: N/A
- **Statement?**: No

### Miscellaneous Section

- **Detective/Bureau Assigned**: N/A
- **Chemical Agent Effective?**: No
- **Off-Duty Incident**: Yes

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### Physical Action

- **INJURY**: None
- **WEAPON USED**: 12-gauge shotgun
- **TYPE OF FORCE**: Police Involved Shooting

### Suspect Impairment

- **Level of Force**: 0
- **Suspect Resisted**: No
- **Passive Resistance**: None
- **Physical Resistance**: None
- **Defensive Action**: None
- **Counterside Force**: None
- **Harms Involved**: None
- **Other (Specify)**: None

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**FOURTH AMENDMENT**

- **Search Warrant**: N/A
- **Probable Cause**: N/A

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**Inquest**

- **Cause of Death**: N/A
- **Accompanied by Doctor**: N/A
- **Witnesses Present**: N/A
- **Other Reports**: Yes

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**Date**: June 12, 1989

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**Case Number**: 1201-008311

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Interviews With TACT Team Members Who Discharged Weapon:

Jim Vonderhine - Arvada P.D. - Interviewed: Henry Bloodworth

Denver SWAT
Steyer Universal Rifle .50
#: 132132

Fired 34 Rounds

P.J. Doyle - Jefferson D.A. - Interviewed: SGT. Dan O'Shea

Denver SWAT
HK MP5 9mm Sub
#: 6235036
Fired 4-5 Rds

E. Holmes - West Metro - Interviewed: Greg Romero

DPD SWAT
Colt AR15
#: LGC06155 LGC017987
Fired 2 Rds.

Greg Rehbein - Lakewood P.D. - Interviewed: George Grey

DPD SWAT
MP5 HK 9mm
#: C325873
Fired 89 Rds

John Pickett - Wheatridge P.D. - Interviewed: Tom O'Neil

DPD SWAT
Clock 21
#: APO864

Memo: JEFFCO S.O. has this weapon

secured weapon w/ JEFFCO unk if fire made contact

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7. JIM VONDOHR - ARVADA P.D. - INTERVIEW: JAMES MONEGHIAN
   DENVER P.D. SWAT
   AR 15 Colt
   2 LGC 208 & 584
   2 rounds

3. JOHN LAUCK - JEFFCO D.A. - INTERVIEW: DON KRAMMER
   LAKESWOOD P.D.
   FIRE GUN
   FIRE BREAK ROUND ONLY

7. KEVIN ARMSTRONG - WHEAT RIDGE - INTERVIEW: PAUL SMOLICE
   JEFFCO S.D.
   SECURED WEAPON W/ JEFFCO

1. RUS BOSTWIGHT - ARVADA P.D. - INTERVIEW: NEIL GARDNER
   JEFFCO S.O.
   SECURED WEAPON W/ JEFFCO

1. GREG NEIL - JEFFCO D.A. INTERVIEW: KEVIN WALKER
   JEFFCO S.O.
   UNK WEAPON

2. STEVE HOLMES - WEST METRO INTERVIEW: TERRY MALWONE
   JEFFCO
   SECURED WEAPON

JC-001-008315
The following interview is being conducted at Leawood Elementary School in Littleton, Colorado on April 20, 1999 with the time being approximately 1650 hours. During this interview Detective Jim Vonderohe will be interviewing Denver Officer Harry Henry Bloodworth Jr. who is a member of the Denver Metro SWAT Team, day shift, badge number 7832, D-O-B of 4/9/51. Detective Vonderohe is with the Arvada Police Department Critical Incident Team, also known as the Shoot Team. This is in reference to the mass shooting at Columbine High School that occurred on this date.

Henry, when did you start with Denver P.D.?

HB: Uh, nineteen seventy eight. September of seventy eight.

JV: And did you have any prior experience with any other department?

HB: I worked for the Sheridan Police Department for a year and a half before that.

JV: Okay. And what is your current shift assignment and how long have you been on that assignment?

HB: Um, I'm in the Metro SWAT Bureau and I've worked day shift, which is ten to six, and I've been in the SWAT unit for twelve years.

JV: Okay. What have your assignments been since you've been with Denver P.D.?

HB: Uh, I worked in district two which is northeast Denver and I worked a number, variety of cars and then, uh, I spent nine years out there and about the last three I walked five points before I went to, uh, Metro SWAT.

JV: Okay. Could you tell me what specific training you've received for your current assignment, especially with SWAT.

HB: Uh, we train constantly, not only in firearms but in tactics and uh, oh.

JV: Have you been sent to any out of states schools or.

HB: I've never been to an out of state school. I've been to some in state schools and then, uh, mainly, uh, just our training we do, in house.
JV: Is the training conducted not only by Denver personnel, but FBI, or Secret Service or.

HB: We've done some Secret Service and FBI and different agencies and then we've had, uh, people come in from different parts of the country.

JV: Okay So there's continuous training going on.

HB: Yes sir

JV: Okay. As far as your work days, is this your first day on, or second, or last.

HB: This is my, uh, first day on. Cause I had Sunday, Monday off. Then I started back Tuesday today.

JV: So this is your Tuesday?

HB: Uh, uh, this is my first day back. It's actually my Monday.

JV: Monday. Okay.

HB: It's Tuesday today.

JV: And do you work four/tens, or five/eights?

HB: Uh, five/eights.

JV: Five/eights. When was the last time you ate today before this incident? Before you were called out on it.

HB: Directly before the call come out. We were sittin' eatin' when, uh, we, we heard a friend of mine being called an emergency on channel four. His son goes to that school. I told my partner about it and he called District 4 and asked what it was and then he, they told us to call Jeffco and, uh, they told us what was going on and Jeffco did, and my partner, uh, Tom O'Neil, he's a dog man, he asked if they needed any assistance and they said yes and we notified our command and we all started coming out here.

JV: Okay Uh, where were you eating at?

HB Leyden and uh, uh, Evans.

JV: A restaurant?
HB: Uh, yeah, it's a Breakfast King.

JV: Okay. What time was that?

HB: Oh...

JV: Approximately.

HB: It was about eleven o'clock.

JV: Okay. And what did you have to eat and drink?

HB: Uh, I had, uh, uh, water and uh, corned beef and cabbage and uh, chicken noodle soup.

JV: What a combination, okay. Have you consumed any alcohol in the last twenty-four hours before the shooting call (inaudible).

HB: Uh, I had some alcohol yesterday on my day off, but I don't think it was uh, I probably went to bed at ten o'clock so, no.

JV: Okay. What did you drink yesterday and what time?

HB: At home and I was drinking from, uh, five in the afternoon to about nine, I was playing pool.

JV: At your home?

HB: Um hmm.

JV: Okay. What were you drinking?

HB: Budweiser.

JV: And, uh, approximately how much did you have to drink?

HB: Oh, six pack.

JV: Okay. And then you went to bed around ten o'clock last night.

HB: Yes sir.

JV: And got up what time this morning?
HB: Uh, at eight.

JV: Okay. How did you feel this morning when you got up?

HB: Good.

JV: Good. Have you taken any drugs, prescription or otherwise, in the last twenty-four hours?

HB: No sir.

JV: Are you taking any drugs normally?

HB: I take that back. I took two aspirin this morning because I am starting to get a head cold but besides that, no.

JV: Okay. Otherwise, you're not on any prescription drugs?

HB: No sir.

JV: Before coming on shift this morning, then you slept from, uh ten until six.

HB: Eight

JV: Eight. So you got ten hours sleep

HB: Yes sir.

JV: Good sleep?

HB: Uh, yeah.

JV: Okay.

HB: I was tired.

JV: Okay. What time did you start your shift this morning?

HB: Uh, we start at ten.

JV: Ten. So you were on just an hour before this call out.
HB: Yes sir.

JV: Okay. Regarding your history of being on the SWAT team and otherwise, what type of calls have you, uh, handled prior to this incident today as far as any traumatic calls?

HB: Well, I've been involved in a lot of traumatic calls in twelve years, so. The last one was the Vanderjagt shooting. I was there when that went, happened. I didn't fire any rounds at that.

JV: Um hmm.

HB: And, uh, numerous call outs that we've had, situations we handle. I couldn't list them all cause they tend to blend together after a while.

JV: Have you personally fired before?

HB: Yes sir.

JV: How many times?

HB: Uh, I fired before I got on, we were involved, I was involved in a shooting and I think it was, uh, I know it was April 6th, I don't remember what year. And then, uh.

JV: That was just on regular patrol duty?

HB: Yes sir.

JV: Okay.

HB: And then, uh.

JV: You shot somebody?

HB: Yes sir. It was, they pulled a gun on us and we shot him. And then, uh, I shot a guy on an Arapahoe County call out with some rubber pellets. He ended up killing himself with a handgun.

JV: And, uh, all of shootings you have been personally involved in have been, uh, declared legally righteous?

HB: Yes sir.
JV: As far as D.A.'s findings.

HB: Yes sir.

JV: Okay. Have any of these incidents affected you personally, as an officer or as a human being?

HB: Well, I think they all affect you personally.

JV: Okay, but more than as far as maybe going over the boundary line and affecting your judgement or, uh.

HB: No sir, just, it's something you have to do. But I mean, you don't look forward to doing it ever.

JV: Have you experienced any recent family problems?

HB: No, I've been married twenty-nine years in June.

JV: Okay.

HB: I have two kids and a wife and we get along pretty good.

JV: Okay. Your kids are through school?

HB: Oh yeah. My daughter's twenty-seven, my son will be twenty-three.

JV: Have you recently experienced any work related problems?

HB: Uh, no sir.

JV: Okay. No discipline or anything, or reprimands or.

HB: No sir.

JV: Anything like that. On the other hand. any good, uh, accolades or.

HB: Uh, not that came to mind.

JV: Just steady as she goes then.

HB: Yes sir.
JV: Okay. You've got sunglasses on right now. Did you have them on, uh, during this incident?

HB: I had them on and then I took them off, stuck in my pocket and I, I just turned to put them on and I.

JV: Okay. Do you normally wear prescription glasses or contacts?

HB: No sir.

JV: Your eye sight is twenty/twenty? Do you know?

HB: I believe so.

JV: Okay.

HB: I don't read as good as I used to but besides that I'm alright.

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

HB: No sir.

JV: You're in good health, then?

HB: I hope so, but you never know.

JV: Yeah, I know. Were there any physical conditions, like say the weather or something or another that, uh, affected this entire situation that you were involved in this afternoon or today?

HB: No, actually, it was a beautiful day. Too bad it had to happen.

JV: And, uh, regarding any, um, um, force that you used, deadly physical force or anything, it was all inside the school building? Columbine High School.

HB: I wasn't in the school at the time. It was from outside of the school but into the school or towards the school.

JV: Okay. Okay. Let's stop here and get into the, uh, meat of the matter here and, uh, tell me exactly, uh, what took place as far as your arrival here and, uh, uh, how you were deployed and uh, any actions that you took thereafter.
HB: Okay sir. Uh, myself and Officer O’Neill were having lunch and we heard about the call. Not through proper channels but we found out about it and then we notified our supervisor that they needed assistance, and there was shooting and bombs going off at the school. We came out here code ten, which is, uh, red lights and sirens. One of our Metro supervisors who works night shift, Dan O’Shea, I don’t know how he heard about the call but he come on the air and said, ‘What’s happening’. He doesn’t live far from here, I know. And he was, uh, going to the scene he said.

JV: This is an official call out for the Denver SWAT?

HB: Yes sir.

JV: Okay

HB: But, I mean, we kind of told them about Jeffco asking and they called originally. District 4 was sending their officers but, our, we kind of started the ball on it as far as Metro SWAT.

JV: Okay.

HB: We pulled up and he had parked on Pierce north of the school. I believe it’s, yeah, Pierce, and, uh, I couldn’t tell you the cross street. And I saw him so we pulled up to him and jumped out and I got my, uh, tact vest, or, uh, load bearing vest and, uh, my .223 Steyr Aug and four magazines. We jumped in his, his car, who was Sergeant Dan O’Shea and Tommy O’Neil, and, uh, they said there were some shots going on on the southwest side near the cafeteria. I didn’t really know what it was at the time but they were pointing to us, so we drove our car back there and we got out. We got out and, uh, we started to approach the school. There was some Jefferson County Sheriff’s officers out in the lot behind the, or on the grassy knoll behind the school and they were behind their car and there’s a, some Denver officers, some other officers. As we approached the school, we were coming from the north side to the south side. Danny went around the fence and towards the front and there was some, there was some, uh, in and out doors, guess it leads to the hallway and then they go to the right. Since I’ve been in there now it goes to the library and the media center and down below is the cafeteria. There some steps goes down and I believe it’s the student parking lot. I don’t know that for sure.

JV: Um hmm.

HB: Down there. When I come around the corner I could see that there is at least two bodies laying outside the school. There is also an explosive device. I called it a bomb just outside the, the door where these two bodies were laying.
JV: Those two bodies are in the parking lot?

HB: No, they were right next to the school on, on the grass in the walkway, the sidewalk.

JV: Okay.

HB: I saw them and then I saw a gun sticking out of the door. I didn’t see a person but I saw the gun and those people laying there. So I, I fired a few rounds. I couldn’t tell you exactly how many and the gun disappeared.

JV: Could you see what type of gun it was?

HB: You know, I, really, I thought it was like an MP-5 because of the barrel had a round side on it, so I, some kind of automatic weapon, rifle.

JV: Okay.

HB: And, uh, after that I never saw a suspect again. As for...

JV: Okay, go ahead.

HB: As far as uh, once I fired those rounds, the gun disappeared and I never saw it again. Or a suspect.

JV: You don’t know if you hit the suspect at that time.

HB: I don’t believe I did cause of the angle.

JV: Um hmm.

HB: But he was, I don’t know what he was going to do, if he was going to fire at the police officers out there in the car, cause I had an angle on him, but those two kids were there and I was worried about him shooting those kids. One was moving, moving, so I knew he was alive. The other one I never did see move.

JV: Was it male, was it a male also?

HB: The guy on the ground I believe was a male.

JV: So two males on the ground?

HB: Well, it was one female and the male I believe there. No, I’m not sure. I didn’t get that
close.

JV: Both were shot?

HB: Yes sir. We (inaudible) I couldn’t get through because there was a fence that, there’s some trash packters or trash dumps there and there’s a fence so you can’t get through the doors that way. So I come back around to where Danny was and there’s an open door to the school here and the windows had been shot out, or doors had been shot, the glass doors had been shot out. I could see the two people there and I said, I told Danny we had to, we had to get them out of there. And I crossed over to the other side next to the school and we were covering down that way and we got a call from some other guys cause down there at the bottom of the hill and the stairs near the cafeteria there was about four people wounded, maybe more, down there. So I said we gotta get some people and get ‘em out of here.

JV: So you’re down to the cafeteria at this point.

HB: Right. But it’s all right within eye shot of each other.

JV: Okay.

HB: There’s just a rise. The back doors are here. There’s door open into the school, just a single door. Windows are on the second floor and when I call it second floor, it’s not really a second floor cause it’s the main level. The ground drops down so far, the cafeteria is more like a basement.

JV: Going back to when you fired the shots at the rifle you saw sticking out the door, how many shots do you think you fired?

HB: You know, I want to say like three or four, maybe six. It was just a, I saw that gun sticking out, I didn’t know what was going to happen though so I fired those rounds at the gun cause I didn’t see the person and, uh, once that happened, they, it disappeared.

JV: What side of the school is this on?

HB: It’s on the south end, the west side of the school.

JV: Okay, what type of doors?

HB: They’re glass doors but they were standing open and they, they were more or less shattered, some of ‘em.
JV: Prior to you shooting?

HB: Well, they had, yeah, they, there was some more shattering after that but they were shattered. Some of them were shattered and then on the windows, I wanted to throw this in, cause on the windows on the south side where the school is, where the library and media center is, and the cafeteria, they were all, uh, tinted windows and you can’t see into the school really, but they could see out. And it was the same way on that one door that was open. You could see, I could see into the school but there was nobody in there. I guess it’s hard to explain.

JV: Okay, yeah.

HB: Be like several entrances after that, I’d say it was about four, eight doors there. They’re double doors.

JV: Okay, now they’re back in the cafeteria, you just entered?

HB: No, I didn’t, we didn’t go in...

JV: Oh, you just saw it.

HB: Yes sir. Cause I went down there and some of those windows had been shot out as well.

JV: In the cafeteria?

HB: Yeah, and those kids were there, so I called...

JV: You saw four bodies?

HB: There was at least four bodies, now, some of those were alive.

JV: Just, okay.

HB: There might have been six down there. I believe, I believe some of those were dead. Could I check this situation?

JV: Sure.

Were all the bodies together or were they scattered out...

HB: They were scattered out, like they tried to run or that’s as far as they got. But the two up near the door, I told Danny we had to get ’em out of there.
JV: There was, looked like gunshot victims?

HB: They were all gunshot victims.

JV: Okay. No, no bomb or anything like that?

HB: No, no.

JV: Okay

HB: Uh, we had to, the, uh, Metro, or, no, the Jefferson County guys, communication was kind of messed up because we can't talk to them and they can't talk to us. I called a Jefferson County officer, I don't know his name, nice young man, and a Denver officer, and we were down there at the bottom of the building and we brought an ambulance around, on this bottom parking lot. As the ambulance pulled up and they were getting out, we were trying to load people up and they were looking at 'em. They started firing out the top of the, the library area, out the windows. And, uh, while they were doing that I returned fire, suppression fire, at those windows to protect the ambulance crew and the students and myself. We got them loaded up. They left one there cause they said he was dead. And they got out of there. We backed up to a car, retrieved a car not far from the scene, a single car, and we were covering there, I was still holding my position and kids started coming out. They had like eight kids come out all at once so I put down at the car with me. We had, we finally got some more officers back there and we sent those kids, we couldn't get anybody to come and get 'em or anything so we just had 'em run one at a time back to the other officers. I don't know what happened to them after that.

JV: Um hmm.

HB: As we stayed there longer, people kept coming out so we kept bringing 'em to us or letting them go on. Then, our Metro Shot Bureau, which I really wasn't involved in the setting up of that, brought a fire truck around with some, with some, um, uh, Jefferson County officers SWAT team and our SWAT team and our commander, Captain DiManna and Phelan. We rescued the two kids that were there at the door.

JV: At the door  Okay.

HB: With that truck. We put one of the kids into a Jefferson County police car and he drove around to, God knows where, I don't know if the kid lived or not, and uh.

JV: You said when you were in the back of the school there you were receiving fire from them. Did it seem like it was more than one suspect at that time shooting at you?
HB: You know, I didn't know. It just seemed like those rounds started coming out. Everybody started ducking and they were trying to get those bodies, so I, I laid down some fire, oh, not just rapid fire but kind of shooting from where the bullets were coming out at us.

JV: Could you tell if bullets were hitting near you or in the immediate area?

HB: You know, I don't know. At the time...

JV: Or was it like...

HB: I don't know where they were going but could tell that they were coming out of the school through those windows so.

JV: Was that on the second floor?

HB: It's actually the main floor but it looks like a second floor because the property drops down so much into a lower parking lot. We were down in the lower parking lot so it's like a second floor to us, yes sir.

JV: Okay. You don't know what rooms that would be up there then or anything.

HB: It's, yes, after I made entry, we made entry and did the search of the whole building. We found the dead kids and the dead suspects and it's in the media/library room.

JV: Okay.

HB: And that's where the shots were coming from.

JV: Okay.

HB: At the time, didn't know that.

JV: Okay. Did you fire a weapon any more times.

HB: No sir.

JV: After that?

HB: No sir.

JV: Okay. When you were, uh, laying down returning fire at the suspects, uh, how many
people were in your immediate area there? That you were trying to protect?

HB: There was at least two paramedics, four to six kids and two other officers.

JV: The kids were hiding behind a car that you were...

HB: Well, no, these were the downed kids.

JV: Oh, the downed kids.

HB: Wounded and, uh, wounded and dead.

JV: Okay. And then you made your way, you regrouped, it sounds like, with the SWAT team?

HB: Our commander and some men come up with the fire truck so we could rescue the two kids that are right near the entrance doors.

JV: Front door...

HB: Where the bomb was, there's a bomb sitting there. It's a, what it was was a like a camping protane, propane tank, little miniature one.

JV: Which door is this?

HB: Those main doors that were...

JV: Where you initially fired?

HB: Yeah. There's a little bomb there. It has tape around it. I don't know what the detonating device was. And then there was pipe bombs exploded all over the school.

JV: This main bomb, was it the outside or inside?

HB: It was outside the door. It must not have exploded. And it's right near the, the two. I noticed that the minute I got up there, I could see that that was an object, an explosive object.

JV: And you saw the pipe bombs inside the school?

HB: Yes sir, after I, we made the search. We did the room to room search.
JV: Were there pipe bombs in various rooms, or?

HB: Blown up, yes sir; they blew up all over the place.

JV: Are there bodies in these rooms too?

HB: Uh, I only saw, uh, we rescued a lot of people out of these rooms. There must have been, I want to say fifty to sixty kids down in the kitchen hiding. We got them out in different places, we'd get 'em up, upstairs, and when we made, went to the top there was probably another fifty, sixty kids, with some teachers mixed in. We got to the video room and library, media library. I was, as I was holding that door, three ladies popped up so I got them out and they came out and that's the room where we found all the victims and the suspects.

JV: The library?

HB: Yes sir. And that's the room I had shot at the two from upstairs. It's just above the cafeteria and, oh, something else I wanted to throw in there was when the kids were coming out I tried to get a description or if they knew 'em or what they could tell me about 'em. They did say they were wearing black, they thought there was two, at least two and, uh, they didn't know 'em, the kids talked to, and they said that they were in the ceilings because they had been falling down, or they had fallen down. So when we went in we were real leery of the ceilings and it, as we were making our search for the suspects, we knew we were going to come across people that were hiding and then try to rescue as many people as we could. It was quite confusing.

JV: I can imagine.

HB. And I could tell you, I can't tell you this minute but I can tell you the exact number (cut off).

JV: So then, uh, you, when you came to the library and you saw the bodies there, what did you do after that?

HB: Well...

JV: Did you stay there?

HB: I should back up some for you.

JV: Okay, sure.
HB: When DiManna, who’s our commander, come with some more of our troops and Jefferson County, and I’m sorry I don’t know all these people’s names, the Jefferson County ones...

JV: No, that’s fine.

HB: But they got a Jefferson County sheriff driving the fire truck. So we backed that up in there but we couldn’t get it clear in there cause we got stuck, it’s so slick, and we couldn’t get in there. So those officers, we took shields, not me, we took shields, I went back over to the other side of the building where I covered originally on that wall, and I covered that wall, and those officers walked up and made the rescue of the two victims. They laid down some fire then. I did not shoot then.

JV: Okay.

HB: Then after that...

JV: Was there fire being returned or were they just...

HB: No, they just had to go clear up to the building and that bomb (inaudible).

JV: So it’s just standard procedure in a situation like that just to lay down some ground fire?

HB: Well, only because they had to go right up to the doors and I’d saw the suspect and there was a bomb there and there’s been shots fired from the school. What they were doing was, the only reason they were suppressing fire, and it’s not, it’s just to keep them from shooting at us when we’re getting the two victims.

JV: Okay. That’s the way you were trained.

HB: Yes sir. And that was Captain DiManna and them, and after we got that done, we regrouped and we made, that’s when we got enough people there and we made entry into the kitchen area, which is underneath the library media. And that’s where I could go into what happened. If you want to know. I haven’t shot, I never shot any time after the ambulance.

JV: Okay.

HB: When we laid down that fire to get the victims out.

JV: Okay. But you just searched the remainder of the school.
HB: Yes sir.
JV: Okay. But no more shots fired by you?
HB: No sir.
JV: Other officers were shooting though?
HB: I don't believe we fired another shot after that. At least not in my group.
JV: Okay.
HB: The last time I heard a shot fired was when they were firing at us and I was firing at them.
JV: That's when you were outside by the car.
HB: It turns out...pardon me?
JV: That was out by the fire engine?
HB: Yes, uh, no, it's near the ambulance.
JV: Near the ambulance when you were...
HB: And that's where they ended up, we found them after we made the search...
JV: They were up in the library.
HB: Yes sir.
JV: Okay. You say you came across the two suspects in the library?
HB: Yes sir.
JV: Could you describe what you saw as far as what clothing they were wearing?
HB: Um, they were, one of 'em, uh, they were all bloody and there was so much death and ugliness in there, uh, I, one of them has on a black shirt and it's got red something on it but they were, I didn't dwell on it, but they had a, a sawed-off shotgun, uh, automatic weapons, knives, they looked very strange.
JV: Okay.
HB: And I, I can’t give you a better description than that cause I didn’t, I didn’t really want to, I didn’t dwell on it. They matched the description of what we had got during the, as it progressed.

JV: Okay.

HB: White males dressed in black, like trench coats and stuff.

JV: What type of duty weapon do you carry?

HB: I carry a Glock, uh, 21, but I didn’t fire it. And then, uh, for the department I, the weapon I took with me was a Steyr Aug .223.

JV: Okay. And how many clips? Magazines?

HB: I took four magazines with me.

JV: In total, how many rounds do you think you fired today, approximately, without checking your magazines?

HB: I know I fired twenty-eight and maybe another few rounds, so I, around thirty-something.

JV: Each magazine holds how many?

HB: Thirty.

JV: Thirty. Okay. Did you change magazines?

HB: Yes sir. I, the reason I can tell you that one, is I changed one and had one round left in it. So one’s in the chamber so I had when I put in a new magazine and then I had one left in my mag.

JV: Okay. Do you subconsciously or consciously keep track of rounds you fire to the best of your ability?

HB: You try to keep track of ‘em, I, I couldn’t; of told you I fired all those but I knew I had to reload cause we were gonna move and I wanted to go in with a full gun. And I kept the magazines with me.

JV: Is this your own personal weapon or is it supplied by the department?

HB: It’s a department weapon.
JV: How long have you had it personally?

HB: Uh, ever since it was brand new. We got 'em, I believe a couple years ago. It might not have been that long. I, I have a shotgun and an MP5 and a, a Steyr Aug, the .223. All three of them are assigned to me. I've had it, I believe, for two years.

JV: Okay.

HB: It could be a little less than that, it could be a little more than that.

JV: You were carrying a Glock?

HB: Yes sir.

JV: 21? You said.

HB: Yes sir.

JV: Okay. The caliber of that is...

HB: Forty-five.

JV: Forty-five. And the Steyr Aug, does it have a scope on it?

HB: Yes sir.

JV: Did you use that today?

HB: Yes sir, in, I was scoping in the building to see if I could get any movement or see anything but that reflected glass, you couldn't really see inside.

JV: Okay. What type of training have you had for the weapons that you carry today? As far as maybe shots fired through it and your range scores and or what kind of classification you have as far as marksmanship.

HB: Uh, to be on the Metro SWAT Bureau you have to shoot a ninety minimum. It's a...

JV: With, with each weapon?

HB: Yes sir. And so I can probably shoot in the middle of that generally. We do, we train once or twice a month. Uh, we don't always shoot when we train but generally we train. As far as the rounds that run through it, I'm supposed to keep a record of it, I haven't
been keeping lately, uh, I, when I train, when I first got the weapon we ran 500 rounds through it. Since then I've probably put another, uh, five or a thousand rounds through it. So maybe fifteen-hundred rounds through that weapon.

JV: Okay. So your Glock holds twelve plus one? The 21, the model 21.

HB: It's thirteen and one I think.

JV: Thirteen and one, okay.

HB: I don't, I just started carrying this about four months ago. Yeah, thirteen and one.

JV: And that was full today?

HB: Yes sir.

JV: And you didn't shoot that weapon, though.

HB: No sir.

JV: Did you ever draw it?

HB: No sir. I had a shoulder weapon.

JV: And then the Steyr Aug clip is thirty, magazine.

HB: Yes sir.

JV: You had four magazines?

HB: Yes sir. And that's all department issue ammo.

JV: And again, you said approximately thirty rounds you think you fired?

HB: I, I'd say between thirty and thirty-five.

JV: And, now is that two different locations?

HB: Uh, yes sir. I fired originally at the suspect or the weapon, and then I fired covering the ambulance and the crew and the victims.

JV: Did you see weapons being pointed at you then or gunshots being fired?
HB: I didn’t see any weapons cause you can’t see in there but I saw rounds coming out the windows, I mean the glass breaking and coming down and I returned fire to that area.

JV: How many rounds do you think were being fired during that time by the suspects?

HB: You know, I honestly can’t tell you. What happened, it sounded like automatic weapon fire and it was coming, the glass started breaking, people started, the paramedics were screaming, the kids were screaming, and I thought, well, I’ll put some fire in back, as the glass popped out I fired back in that area. And actually one of the windows or most of the window came down and I didn’t see anybody in that section of the building.

JV: Of all the gunfire that you heard from the suspects, how would you describe it as far as what type of weapon was being fired?

HB: The only time that I heard the firing was when we were doing the rescue with the ambulance and I thought it was automatic weapons but it’s hard to tell.

JV: Okay. But then you say your saw shotguns.

HB: I saw shotguns and, uh...

JV: With the bodies, with the suspects.

HB: Automatic weapons up there.

JV: Are these uh...

HB: I couldn’t tell you what they were. One looked like a sawed-off shotgun and another one, I’m not a gun nut so I don’t really know models and makes and stuff.

JV: Okay. I imagine you talked to quite a few people since you left the school this afternoon.

HB: Not, I haven’t really talked to anybody.

JV: Have you told anyone else in great detail what you just told me here?

HB: No sir.

JV: Okay.

HB: I mean, when we were searching the building.
JV: Right.

HB: Other than the people involved in what happened.

JV: Other than, other than the operation itself.

HB: Yeah, no.

JV: Has anybody else handled your weapon since you fired it?

HB: No sir.

JV: After you completed the initial search and the sweep of the school, did you do anything else as far as uh, maybe giving first aid or preservation of the scene or evidence.

HB: We got the, I'm sorry we brought a paramedic in for some wounded people in the upper floor. We had a paramedic with us when we found all the bodies and the suspects. And, uh, we searched that, cleared that area. I didn't actually physically clear that area myself. I was holding the, the hall and uh, there was something else I wanted to say, I can't remember what it was. But, uh, we didn't render any aid cause as we came across, originally, we hadn't rendered aid as far as getting the ambulance in there and getting them out. Are you ready?

JV: Go ahead.

HB: You had asked me what we did afterwards, the initial search and we found the suspects and the, and the victims. We, our commanders got with other commanders which was Jefferson County, I don't know who all was there, but mainly Jefferson County, maybe some Lakewood, maybe some Littleton, they all huddled up. What we did was then researched the whole building again. We wanted to look for victims or people hiding or another suspect. So we re-did the building again, broke it up into sections and uh, searched the building and I didn't come across any other people and I didn't come across any other victims.

JV: Okay, and, uh, you didn't have to fire your weapon at any more times that what you have told me?

HB: No sir. No sir.

JV: And, from what you've told me, uh, let me get a clear understanding that, uh, at all times when you fired your weapon, it was, uh, for what reason.
HB: Well, I thought it was to protect the lives of those two young people originally at the front cause I thought he was, they were going to shoot them. I didn't know exactly what they were going to do, but I saw the rifle coming out and those two victims there and one was moving, so I opened up on that. The second time I opened, I didn't fire, I was covering those windows, just standing there covering, when the shots started happening I returned fire and that was to protect myself, the paramedics and the victims we already had on the ground. I thought they were talking to me (portable radio traffic in background).

JV: Okay Henry, is there anything else that maybe I haven't asked you that you wish to have documented regarding this incident, that, as far as your personal actions, or, uh, anything that you wish to say.

HB: Let me just say I, it's just, it was, I've never seen anything like it. It was just sad.

JV: I don't think you ...(cut off).

This is a continuation of the interview with Officer Henry Bloodworth at approximately 1735 hours in the parking lot at Leaworth Grade School.

Officer Bloodworth, you just checked your, uh, weapon. How many rounds did you fire totally today.

HB: Thirty-four.

JV: Thirty-four. That was from two magazines?

HB: Yes sir.

JV: Okay. Anything else you wish to add at this time.

HB: No sir.

JV: Okay. Thank you very much.
On 04-12-95 at approx 12:10 I was in a explosives detection class at that time I was called to Columbine high school for a suspicious device. I was with my partner in Crime Lab. Once we arrived at the scene I assisted holding a perimeter and on the left side of the school. I was soon removed and joined up with det Oshin's team. Once this was done we entered through the cafeteria and began to clear the school. From that point in the cafeteria we came across approx 6-8 high school kids. We then had them rest. We continued on as Oshin's team along with several teams. We continued to move through the school removing students from class rooms.

We finally made it to the library. There we found approximately 15-20 students sitting on the ground. We watched the area to ensure to locate any live devices. We then held the scene for Paramedics and Detectives. Once they arrived we as a team continued to.

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.

Date: 04-12-95
Time: 12:10 PM
Signature: [Signature]

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The rest of the school that we searched was clear. I must
with the team went to the above loc to compute 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.

04/20/77
Date
□ AM
1751 PM
Time Statement Completed

Signature of Person Making Statement

JC-001-008342
On 4-20-99, I was called out to Columbine High School around 12:10 AM on a shooting. When I arrived on scene, I immediately met up with Sgt. Organ and Sgt. Penn. Sgt. Organ led me to take up a cover position on the south side of the school. I was stationed there a short time with Det. B. Fox. We were both relieved by other SWAT members. I then joined up with a search team, who was led by Sgt. Penn. We searched the main office, then moved to the wood shop and photography part of the school. We then searched the gymnasium and boys' and girls' bathrooms and locker rooms. We found two paint females hiding in an office near the main offices.

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.

Date: 4/20/99
Time Statement Completed: 12:30 AM
Signature of Person Making Statement: 

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NAME (Last, First, Middle Initial)                Making Statement is:
CULLEN, DOUGLAS                             ( ) Officer  ( ) Witness  ( ) 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                       City County State Zip Code

Officer Taking Statement                      Serial No. Date Time Hours

Concerning an incident occurring at:          Location where statement taken:
Colorado High School                          Denver Elementary

Summary of Statement:

At approx. 1200 hrs on 4-30-99 I responded to
Colorado HS to assist on a shooting. Upon arrival,
I met up with officers on the west side of the
High School and assisted evacuating students from
the school. Sgt. Ogan then requested my assistance
inside the school to assist searching for suspects
and victims. I responded to the east entrance to
the school and assisted Sgt. W/9 "Larry" searching
rooms on the 1st floor of the school working
east toward the library. I then assisted double
checking the school after finding the victims and
the suspects 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.

4-1-2099 Date 12:55 AM
Time Statement Completed

Signature of Person Making Statement
On 04.20.99 at approximately 12:15 I was called out to assist officers on scene at Columbine H.S. on a shooting.

When I arrived on scene, along with Tech. Vissa, we responded to the 7-11 store on the southeast side of the school. We then joined with other patrol officers and did a systematic search of the school. We found a group of students/teachers hiding in the drafting room and removed them. We then continued searching with no further activity.

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
12:30 AM

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At approx 11:30 this date I was paged and told by Sgt. Leonetti that at Columbine High School a shooting/fusillade suspect situation was going on and that police was requesting Denver assistance. At approx 11:35 I drove and met with Sgt. Martin at Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. He informed numbers of shots had been fired and numerous bodies and shots were still coming. A Helical of Metro SWAT also responded Tech. Greer, Tech. Smith, Tech. Officer, Tech. Maconah, Tech. Leonetti and Sgt. Burke. There also was at least 3 more Metro SWAT officers. We had formed a plan utilizing the West Metro Fire truck as we called ahead the school for help. We went to the East Main Door where half the team made entry to a classroom to the left of the main door. We half reports of shooting on the West side of the school and held down the fusillade of us.

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Time Statement Completed

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We saw 2 kids down in front of the doors just south of the air cooling unit for the school. The male suspect was holding a gun. We planned an escape using Tech Chief of Denver and an unknown officer office as well as the Sgt C'Siao of Denver. Gt Chelan of Denver. I would carry the shield for G Chelan and myself. Everyone else would cover us as we made the escape attempt. We could see the windows of the doors all shot up and the kids were 8-10 feet from the doors. The officers with us had to lay down the lorry for the doors. We went to the first floor of a female, she was dead. The male closest to the door was injured. I took the shield up to the window to cover G Chelan and myself and the boy. He was alive. We began dragging him out when he came up on a door to our left and I felt a concussion from on my right side. I don't know what it was. We got the boy to cover behind the fire truck. I couldn't leave the little girl so we went back same way to get her.

To the south of us there was a stairway down outside the SW corner of the school. There was another boy down at the foot of the stairs. We went down the stairs against the wall then out to the front.
Summary of Statement:

He was held in the face we couldn't get him so we retreated. We evacuated the house one at a time. Directed responding TAC Teams to make entry through the lower windows. They left the scene and assisted in maneuvering to the overall tactical response and safety.

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4/20/99
Time Statement Completed
4:30 PM
Signature of Person Making Statement

OPD 366 (Rev. 2/96)
On 4/20/99 at approximately 5:10 pm I interviewed DPD Sergeant Mark Drajem at Leawood Elementary School in reference to the shooting which occurred at Columbine High School. Sergeant Drajem responded to Columbine High School on 4/20/99 to assist SWAT Team members. He is rifle certified, but is not on Denver SWAT team.

Sergeant Drajem was positioned with his AR15 (serial # LGC008584) near the southwest corner of the high school, near an out building. He believed he was approximately 60-75 yds away from the school on an elevated area, which placed him "somewhat level" with the second story library windows.

Shortly after getting into his position, SWAT team members had moved into their position under the library windows on the ground floor outside. SWAT members were responding to 6-7 students who had come out of the school and were hiding behind a vehicle. One student was laying outside on the ground in front of 2 SWAT members in the open. Sergeant Drajem stated that shots were being fired out of a second story window from the library. About this same time, he witnessed smoke from a window to the north. As one SWAT member ran out of cover to rescue the lone student, the other SWAT member fired several rounds into and around the second story window to cover his partner. The rounds from the SWAT member were being fired from the ground level up to the second story windows.

Sergeant Drajem fired 2 rounds from his AR15 into the window where shots were being fired out of to give additional cover for the SWAT
members below. He believed the time was approximately 11:50am to 12:00 noon. The rounds were for cover only while the SWAT member below drug a student to cover. Sergeant Drajem stayed in this position continuously covering the second story windows until he was called off by his command. He fired no more rounds.

Sergeant Drajem was on duty when he received a call in Denver to respond to this location. He has been with DPD for 19 years and states he has not been involved in any other shootings.

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SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL

Date: 5/5/99
FBI # 174A-DN-57419
Investigator: Vondenkamp

On 5/5/99 I contacted Sergeant Mark Drajem of DPD. I advised Sergeant Drajem I needed to clarify how many rounds he started with in his AR15 during the Columbine High School shooting on 4/20/99.

Sergeant Drajem stated he started with 18 rounds in a 20 round clip. DPD procedure is to fill with 18 rounds. He fired 2 rounds and had 16 remaining rounds when he was called off scene.

P. Vondenkamp 5/5/99
Investigator Date
On 04/20/99, at about 12:30 hours, I became aware of a situation at Columbine High School involving gunfire and explosions. The location of Columbine High School is 6201 South Pierce Street in Littleton. At about 1300 hours, Detective Stan Connally and I left the Lakewood police station enroute to assist the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department.

Upon our arrival, at about 1315 hours, we met Sergeant Girson, who was near the intersection of Leawood Avenue and Pierce Street. Sergeant Girson obtained suspect information via the radio. Sergeant Girson assigned Detective Inskeep to accompany other law enforcement officers to the address of [redacted], the home of the suspect named Dylan Klebold. Sergeant Girson instructed Detective Stan Connally, with other law enforcement officers, to drive to [redacted], home of the second suspect, Eric Harris. At about 1340 hours, Detectives Inskeep and Connally departed the scene and went to their respective locations.

At about 1440 hours, Sergeant Girson received a description of a suspect vehicle from Detective Connally via the phone. Detective Connally learned that Eric Harris drove a Honda Prelude, gray or brown in color and usually parked the vehicle in front of the school in the lower lot.

I paged Detective Inskeep a couple of times so that he could provide information to Jefferson County Investigator Kate Battan regarding pending search warrants on the suspect's homes. At about 1500 hours, Detective Inskeep answered my page and called. The phone was handed to Investigator Battan who obtained the needed information.
At 1620 hours, Commander Debbie Granger, from the Jefferson County Critical Incident Team, assigned me to conduct officer interviews at Leawood Elementary School located at 6155 West Leawood Drive, Littleton. I was assigned to interview DPD Officer George Gray, Badge #86-008.

On 04/20/99, at about 1708 hours, I interviewed Technician George Allan Gray. Technician Gray stated he has worked for DPD for the last 13 years. The first 4 years were spent in District #4. Following that, he spent 5 years in the gang unit. For the last 3 years, he has been a full-time SWAT team member. Technician Gray stated his regular duties include support and cover for patrol units, warrant service and to handle barricaded gunman situations. He stated he works Detail 2, which is the day watch from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. His normal days off are Sunday and Monday. Technician Gray confirmed he had Monday, 04/19/99 off. He returned to work this morning at 10:00 a.m. and attended roll call. He said, about an hour later, he heard radio traffic from Canine Officer Tom O’Neill, who explained there had been shots fired at Columbine High School.

Technician Gray stated he took an unmarked car from SWAT headquarters and drove to Columbine High School. He parked near the intersection of Leawood Avenue and Pierce Street where he met other SWAT team members Henry Bloodworth, Tom O’Neill and Jamie Smith. As Technician Gray changed into his SWAT gear, he heard radio traffic of gunshots being fired inside the school. Denver SWAT Lieutenant Pat Phelan and Captain Vince DiManna instructed the team they would be performing an evacuation of the students.
Technician Gray recalled he and 10 to 12 other SWAT team members used a fire truck as cover to approach the front doors of the school, which faced east. The fire truck was parked about 25 yards from the front door and Technician Gray recalled seeing bullet holes in the windows and an open door, just south of the front door. Technician Gray recalled seeing what he believed was a student with his hands up against the glass, north of the front door. Technician Gray said Captain DiManna and Lieutenant Phelan decided to move to the cafeteria side of the school, as that was where the last known gunfire occurred.

Technician Gray stated they moved around to the north side of the building and eventually ended up at the west side entrance. Technician Gray recalled seeing two students, one of whom was a male, and moving. The second student appeared to be a female and was not moving. Technician Gray saw an object near the door which appeared to be a propane bottle with objects affixed to the outside with black tape. He said this device was nearest the moving victim.

Technician Gray stated Captain DiManna and Lieutenant Phelan ordered a four to five man rescue team. Technician Gray said he was ordered by Captain DiManna and Lieutenant Phelan to provide cover fire into the windows of the doors as other team members pulled the victim to safety. Technician Gray stated he fired approximately 16 to 18 rounds in controlled bursts at the windows with the intention of pinning down the gunman whose location was unknown. Technician Gray stated Captain DiManna held the shield in front and Lieutenant Phelan was behind the Captain. Technician Gray recalled a Littleton officer or Sergeant Dan O'Shea being to the right of the shield. Technician Gray recalled being to the left of the shield.
The team advanced to the male victim. The victim was grabbed and pulled back to the fire truck. Technician Gray stated he fired about 4 rounds from his .9mm H & K MP5 Long Gun on the team's retreat. Technician Gray said Captain DiManna and Lieutenant Phelan made the decision to pull the second victim, the female who did not have signs of life, back to the fire truck. The team advanced a second time. Technician Gray stated he fired 10 to 11 rounds from his MP5 at the same area as suppression fire. The second victim was pulled to the fire truck.

Technician Gray said he saw a third victim, who appeared to be dead, near the bottom of some stairs on that side of the building. Technician Gray said he scanned the second floor windows but did not fire. He recalled Sergeant Dan O'Shea firing suppression rounds into a window below the library. The victim was not alive, according to Technician Gray.

Technician Gray stated Lieutenant Phelan and Captain DiManna agreed they should withdraw and reorganize at the Command Post. Technician Gray stated the rescue took approximately 15 minutes.

Technician Gray said he did not fire at any other time with the MP5 or with his Glock .45mm sidearm. Technician Gray went on to say he assisted in evacuating and searching the school.

Technician Gray stated he obtained at least 8 hours of sleep the night previous. He stated he had not consumed alcohol in the previous 24 hours. He stated he had taken one pill of Flexeril and three pills of 200 mg Ibuprofen for his left wrist tendon which was tender. He explained he wore a splint on his left wrist at the time of the shooting.
said his left hand was the support hand for the rifle and was not involved in
manipulating the trigger. Technician Gray stated he ate a full dinner of 04/19/99 at
about 1700 hours. He recalled eating four Girl Scout cookies at about 10:00 p.m.,
when he took the pain pills mentioned previously. He added he was married, with four
children and there were no unusual problems at home. He stated work was going well.
He denied wearing contact lenses or glasses.

Technician Gray stated he is not only certified to carry the MP5 but he is an MP5
instructor. He has trained and carried the weapon for the last three years. He stated
he qualifies with the weapon 4 times a year. Technician Gray stated he has never been
in a police shooting himself but stated he had been in an incident in which his partner
fired his weapon on December 7, 1990. Following the shooting, Technician Gray stated
he spoke to team member Don Gilworth briefly. He stated no one else has handled his
MP5 since the incident.

Technician Gray stated he and the SWAT team practice "officer down" drills where
officers lay down suppression rounds to pin down the suspect whose location is
unknown. Technician Gray stated this maneuver provides rescue team members a
margin of safety.

The interview was concluded at 1810 hours. For further, see transcripts.
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The following is a transcription of an interview between DetectiveCreighton Bates and DPD Technician George Allan Gray. ReferenceLakewood CR# 99-38856, Jefferson County CR# 99-7625.

CB:  Creighton Bates
GG:  George Gray

CB:  Okay. Today's date is April 20, 1999. The time now is um, 1708. I'm DetectiveCreighton Bates from the Lakewood Police Department and I'm interviewingOfficer George Allan Gray of DPD, Badge #86-008. Is that right?
GG:  That's correct.

CB:  And we're here in Leawood Elementary School in a classroom doing an interviewwith you concerning your involvement in this uh, the shooting over at the highschool, Columbine High School. Um, so let's get some background from you,real quick. How long have you been employed with Denver? Obviously since-.

GG:  Thirteen years.

CB:  Okay. And what duties have had since your employment? Any specializedassignments?

GG:  Yeah, I went from District 4 for five years as a patrol officer. And then I wentto the Gang Unit for five more years and then I transferred to the Metro SWATUnit. For the last three years, I've been there. Does that equal 13?

CB:  And for the last three years, your entire position assignment is, is a full-timeSWAT position?

GG:  Correct.

CB:  Correct.

GG:  I'm a technician with them.

CB:  Is that your title? Technician?

GG:  Correct. Technician.

CB:  Instead of Officer?

GG:  Correct.
CB: You, what are your duties, just so I'm clear? What do they include?

GG: Uh, they include as a support cover for patrol unit and then any uh, immediate entry type of warrants, drug warrants, such, and also barricaded, barricaded suspects and what not.

CB: Okay. What is your uh, work schedule like? How do you guys work your schedules?

GG: I'm currently on what they call Detail 2, which is our day shift. We only have two shifts, a Detail 2 and a 3.

CB: Mm-hm.

GG: And my hours are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and today I was, I was on duty.

CB: What days do you have off?

GG: I usually take Sunday, Monday.

CB: Okay. So, today is Tuesday. Did you have yesterday off, then?

GG: Yes.

CB: Today was your first day back to the job.

GG: From the weekend.

CB: Right.

GG: Yes, that's correct.

CB: And uh, start me out. This morning, you arrived at 10:00, I'm assuming?

GG: Yeah, we uh, had roll call at 10:00.

CB: Mm-hm.

GG: And uh, I stopped by the Brotherhood, which is an employee organization, which I'm a board member, to make a phone call. And while I was on this phone call I heard the call. I heard Tom O'Neill, which is a Canine Officer, come on Metro C, which is uh, pretty much exclusive, our channel.

CB: Mm-hm.
GG: Uh, I basically, I monitor Metro C all the time in case any of that information comes over. So, I was monitoring Metro C and he came over and said we might be aware this was going on and he explained something to the effect of uh, "Shots fired at Columbine High School. Jeffco’s on scene. Needs help."

CB: What time was that?

GG: Mm, I guess somewhere around 11. I'm not absolutely sure.

CB: Okay.

GG: I didn't look at my watch or anything. I didn't have a watch on, actually, but-

CB: After you hear that radio traffic, what do you do?

GG: I basically got in my car and uh, started heading that, heading that, that way. Like due south.

CB: Is that a personal car, or?

GG: It's a police car.

CB: Okay.

GG: It's a unmarked police car. If you want to put it that way.

CB: And uh, you ride alone?

GG: Today I, I was. I usually have a partner by the name of Willy Roundtree and he was off today.

CB: You were in a marked car and you drove to -.

GG: I drove south on Santa Fe to Bowles to Pierce to, to Leawood and pulled over right there and proceeded to dress up or dress down, whatever you want to call it.

CB: So, you got-. Is it safe to say you got in your SWAT, SWAT gear?

GG: Correct.

CB: And uh, are you the only SWAT there, or-.
Voice on PA system (in background): May I have your attention, please. May I have your attention, please. We need an Art Garson to the office. Art Garson to the office, please.

CB: Alright. Are you there alone?

GG: No. Uh, I believe Henry Bloodworth was there prior to me and uh, Tom O’Neill, the canine guy and Jamie Smith was right in front of me and he was trying to coordinate which would be a good spot for us to, you know, leave our vehicles out of harm’s way, or whatever. And uh, we ended up stopping just south of that Command Post for the most part. We parked and pulled over there and got dressed down, basically, is what.

CB: South and Pierce is where-

GG: Correct.

CB: -you stopped near.

GG: About 200 or 300 yards or 100 yards from Leawood, south on the east side of the street.

CB: What happens next?

GG: Uh, basically everybody was gearing up and they did a little mini-huddle because we were getting reports that there was gun battles going on, still. They heard the gunshots inside. So, they, the Captain and L-

Voice over the PA -system (in background): May I have your attention, please. I need your attention, please. We need all Jefferson County counselors to the of-, to the Art Room. I’m sorry. All Jefferson County counselors need to go to the Art Room. Thank you.

GG: (Inaudible) at the bottom.

CB: To call uh, I apologize. We’re just going to have to work around this.

GG: I hear you.

CB: Are you hearing gunshots when you’re on scene?

GG: Uh, no I couldn’t hear ‘em from where I was at.

CB: But you were getting a report-
GG: Yeah.

CB: -that there was gunshots from inside the school.

GG: There was radios from inside the school.

CB: And this was while you were on scene?

GG: Correct.

CB: Okay. So, what happens?

GG: And the Captain and the Lieutenant says "We need to get some p-, get those people out of there" and basically he was, he wanted to get as much cover up and get these kids cause they, we had a lot of reports that there were some right by the door, moving and there were some dead. And he wanted to get them out of there as much-

CB: Who's the Lieutenant, now?

GG: Lieutenant Pat P-h-a, uh P-h-e-l-a-n, I believe.

CB: And Captain?

GG: DiManna.

CB: DiManna. Do you know his first name?

GG: Vince.

CB: And so, they're making the uh, the arrangements to start evacuating students?

GG: Correct.

CB: Then what happens?

GG: Then they had some sort of plan to use a fire truck as our cover as we approached the school. We had some team members. I believe it's either from Littleton or Jeffco and some team members from Denver. And about 10 to 12 of us proceeded up there. We had a couple of shields and we had uh, pretty much everybody had a Long Gun, too, other than the Captain and the Lieutenant.
CB: So, there were 12 SWAT members kind of hiding behind the fire truck as it approaches what side of the school?

GG: The, it would be the east side of the school, front doors.

CB: Okay.

GG: Whichever, I don't know if that's the main entrance, or not. Uh.

CB: Front doors, facing east.

GG: Front doors, facing east.

CB: Then what happened?

GG: And the fire truck, we were trying to get it to a point where we could park it and utilize its cover and uh, at the time, we got as close as we thought to the front doors as, as safe as possible as we thought. And a team jumped off. We had an open door just to the south of those front doors. Uh, cause the front doors are kind of like receded and there's a door over here to the south that we had a team actually hold that.

CB: To the left or the front door?

GG: To the left of the front door. And uh, I was not part of that team.

CB: Where was the fire truck parked? How close to the front door?

GG: Uh, I would say, still 25 yards from the front door. And it was all windows around and you could see various uh, bullet holes that were shootin' out or in. I don't know. I couldn't tell whether they were coming in or out but uh, we did notice on just the opposite side, say uh, you got the indentation where the doors are. There's a classroom to the south or, excuse me, to the north and there's windows, there were just windows. There weren't any doors along there and we could see some movement in there and we could see some movement in there and the guy was smart enough, the student in there, he just kept putting his palms on the window showing us that, you know, he's okay. You know, obviously, we, anybody could have done that but we uh, we were able to see his hands the whole time. And he would leave for a couple of seconds and then he'd come back and do the same thing cause he didn't know what to do either and we didn't want him to move until we had an idea of what was going on.

CB: So, this was the classroom north of the front entrance?
GG: Correct.

CB: Then what happened?

GG: Then we uh, decided that the position we were in wasn’t going to help us out. They wanted the fire truck on the over by the cafeteria.

Voice on the PA system (in background): Excuse me, I need to speak to a Steve Cruz Benson, Steve Cruz Benson or Lori Hoffner. Please come to the office. Lori Hoffner or Steve Cruz Benson. Please come to the office.

CB: So, you realized the fire truck was not in a good position?

GG: Well, I think he was reassessing that we needed uh, cause when you have a lot of different uh jurisdictions and organizations trying to make their own little plans uh. They decided, the Captain and the Lieutenant thought that uh, the n-, we needed us more on the backside where the cafeteria was where there was the last gun battle and it was uh, victims and witnesses, victims and hostages over there. And we thought we could be of more use over there. And that was what was coming across the air. That’s where the immediacy was. Over there.

CB: Alright.

GG: So, we decided to take the fire truck, back it up and then go around the north side of the building and at that time, there was a door even north of that classroom where the guy was putting his hands on the window and he appeared outside that door and, you know, stood there with his hands up and we brought him back to us and, you know, uh I wasn’t part of the guys that was trying to debrief him or anything. But, at the same time, we’re still moving. You know, we’re trying to talk to the guy and we’re wanting to move on around, using the fire truck as our cover. And we ended up getting to a position on the north, well, it ended, ends up being on the west side uh, and we pulled the fire truck in there and, for a few minutes and we decided we needed to be on the other side of the fence. They have like, there are big generators on the outside. It was all fenced in and fenced where we could see the, the victim that was moving still, right by those doors I was discussing earlier where we, facing that library door that was open. We were facing that. So, that would be directly, probably southwest and uh, we wanted to bring the fire truck around those, that fence line where all that, the generators were or whatever that uh monstrosity metal objects they have in these. And uh, use that as our cover to try to extricate those downed victims in front of those doors.

CB: So, could you see, outside the library doors, these victims um, outside or?
GG: Correct.

CB: They were outside the building?

GG: They were outside the building.

CB: Just so I’m clear. They, you say victims. Do they appear to be students?

GG: They were young, younger student age.

CB: And uh, wounded?

GG: One was moving. One was not moving.

CB: Okay.

GG: We could see two. And we also saw what appeared to be some sort of uh, bomb.

Voice on the PA system (in background): Attention, please. May I have your attention, please. May I have you’re attention, please. If you are a parent looking for a child, please go to the gymnasium at this time. If you are a parent in Leawood looking for your child, please go to the gymnasium right now. Thank you.

CB: Was it a male or a female that was moving?

GG: Male.

CB: And the person that was not moving, male or female?

GG: Female. You know, obviously, we didn’t know that until we got up on them, but.

CB: Right. So, what happens next?

GG: So, we, well, we were also told about some object that’s sitting in front of the door just, not too far from the suspects and you could tell it was some sort of, uh, rigged bomb that they had and I did get a glance at it.

CB: What did it look like?

GG: Eh, it looked like it had a propane bottle with black tape wrapped around with objects on the outside.
Voice on the PA system: Your attention, please. (Announcement being heard in the background.)

GG: I did notice there was on the inside of those other doors but that was when I came out. I don’t want to get into that, yet. But eh, we were told to be aware of that. You know, that bomb.

Voice on the PA system: If you are looking for a child, would you please go to the gymnasium. Parents or family looking for family, please go to the gymnasium. Thank you.

CB: The object was a propane bottle with black tape and what was?

GG: The objects on the outside. I couldn’t tell you. I eh, at that time.

CB: Objects affixed to the outside.

GG: Correct. It was taped to the outside of it. Some sort of, I did notice one where it had a bunch of matches?

CB: One object or two objects? How many objects did you see, I guess?

GG: I saw the one on the inside that had matches on all sides of the object. That one wasn’t, wasn’t a propane bottle. This was a box type of object. The one outside looked like either a propane or some sort of container that was black and they had black tape and the stuff was on the outside. I couldn’t tell you what the stuff was. I just-. 

CB: And that was outside the door.

GG: That was outside the door right next to the moving victim.

CB: Okay. Then what?

GG: Then, once we got to that, we got the truck.

Voice on PA system: May I have your attention, please. Many adults that are here looking for your children, please go to the gymnasium right now. Anyone who is here looking for your child, instead of standing in the hallways, please go into the gymnasium. Thank you.

GG: Eh, we were in position, the truck, we were having problems getting the truck in the right spot because of the, it was all wet ground and the truck could get stuck. So, we were backing it up, trying to get it to a safer position for us to utilize as
much cover as possible to use our, to do our rescue. So, it was a hostage rescue, basically a victim rescue we were trying to do. Eh, the Captain and the Lieutenant, basically, we had a 4 or 5 man team that we approached doors right where the victims were laying in front of, and they were next to the wall, it would be against, to the library side. We used that (inaudible). The, the building’s kind of cock-eyed. I couldn’t tell you if it was south or what. Next to the library wall, eh. So we, when we approached and the Lieutenant said “We’re going to need-

Voice on PA system: May I have your attention, please. May I have your attention, please. We need all counseling professionals to go to the cafeteria at this time. All counseling professionals, we need you to go to the cafeteria. Thank you.

GG: So, we eh, he said that we, as we approach up there, we want cover fire, suppressive fire, down range, which would have been the two main, the main open, not the door to the library. We had somebody covering that. And as we approached up there, we did have to cross that door, though, so we were cognizant of what was going on there. We were covering ourselves as we crossed that door and as we approached the victims. And eh, we, I don’t know who the other guy was. I think it was eh, Littleton or Jefferson. I don’t know if it was a Littleton or Jefferson SWAT guy on that side and basically, we eh, did some cover fire into those door windows to make sure we’re given some cover fire as we pull the victims out. And we pulled the moving victim, the injured one, we pulled him back and eh, our Captain, I think, was gonna grab the other victim and he realized she was dead and we, at that time, decided to pull back and we left the dead one there and were able to pull the live one out. And I think that had a lot to do with, as many bodies as we had to do that eh, he wanted two people on one person, so we decided to back again and pull her out. And each time I probably, you know, was firing maybe, I fired probably more the first time I, we did our, the live, the live victim. I fired probably, I don’t know 16 to 18 rounds as suppressive fire into those windows, a couple here, couple there, couple here, just back and forth to keep, keep whoever, if, if our suspects were in there, keep them down.

CB: And these, so I’m clear, these are windows eh,-

GG: To the doors.

CB: To either side of the library door?

GG: The library door, no. The library door's open here. These are doors that go into the main hallway. So, you’d have to go down the hallway and turn right into the
library. The door that actually went into the library had 2 rooms or a room or 2 before you even got to the library. So, this is just a room off of the library that the door’s open.

CB: So, you were outside the building and, I guess, you were trying to get a perspective of where this doorway is.

GG: Correct.

CB: Is it a classroom doorway?

GG: No, it looks like it’s a main hallway, main entrance.

CB: Main entrance.

GG: It’s got like 4 eh.

CB: Which direction?

GG: 4, or six-

CB: Face-

GG: It faces north, I’d assume and may even be west, faces west, I’d say.

CB: Okay. To a west entrance and it’s a 4-door jobbie.

GG: Correct.

CB: And that’s where the victims are laying.

GG: Out, out, right outside of, against the wall to the library side.

CB: So on your eh, when you pulled the first, the first victim out, there’s 5 of you that go up to do this rescue?

GG: Correct.

CB: And there’s eh, describe to me that rescue team. How, how is it configured? What do you have?

GG: Eh, we had, I believe, Lt. Phelan was on the shield and I was his left wing and eh, there’s Captain DiManna.
VD: I'm Captain DiManna (inaudible).

CB: Yeah, Creighton Bates, Lakewood Police Department.

UP: Hi, Creighton. How are you?

CB: Good. We're in a taped interview. The tape is still rolling. Let me interrupt the interview here at um, 1729 hours.

CB: Okay, we're back on tape here. The time now is 1731 um, and that was Captain DiManna.

GG: DiManna.

CB: And Lt.-.

GG: Pat Phelan.

CB: And Pat Phelan. Okay. And we were talking about the configuration of the approach, here, uh. You said the Lt. was on the shield, in front.

GG: Yeah, now. It was the Captain on the shield and the Lt. was right behind him and we basically had Littleton, I believe it was, on the right side of the shield and me on the left side of the shield.

CB: You don't know who this Littleton guy was?

GG: No, I couldn't tell you.

CB: Littleton was on the left and you were, I'm sorry, Littleton was on the right?

GG: Correct.

CB: And you were on the left?

GG: Correct.

CB: Okay.

GG: The Littleton guy was on the library side and I was on the open side.

CB: So, you're covering ground to go up and do this rescue. How much ground do you cover before you get there?
GG: From the truck, where we leave our cover, probably 25 yards, maybe 30.

CB: And eh, at what point do you start your suppressive fire on this 25-yard distance?

GG: Probably about 15 yards to where I clear the truck and eh, to get a certain, the way the doors and windows were, I didn’t want to be hitting any eh, metal doors or whatever and getting any ricochet there, so I wanted to get, to make sure I was on, on the windows part of it, rather than hitting any door jamb.

CB: You, you cover 15 yards or?

GG: Probably, no. We probably ended up about 5 or 6 steps when I start my fire and uh...

CB: And uh, you explained earlier and correct me if I’m wrong, but it was uh, you recall about 16 to 18...

GG: On the first,

CB: Shots.

GG: Yes.

CB: And uh, aimed at the windows...

GG: Of the doors, the door window.

CB: Door windows. And uh what, what kind of gun you firing?

GG: An H & K MP5.

CB: Is it 9mm? What kind of ammo did you have in it?

GG: Uh, we have, our Department issue ammo which is uh, I believe Federal.

CB: Ok.

GG: Can’t give you a grain or whatever at this time.

CB: So you’re walking and firing suppression rounds, yes?

GG: Correct.

CB: And eventually you guys get to the uh, the victim.
GG: Correct.

CB: The victim is grabbed and eventually retreat with the victim. Who grabs the victim?

GG: The Lt. Phelan then grabbed the victim. And that was the live one. They did check, you know, and notice that there was definitely uh, the second victim had expired. And uh...with the Captain holding the shield, I don't think there was anybody else because we didn't have other hands to pull her out at that time. So uh, we just backed out of there and pulled the live one out to get him to some uh, help.

CB: Are you firing on the retreat too?

GG: A couple.

CB: How many do you think fired on the retreat?

GG: Uh, well, total of 16 to 18, so I would say just a couple, probably two, two rounds, maybe 4 rounds on the way back.

CB: The decision is made to go ahead and get that victim who appeared dead.

GG: Correct.

CB: And uh, is it repeated in the same fashion?

GG: Correct.

CB: You're doing suppression fire again.

GG: Correct. Cover fire.

CB: How many do you think you fire on the second, uh.

GG: Uh, well I have a 29 round magazine and I expired one full magazine. So, it'd probably been another uh, 10 to 11 rounds. So out of 29 rounds, so uh, somewhere around that, cause I was...

CB: You didn't, you didn't swap magazines?

GG: No, not at that time. When I got back behind cover I, eh, immediately switched over and I noticed I was uh, I didn't have any left in one magazine. And I hold 29 in mine.
CB:  Ok. On the approach you're again, you're laying down, uh a majority of the fire? And then on the retreat less fire?

GG:  Correct.

CB:  Okay. And uh, the second victim is brought back and what happens?

GG:  Then we uh, basically decide, let's slow things down a little bit and let's see what's going on, you know, behind the fire truck and they're getting more information on people uh in other parts of the school and what's going on. And the Captain and Lieutenant they need, they felt that they needed to get back to the situation where, or the command post where they could make decisions, you know uh, getting all the information rather then, cause we felt we got the one victim that was alive out of that particular area. But we did notice we had another expired victim down at the bottom of those steps. There's some steps.

Voice on PA system:  We need a building engineer to the office please. Building engineer to the office. Thank you.

CB:  So this is the third victim?

GG:  Correct. And at the bottom of those steps and another 20 yards, there was a third victim that, we kept hearing, says, well the paramedics, the paramedics looked at him and they said he was dead but, we wanted to make sure because uh, we don't, we don't know who or where that information came from. So we decided to do a similar type fashion of uh, covering and uh, I was covering the upper windows as we were coming up and I believe Dan O'Shea had the lower windows. And what we did is we went to the steps, we didn't use suppressive firing until the guys that were actually that were, we got to the wall. There's a wall that kinda starts to curve a little bit, we uh, the steps go down here. There's a chain link fence that comes out to steps. We get around the chain link fence and are along the wall so we hugged the wall and we uh, get down to the bottom. There's two windows that were uh, not clear so we don't know what's behind 'em with uh, and I don't remember if there was uh, gunshots through the windows that they'd noticed already, so whether that was from other officers firing or, that, them firing out of there. They weren't sure that, you know, they weren't behind them or whatever. So when we fanned out to get the victim there, I stayed on the upper windows and Dan O'Shea, Sergeant Dan O'Shea was part of that team that went down and checked on this, this group. Uh, this guy down there. And I don't remember if Dan O'Shea was on the initial rescue, maybe it was Dan O'Shea on the right instead of Littleton. Uh, I'm, you know, those things
are coming to me as we go cause the more I think of it, well, where did Dan O'Shea fit in that equation? Cause I know he was there and, but I do know he uh, did some suppressive fire, or cover fire at that time they went to check that other, exper-, apparently expired victim right below the library, it would be.

CB: So, Sgt. Dan O'Shea uh, does some suppression fire?

GG: Into that window which would have been, I believe uh, some-

CB: To the window below the library?

GG: Correct.

CB: Which would have been a room just north of the kitchen.

Voice on PA system: Cindy Partridge can you come to the office please?

GG: And uh, I believe it was like the kitchen lounge, uh, for the workers and uh, it was right off the kitchen area.

CB: Did you fire any?

GG: No, not at that time. I was looking up and uh, I fanned out just covering from, from uh up, down and you know. At that time I didn't, I uh, heard Dan fire, I think, just a couple rounds and then as they were going up there checking him. They decided to leave him where he was and everybody came back to the wall. And we basically went back up to the fire truck and this is where the captain and lieutenant wanted to slow things down a little bit since we, of the victims we could see, you know, we were comfortable in the position we were at and we needed to slow things down cause we weren't going to be able to help the people inside at that time.

CB: When you checked that second victim at the bottom of the stairs?

GG: Uh, (inaudible) and I were the hard covers on that. Uh, I think it was the Lieutenant and I don't know if the Captain went down on that one or not. But I know the Lieutenant went down.

CB: And after that victim was determined uh, no longer living. Was it the Lt. and the Captain's decision to do a tac- do a withdrawal?

GG: Correct.
CB: Reorganize and go from a Command Post position.

GG: Correct. Once we know the people that are around that area of the school were all, either extricated or, you know, whether they were dead or not, we wanted to pull, pull back to get to a position where we could help the people inside.

CB: Alright.

GG: Is basically what it is.

CB: Do you have any other involvement in the scene?

GG: Yes.

CB: Uh, what, what, how long is that rescue thing that take that, uh, what you just described, how long from the time you tacked up to the time you did that withdrawal?

GG: Probably 15 minutes, if that. That whole move, you know, all that, it was progressive as we went through it. Obviously, positioning the truck took some time and stuff, moving it. And then we had a guy that, you know, did a good job eh, moving that fire truck was, none, none of us were fireman.

CB: Yeah.

GG: And he was able to drive it pretty good.

CB: Did you fire your gun at all at any other point, your rifle or sidearm?

GG: No.

CB: No other shots.

GG: No other shots.

CB: And just real quick, what other duties did you have? And I mean, just in general terms.

GG: Assist with clearance and I helped extricate numerous, numerous students.

CB: Assist with clearing the school-
GG: The kitchen area. Actually, I was back at the fire truck at a high cover. I basically got on the fire truck and was giving us a little bit of high cover and was covering that open door that went into the library and also those doors where I gave my cover fire, cover suppression fire down into cause we assumed that the suspects were coming in, and they're coming out these doors, cause they obviously were here. And uh, so, I was covering those doors from the fire truck while we had a team that entered through that one window that Dan O'Shea, uh, as we went and checked the, the kid on the lower level of the steps. He'd fired some rounds into, they went ahead and took out that window and made that an entry port because we had information that there was a bunch of students right off the cafeteria somewhere that were, they were on cell phones, or whatever but uh, they needed help getting out of there. So, I just gave high cover from that position on the fire truck.

Voice on the PA system: Chris Miksoll (sp). Chris Miksoll, will you come to the office please. Chris Miksoll, please come to the office.

GG: Then I was uh, after, probably that was another hour. Well, no. It probably was a long time but it seemed like it was so fast. I stayed up there for quite a while and then I came down when I saw or, we had several guys in our raid van showed up. Not raid van, our equipment van, showed up with some of our officers and stuff and I stepped back by the fire truck and the Littleton guy and two Lakewood guys came up to help cover us from the fire truck. And the Lakewood guys got called back. That left the Littleton guy and me and he said he was being called back to be deployed in another position so, you know, it was kind of a use, useless position for one person around this fire truck. So, I pulled back to where the equipment van was which would have been just further north, northeast of where that was, where we originally parked the fire truck when we had to pull it around. And then they were calling for a ram because the team that actually entered in that break room for the kitchen help or whatever, that lounge area for the kitchen. They needed a ram on the inside and I wasn't part of the entry team doing the clearances with the kitchen and the cafeteria. But there was a bunch of gunfire and all the, every window, most of the windows and such so, were removed. That was eh, but we did have information that there was a bunch of students located around here so they needed a ram to clear some doors cause they had to get those doors open and we didn't have any keys. So, I went, I was at the equipment van and they were asking for a ram. So, I brought the ram down and basically did their same entry point through that window. They climbed down through and met up with the (inaudible). I basically became part of their team and helped clear the auditorium and uh-

CB: Which team was that?
GG: That'd be Dan O'Shea's team and there was a couple of, I think, Jefferson County members on that team. I didn't, I'm guessing.

CB: You cleared which area again?

GG: It'd be the auditorium.

CB: Auditorium.

GG: And I helped them uh, open a few doors with the ram or open one door and then I have a brace on my hand because I have a little tendon problem there but after that I couldn't use the ram so I switched off and uh, another, you know, officer was doing the ramming and so, and then we, I just used the hire cover with my rifle while they were opening up the doors that we needed to clear as we moved on and we got to the auditorium where it's obviously got a bunch of seats that start up high and come down low and we got to the top of there and on both sides were identical. The door configurations, you had doors coming into the auditorium. We were basically moving slowly out to the hallway and we stopped at the hallway cause we knew we had other teams coming in at different areas. So, we got to the doorway and right off the top of the auditorium, if you're on the stage looking up, on the right side is where we ended up. We had some information there was a music room with several students there. So we were trying to find this music room and we knew right off the auditorium so we knew we were getting close and we finally found the music room and we cleared that and we could tell that the, they had barricaded themselves behind the door in, inside a little closet area but there's, it had to be up in the closet area. I didn't actually go up in there. I basically helped extricate all of them and guide them back out the came in through the kitchen and through the, that window, and through the auditorium.

CB: How many students were there?

GG: Fifty, I think, is what.

CB: Fifty were hiding in this music room?

GG: Fifty were hiding in the room off of the music room which we had cleared and eh, they were uninjured and I don't think.

CB: You escorted them off to safety?

GG: Yes, and that would have out through the auditorium, you know, the same way we just cleared, all the stuff we just cleared, through the kitchen and mind you, the uh, sprinklers and alarms are going off the whole time. The sprinkler system
in the cafeteria is going off and there was water continually running on the sprinklers. I'd say there was 3 inches of water and the more I look at it, it was pretty scary cause I, you had your cash, it's the cafeteria. You got a cash machine or whatever and all these are hooked up to uh, electrical outlets that are sitting on the ground that are being covered up by water.

CB:  Oh, yeah.

GG:  And I kept looking at that and I'm like, that made me nervous cause obviously, either the power went out a long time ago or, you know, it could just, hit it just right and we'd all get electrocuted walking around in that water cause it was like 3" of water all over in that cafeteria and some into the uh, the auditorium (inaudible.)

CB:  Did you do anything else?

GG:  And then after that, I helped them get out and ended up being downstairs, you know, uh, when they ex-, or helping get the people out when I heard that they went into the library and found the scene the way it was and uh, I did get to go up and look in the library from the outside and didn't see any victims or anything but uh, I just stayed on the outside and then I went, from this part, I think I may have stepped in the door and I did see one, just one victim to the left. And then I left and became part of the team that they started reclearing.

CB:  Okay. Who's team was that?

GG:  That would have been Jimmy Joe Gose.

CB:  Jimmy Joe?

GG:  Gose's team, and uh.

CB:  Jimmy Joe Gose?

GG:  Yup.

CB:  How do you spell that?

GG:  J-o-s-e.

CB:  J-o-s-e?

GG:  G as in go-. G-o-s-e. And he, I think on our team we had Rueben Haney. Rueben G-(inaudible).
CB: This second team?

GG: Yeah the secondary. That was basically to reclear because we felt confident that uh, we think most of the suspects were there. And we kept hearing information that there were shots going off in the gymnasium and we had our own officers in there clearing the gymnasium and uh, it may have been some information that just took a while to, to get down to the dispatcher or whatever.

CB: Anybody else shooting at this point?

GG: No, there was no gunshots after that. I didn't hear any gunshots after our little volley of gunfire.

CB: Okay. So, the only person you saw fire a gun was yourself? Is that safe?

GG: Yes, other than I did notice, you know, I started watching the windows and I knew he was going to be doing suppressive cover fire at that lower window cause that was the immediate danger right there so.

CB: And he was shooting shots. Um, how many times?

GG: I believe a couple of rounds into that window as they were going out to, I'm not sure how many rounds. I know at least 2.

CB: That was Dan O'Shea. Sergeant.

GG: Correct.

CB: Who was on the clearance team? Gomez, you said and Jimmy, Jimmy Gose.

GG: Jimmy Gose.

CB: Anybody else?

GG: Yes, Mark Haney.

CB: How do you spell his last name?

GG: H-a-n-e-y.

CB: Who else?
GG: Steve Panck, P-a-n-c-k. Eh, Tony Iacovetta and I believe that’s l-o-c-a-v-e-t-t-a (inaudible). And Lt. Frank Vessa (sp) (inaudible). And that was the clearance team after the suspects were located in the library.

CB: How much sleep did you get last night before you started your shift? Did you get a full night’s sleep?

GG: Yeah.

CB: How many hours?

GG: I’d say at least 8.

CB: And have you had any alcohol to drink in the last 24 hours?

GG: No.

CB: Are you taking any medications at all, medicines at all in the last 24 hours?

GG: Yes, eh, I have this, my left wrist has a tendon that’s causing me a little bit of pain. Last night, actually, I took eh, like one of the painkiller which would be Flexeril, or Flexol.

CB: Is that a prescribed thing?

GG: This was, yes.

CB: And it is a pain, pain killer.

GG: Yeah.

CB: How many milligrams? Do you know how to spell Flexol?

GG: Flexeril, I think is the name.

CB: Flexeril.

GG: Cephalexine (sp) is what the clinical name is. Flexeril is like the generic brand, I think. Cephalexine and then Flexol or something like that, Flexeril.

CB: How many milligrams?

GG: I couldn’t tell you.
CB: How many tablets?

GG: One (inaudible).

CB: You took that last night?

GG: About 10.

CB: When did you last eat?

GG: Last night.

CB: Last night.

GG: (inaudible) and like I said, I was went from roll call to using the phone at the Brotherhood and that's when the call came out. Usually, you go to breakfast, you know, right out of the shoot so you get that out of the way and I didn't get a chance to eat.

CB: You ate last night at what time?

GG: Oh, we talking a snack type of thing?

CB: A meal.

GG: I did have a few cookies with that pill because, you know, I just don't want to take medication on an empty stomach. So, I had a couple of cookies there, that, before there was a thin mint Girl Scout cookies that we had and then eh, I ate about 5:30.

CB: Full dinner?

GG: Yes, Chinese food.

CB: And 4 cookies for dessert kind of with your pill around 10:00.

GG: Oh make that 5:00 or a little bit before because we have soccer practice at 5 so I was out of there at 5 but we were eating right before.

CB: And at 10:00 you had 4 Girl Scout cookies with a pill, with one pill.

GG: Correct. Correct. Then I'm also taking like 600 mg of Ibuprofen over the counter.
CB: And did you take that last night?

GG: Correct. Similar time?

CB: One pill?

GG: No, it's 3-200 mg, so 600 mg.

CB: And you said it was what, what kind of pain killer?

GG: Ibuprofen.

CB: What time did you take that yesterday? Same time?

GG: I take it 3 times a day but that last one was the-

Voice in background: Hi.

CB: Hi.

Voice: I'm Sgt. Hemphill with Denver. I hate to come in-

CB: Just a second. Let's pause the interview here. It's 1755 hours.

CB: Okay, we are back on tape now. It is now 1758 hours. I just spoke to Sgt. Hemphill from Denver Homicide and Robbery who had some questions concerning the investigation. So, we're back on tape. We're going to pick up right where we left off about you taking some cookies with you pills. So, you did not handle any previous calls prior to this today.

GG: (inaudible)

CB: Okay. And are you married?

GG: Yes. With 4 kids.

CB: Any problems at home? Anything unusual happen recently, stressful for you?

GG: Oh, it always is with 4 kids.

CB: I imagine.

GG: No, nothing out of the ordinary.
CB: Okay. Everything going at work smoothly? You're not in trouble with your boss or peers?

GG: No, no, not at all.

CB: Work is going well.

GG: I was about to go on vacation. That's what I'm looking forward to.

CB: Okay. You wear contacts or glasses?

GG: No.

CB: And talking about your wrist, do you have any other medical problems with, anything giving you problems? It's your left wrist and you have basically, a sore tendon? Is that right?

GG: Yeah, and I had this little splint cast on the whole time.

CB: During the shooting?

(End of Side 1, Tape 1)

CB: Okay, we're on side 2 of the tape here. George, you were saying you wore the splint during the shooting and does that help you lessen the pain or add support? What is it for?

GG: It's just a support. There's a metal bar underneath that kind of curves and tries to make it so you can't move your wrist as much.

CB: Okay.

GG: I still have some mobility, obviously, with my fingers are open, my knuckles are open, my thumb's a bit open.

CB: That didn't pr-, let me ask you this. That didn't effect the way you fired your Long Gun?

GG: Negative. No. It did not.

CB: And your left hand is-

GG: My support. It's not my-
CB: It's not your trigger finger.

GG: -trigger (inaudible).

CB: And that MP5, is that a department owned thing or is that your own?

GG: It's a department issue.

CB: Okay.

GG: And I have the serial number if you need.

CB: We'll, why don't you go ahead and just give it to me.

GG: It's Charlie- 325873. And I am a certified MP5 Instructor also.

CB: How long you been carrying the MP5?

GG: Three years.

CB: You've been trained and carried it for the last 3 years.

GG: Correct.

CB: Did you qualify with it?

GG: Yes.

CB: Any problems qualifying?

GG: No.

CB: How often do you have to qualify?

GG: We qualify-

Unidentified Voice: Sorry to interrupt you. George Gray, when you finish this, stay here for our shoot team. (inaudible) coming out, okay?

GG: Okay.

CB: How often do you have to qualify?
GG: I don't know if we have a-. We qualify with it probably at least 4 times a year, if not more. A lot of times, we do a lot more shooting and training. We may not do qualification courses but at least 4 times a year, we'll qualify.

CB: Have you been involved with officer-involved shootings before? Any?

GG: I have never shot myself but I've been involved when my partner has shot before.

CB: When was that?

GG: December 7th, I think, 198-, it was before I went to the gang unit. It might have been 1990.

CB: Anything since then? Any other ones besides that one and today's?

GG: Uh, not that I've been personally involved in. No.

CB: Who did you talk to about the incident about what had happened? Any of your coworkers?

GG: About the previous-

CB: About the shooting. No, about the shooting.

GG: Today, today's. Uh, a couple of my team mates which, you know, I explained-

CB: Who were they?

GG: Don Gilworth.

CB: G-i-l-w-o-r-t-h.

GG: W-o-r-t-h.

CB: Anybody else?

GG: Not to any length. No, I didn't get, have time because we were going here, going there.

CB: And since the incident, has anybody handled your, your MPS?

GG: No.
CB: George, can you think of anything else that I may have missed that you want to add to the record?

GG: Uh, no not at this time.

CB: And the suppression you fire, the suppression fire you laid down, was that, is that part of your normal training of the scenario there?

GG: Well, we just had a situation with an officer down type of rescue we done and we trained with and the Vanderjagt episode. Our team was involved in that and they used it at that time and it was, we felt that, when you’re out in the open like that, we felt that was the only that we had at that time and we used it as the (inaudible) scenario type of situation, cause there was 2 different directions, you know, that we had a possible threat but at that time, that’s what we felt was necessary to do to safely pull a, the victims out of there.

CB: So, that is the way, the standard protocol or procedure on a down victim drill, to lay down suppression fire to insure you got some safety to pull that person out.

GG: Correct.

CB: If I understand that-.

GG: Especially if we have, you know, suspects that we don’t know where and the way the windows were all shot out, we didn’t know if they were right behind there or what the deal was at that time for our cover and that was, you use that as your cover, basically.

CB: Because you-

GG: Cover fire would probably be a better word for it.

CB: Cause you don’t know where the suspects are is what-?

GG: Correct.

CB: Exactly.

GG: You know, for our safety, if we’re going out there with just one shield and controlled fire, you know, a double tap of rounds.

CB: I have nothing else if, unless there’s something else you want to add. I appreciate your time and, anything?
GG: I don't think so.

CB: The time now 1807 and we'll conclude the interview.

CB: Okay, it's the time now is 1809. George, you said you remembered something you wanted to add to make the record more clear.

GG: Yeah, when we were devising the plan of, to extricate the victims out of the front of those doors, and it was, the Lt. and Captain were making sure, Phelan, I believe, was talking to me personally, making sure we give, give us some suppression fire for our cover, some cover fire, however you want to put that.

CB: Okay.

GG: Cause that's going to be our only cover other than that shield and that shield was a level 2. We wouldn't have stopped any of their rounds cause they had 223 type of weapons. They were high-powered rifle type of rounds, which that wouldn't have stopped them but, you know, it made us feel safer anyway. If they would have had a handgun by that point or whatever, it gave us some cover but that's where our rounds was giving us even more cover, so.

CB: Okay. And the rounds, you were hitting windows around the door?

GG: Yeah, I think a couple, I know one window was definitely broken out and the others were, you know had, you could see the bullets coming through in and out of the-

CB: And that was Lt. Phelan's order?

GG: Yes.

CB: And Captain DiManna.

GG: DiManna. And that was basically, you know it was, we were trying to get the plan going and that's the way it went down.

CB: Okay. Got that clear. Now time is just about 1810 hours. We'll end it. Do you have anything further?

GG: No, that's it.

CB: Okay.

(End of tape.)
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I responded to the shooting at Columbine High School on my car police radio at about 11:30 AM. Upon arrival, we responded to the East side of the H.S. where Susi was. I entered the H.S. with the rest of the team at first I was held down an un incidence. Then when I assisted the team clear the office and personnel and auditorium. Then assisted at the others and then we searched our there then responded to Lakewood High to the critical incident team to complete a statement.

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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**Concerning an incident occurring at:**

Columbine High School

**Location where statement taken:**

Jay St. & Leewood

**Summary of Statement:**

At approx 12:10pm, I was notified to respond to Columbine High School along with Tech. Ramirez on a shooting.

Upon Arrival I was placed on an entry team and searched a large portion of the school. We found some victims and assisted them to a secure location. I was directed to go into the library and assisted a gun shot victim (first name) until the paramedics were able to get her out. At no time did I fire my weapon.

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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.

Date: 04-20-99

Signature of Person Making Statement

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JC-001-008396
The (Last, First, Middle Initial)  

Jose Jimmy J  

Making Statement is:  

- Officer  

- Witness  

- Person advised

Residence Street Address  

City  

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Concerning an incident occurring at:  

Columbine High School  

Location where statement taken:  

Cherokee Elementary School  

Summary of Statement:

This date I was off duty when I heard police units responding to Columbine High School. I turned on my police radio and heard a repeat of the SWAT units responding as well. I then responded to the location while contacting metro 3. Lt. Vessa, upon arrival I became part of a team comprised of Denver County SWAT officers. We cleared the cafeteria area, as well as the lower southwest part of the building. We then cleared the upper southwest classrooms of the library media center. During the clearing we located several injured or dead victims. While clearing the library media center I located two apparent suspects, both were dead from apparent self-inflicted wounds.

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  

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Date  

12:53  

Time Statement Completed  

PPM  

Signature of Person Making Statement  

JC-001-008398  

DPO 356 (Rev. 7/95)
On 4-20-99 at approx 1230 hrs R/O was called out to respond on multiple shootings at Columbine High School. R/O coordinated w/ partner R Fox (3126) and both responded from approx 1235pm or 1230pn. Upon arrival R/O geeked up and joined Sgnt Yamas at the school. R/O took a perimeter post inside for approx 1 hour and then joined up w/ other team members and began systematically clearing rooms. R/O was team cleared room until approx 1:00pm with no contact of suspects or 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.

4/20/99
10:45 AM

Signature of Person Making Statement

Date Statement Completed

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