

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS TO BE INTERVIEWED

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| 1. John AYLWARD | Littleton Firefighter |
| 2. Henry BLOODWORTH | Denver Officer, fired 26 rounds, .223 rifle |
| 3. Vincent DIMANNIA (Capt.) | Denver Officer, SWAT Commander |
| 4. Mark DRAJEM (Sgt.) | Denver Officer, fired 2 rounds, AR-15 |
| 5. Dave FISHER | Denver Officer, alleged to have said friendly fire |
| 6. Monte FLEMING | Littleton Paramedic |
| 7. Neil GARDNER | JCSO Deputy, fired 8 rounds, .45 caliber |
| 8. Mark GORMAN | Littleton Paramedic |
| 9. George GRAY | Denver Officer, fired 29 rounds, MP5 9mm |
| 10. Abe GUTTERREZ | Denver Officer, with Officer Romero |
| 11. Scott HOPKINS | Northglenn Officer, on-scene at CHS |
| 12. Donn KRAEMER | Lakewood Officer, fired 4 rounds, 12 gauge |
| 13. Jerry LOSASSO | Littleton Firefighter |
| 14. Terry MANWARING | JCSO Deputy, fired 3 rounds, AR-15 |
| 15. Jim MAY | Northglenn Officer, on-scene at CHS |
| 16. Dave MCCLAUGHLIN (Sgt.) | Northglenn Officer, information on DPD |
| 17. James MONEGHAN | Denver Officer, fired 6 rounds, .45 caliber |
| 18. Brad NELSON (Sgt.) | Northglenn Officer, information on O'Shea |
| 19. Thomas O'NEIL (Lt.) | Denver Officer, fired 3 rounds, .45 caliber |
| 20. Eugene ORTON (Sgt.) | Denver Officer, with Officer Romero |
| 21. Daniel O'SHEA (Sgt.) | Denver Officer, fired 51 rounds, MP5 9mm |
| 22. Patrick PHELAN (Lt.) | Denver Officer, SWAT |
| 23. Brad REED (Sgt.) | ACSO Deputy, conducted IA on Taylor |
| 24. Gregory ROMERO | Denver Officer, fired 4 rounds, AR-15 |
| 25. Annette SMOKER | JCSO Deputy, talked with the Petrone's |
| 26. Paul SMOKER | JCSO Deputy, fired 3 rounds, 9mm |
| 27. Scott TABORSKY | JCSO Deputy, in newspaper accounts |
| 28. Jim TAYLOR | ACSO Deputy, talked with the Petrone's |
| 29. Ray TORREZ (Lt.) | ACSO Deputy, supervisor on-scene with Taylor |
| 30. Bin TRAN | Denver Officer, in newspaper accounts |
| 31. Kevin WALKER | JCSO Deputy, fired 2 rounds, 12 gauge |

Point of Contact for DPD: Deputy Chief Dave ABRAMS 720-913-6528

Columbine High School First Responders Who do Not Need to be Interviewed
Information obtained from Jefferson County First Responder Case Book

Subjects were not present when the shooting of Daniel Rohrbaugh occurred

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Bomb Technicians

1. **Jeff L. Britegam-** initial investigation of diversionary device at 8000 S. Wadsworth.
2. **Dan Davis-** 11:45am to 3:00 pm on standby, assisted in removing explosive devises.
3. **Joseph Dempsey-** assisted in the removal of explosive devises.
4. **Richard Euchler-** goes to staging area, responds to 8276 South Reed Road (Harris residence) at 1:30 pm.
5. **Scott Linne-** initial investigation of diversionary device at 8000 S. Wadsworth, responds to 8276 South Reed Road (Harris residence) at 1:30 pm.
6. **Archle Singleton-** assisted in the removal of explosive devises.
7. **Wayne Belohlavy-** initial investigation of diversionary device at 8000 S. Wadsworth.

ATF Agents

1. **Al Bank-** initial investigation of diversionary device at 8000 S. Wadsworth,
2. **Mathew C. Traver-** assisted in the search of the Harris residence. Follow up was done at local stores to determine where explosive components were purchased.
3. **Gary Wurm-** Follow up interviews with local merchants.

Denver Police Officers (EOD)

1. **William Chew-** assisted in the removal of explosive devises.
2. **James Collier (Capt.)-** assisted with personnel assignments at Columbine.
4. **David Haley-** assisted in the removal of explosive devises.
5. **Edward Hertzling-** assisted in the removal of explosive devises.
6. **Joe Tennant-** assisted in the removal of explosive devises.
7. **Alex Woods-** assisted in the removal of explosive devises.

Denver Police Officers (First Responders)

1. **Officer Jesse Avendano-** assisted EMS workers near school library after shooting had ended.
2. **Officer Daniel Barrett-** assigned to the intersection of Pierce and Fair
3. **Officer Wayne Depew-** was working his assigned district when he received a page from his son, **Mathew Depew** who is a student at Columbine. **MATHEW DEPEW** notified his father of the shooting. **WAYNE DEPEW** was one of the first officers to arrive at west side of the school at approximately 11:50 am. He assisted in the rescue of the repairman who was on the roof. **WAYNE DEPEW** stated he never fired his service weapon, he does not know who provided suppression coverage.
4. **Officer Galasso-** Search the neighborhood in reference to a report of a subject with a Rifle (4801 S. Wadsworth), searched the drainage ditches southeast of school.

5. **Sergeant Dean Jones**- witnessed Denver SWAT providing suppression fire as they recovered the body of a dead student.
6. **Detective Alan Kelser**- assisted in gathering intelligence information and interviewing witnesses.
7. **Kenneth Laurita**- assisted in removing students from the school grounds using his police vehicle.
8. **Officer Ken Manzanares**- assisted in removing students from the school grounds by providing cover for officers removing students from the school. He was by Engine 11
9. **Officer Jeffrey Martinez**- assisted in removing students from the school grounds using his police vehicle.
10. **Officer Lewis Padilla**- assisted in removing students from the school grounds using his police vehicle.
11. **Officer Kurt Peterson**- maintained inner perimeter, southwest of school.
12. **Lt. Ryan**- coordinated responding DPD officers, assisted in the evacuation of students.
13. **Officer Thomas Steen**-maintained the perimeter southwest of the school, near the softball field. He and officer Vigil hear 15 gunshots prior to arriving.
14. **Officer Steinbach**- at the east side of the school, assisted in the evacuation of students.
15. **Officer Blaise Vigil**- maintained the perimeter southwest of the school, near the softball field. He and officer Vigil hear 15 gunshots prior to arriving.

Jefferson County EOD

1. **Glen Grove**- assisted in the removal of explosive devises, assists in the collection of evidence at Columbine and the Harris residence. Provides an in-depth summary of EOD involvement pertaining to identification, collection, and submission as evidence.
2. **Mike Guerra**- assisted in the removal of explosive devises.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office

1. **Deputy R. Byerly**- assisted with perimeter security on the north of the high school.
2. **Deputy K. Ester**- perimeter security at Pierce/Polk.
3. **Deputy Phillip Hy**- assigned to the command post at S. Pierce/Leawood.
4. **Deputy McLaughlin**- perimeter security.
5. **Deputy Paul Magor**- SW corner of high school parking lot, perimeter security.
6. **Deputy J. Mayns**- perimeter security at S. Pierce/Fair.
7. **Deputy E. Pearson**- perimeter security at SE side of high school.
8. **Deputy Pedigo**- perimeter security at Clement Park, assisted Deputy A. Walker with taking 3 suspects into custody.
9. **Deputy Schwieterman**- Evacuated injured students. Received a spent 9mm shell casing from Denver PD Officer Padilla. Officer Padilla had found the shell casing on his person. Officer Padilla had been at a building located SW of high school. Assisted Deputy A. Walker with taking 3 suspects into custody.
10. **Deputy R. Searle**- assisted in removing students from the school grounds using his police vehicle. With Deputy Smoker and Deputy Taborsky.

ATF

1. **Special Agent Brouse-** follow up on the weapons used by Harris and Klebold.
2. **Special Agent Dobyns-** follow up on the weapons used by Harris and Klebold.
3. **Special Agent Larry Krisl-** interviewed associates of Harris and Klebold (Mark Manes, purchased TEC 9 and ammunition) and Mark Stevens.
4. **Special Agent Kent Masters-** interviewed Brian Distel, witnessed weapon transaction between Manes and Klebold.
5. **Special Agent Jon Mitchell-** interviewed Nathan Dykeman, associate of Harris and Klebold.
6. **Special Agent Marcus Motte-** did trace of the weapons used by Harris and Klebold, interviewed associates of Harris and Klebold. Identified Robyn Anderson (Klebold's girlfriend) as helping to purchase the Highpoint carbine rifle and Stevens-Savage double barrel shotgun, and the Springfield Pump Shotgun.

FBI

1. **Special Agent J. Diehl-** did follow on the knives that were purchased by Harris and Klebold.
2. **Special Agent K. Howland-** Interviewed Ronald Frank Hartman. Subject sold the Stevens-Savage Shotgun to Anderson on November 22, 1998 at the Tanner Gun Show.

Littleton EMS/Fire Personnel

1. **EMT Patrick Brandon-** assisted with triage at Yukon/Caley.
2. **Richard Caudill-** Shuttled equipment.
3. **Firefighter Allen Chapman-** covered calls for service/responded to **Eric Harris'** residence at 8276 South Reed Road.
4. **Battalion Chief Jeff Christ-** assigned to Communications.
5. **Paramedic/Engineer Brian Delasantos-** assigned to a staging area at Coal Mine and Pierce.
6. **Shane Druckenmiller-** assisted with triage at Yukon/Caley.
7. **Battalion Chief Jim Easton-** assigned as Fire Incident Commander.
8. **Captain Timothy Floyd-** covered calls for service/responded to **Eric Harris'** residence at 8276 South Reed Road.
9. **Fire Marshall Jim Hofstra-** assisted with triage at Yukon/Caley.
10. **Firefighter Tyson Hungerford-** assigned to a staging area Coal Mine and Pierce, with DELASANTOS.
11. **Charlie Martinez-** (Engine 11) Staged at Pierce and Leawood. Assigned to Engine 11 (fire engine used by Denver Swat, did not accompany fire engine).
12. **Captain James Olsen-** Staged at Pierce and Leawood. Assigned to Engine 11 (fire engine used by Denver Swat, did not accompany fire engine, provided medical assistance to **Shawn Graves**, responded to assist an injured teacher after Graves transport).
13. **Captain Gene Nagle-** at fire command post located at Leawood and Pierce. Assigned

as an aide to Battalion **Chief Rahne**.

14. **Captain David Otto**- assigned to a staging area at Coal Mine and Pierce.
15. **Captain Tom Rybolt**- assigned to Engine 13, staged at Pierce/Weaver, latter responded to Yukon/Caley.
16. **Jay Ruoff**-safety officer for MedEvac helicopters.
17. **Lieutenant John Schefeik**- assisted with triage at Yukon/Caley.
18. **Captain Roland Seno**- at Pierce and Bowles staging area, assigned to a reserve engine/rescue unit.
19. **Paramedic Steve Shelafo**- covered calls for service/responded to **Eric Harris'** residence at 8276 South Reed Road.
20. **Lt. David Stern**- provided medical assistance at Yukon/Caley.
21. **Lt. Barb Thomas**- responded to **Eric Harris'** residence at 8276 South Reed Road.
22. **Captain Skip Wilson**- in charge of Task force 4 staging.

Denver Fire Department

1. **Assistant Chief Rex King**-coordinated logistical support from the Denver Fire Department

Englewood Fire Department

1. **Lt. Laura Vetos**- paramedic for Englewood SWAT team, placed sheet over Daniel Rohrbaugh and Rachel Scott.

Sheridan Fire Department

1. **Firefighter Sheldon Padilla**- standby for medical assistance, treated one student
2. **Firefighter Brian Ribble**- standby for medical assistance, treated one student

Metro South Fire Department

1. **Doug Bloomquist**- assisted Littleton Fire Department with logistical support.
2. **Craig O'Connell**- assigned to ambulance rotation on Pierce.
3. **Kevin Collier**- assigned to ambulance rotation on Pierce.
4. **Tom Crews**- assisted with triage in north parking lot of Columbine High School.
5. **Ken Rubin**- assisted in assessing dead and injured in the school library.

Littleton EMS Personnel who need to be interviewed

Firefighter John Aylward- assigned to Rescue 11, present when law enforcement exchanged gunfire with suspects, saw Rohrbough, assisted Anne Marie Hochhalter.

Paramedic Monte Fleming- assigned to Rescue 11, present when law enforcement exchanged gunfire with suspects, checked Rohrbough's vital signs.

Paramedic Mark Gorman- assigned to Rescue 13, present when law enforcement exchanged gunfire with suspects.

Firefighter Jerry LoSasso- assigned to Rescue 13, present when law enforcement exchanged gunfire with suspects, checked Rohrbough's vital signs.

Point of Contact- Littleton Fire Department EMT Chief

Wayne Zygowicz

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SWAT Officers who were at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999
Information obtained from Jefferson County SWAT Case Book
Reference Columbine High School (C/R 99-7625)

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office SWAT

Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office SWAT team arrived at Columbine High School after the shootings. Conduct the initial search of the school library.

1. Albershardt
2. Binks
3. Etheridge
4. Ortler
5. Sgt. L. Perea
6. Peterson
7. Reibelung
8. Lt. Williams

City of Boulder Police Department SWAT

A summary of tactical report was on file. Swat Officers did not arrive at Columbine High School until 5:30 p.m. Conducted tactical search inside the high school until 11:16 p.m.

Boulder County Sheriff's Office SWAT

A summary of tactical report was on file. Swat Officers did not arrive at Columbine High School until 6:30 p.m. Conducted tactical search inside the high school until 11:30 p.m.

Jefferson County Sheriff's Office SWAT

Evacuated students, assisted with the rescue of Richard Castaldo and the Recovery of Rachel Scott, assisted with clearing the high school.

1. K. Beaulieu
2. D. Berry
3. A.J. Deandrea
4. M. Felsoci
5. F. Greenberg
6. D. Hoffman
7. J. Johnson
8. Klienschmidt- drove Littleton Fire Truck
9. **Terry Manwaring- fired 3 rounds from an AR-15**
10. M. Martin
11. A. Simmons
12. M. Suavely
13. Whitus
14. Sgt. B. Williams

Denver Police Department SWAT

1. **Henry Bloodworth- Fired 26 rounds, Steyr Aug universal .223 rifle, copy of officer involved shooting report on file.**
2. Robert Broden- at training when notified at 12:10 pm.
3. Matt Canon- notified of Columbine shootings at 12:10 pm.
4. Douglas Church- notified at 12:30, canine officer, assisted with initial search.
5. Daniel Delmonico- notified 12:15, assisted with initial search.
6. Capt. Vicent DiManna- organized the rescue and recovery of Rachel Scott and Richard Castaldo, present with Sgt. O'Shea.
7. **Sgt. Mark Drajem- Fired 2 rounds, Colt AR-15, copy of officer involved shooting report on file.**
8. Randell Fox- east side of high school, 12:30 pm.
9. Robbie Gilmour- west side of high school at 12:15 pm.
10. Donald Gilworth- assisted with initial search, responded at 1:00 pm.
11. Reuben Gomez-responded 12:10 pm, assisted with search of high school.
12. Jimmy Gosc- responded to southwest side of school/assisted with search of school.
13. Robin Gray- responded at 12:30 pm, maintained interior perimeter, assisted with search of school.
14. **George Gray- Fired 29 rounds, Heckler-Hoch, MP-5 9mm, copy of officer involved shooting report on file.**
15. Mark Haney- assisted with search of the high school.
16. Anthony Iacovetta- assisted with search of the high school.
17. David Kibel-responded at 12:30 pm, assisted with evacuation of high school.
18. Tom Lahey- responded at 1:00 pm, assisted with search of the high school.
19. Mark Lewis- assisted with search of the high school.
20. T. McKibben- responded at 12:50 pm, assisted with search of the high school.
21. Craig Moen- responded at 12:00 pm, assisted with search of the high school.
22. Ross Monahan- assisted with search of the high school.
23. **James Monaghan- Fired 6 rounds, Smith and Wesson, Model 4569, 45 caliber, copy of officer involved shooting report on file.**
24. **Tom O'Neil- Fired 3 rounds. Glock Model 21 .45 cal, copy of officer involved shooting report on file.**
25. **Daniel O'Shea- Fired 51 rounds, Heckler-Koch, MP-5, 9mm, copy of officer involved shooting report on file.**
26. Robert Organ- responded 12pm, part of containment team, assisted with search of the high school.
27. Ken A. Overman- responded 11:30 am, assigned to east of high school, assisted with search of the high school.
28. Kenneth Padgett- assisted with search of the high school.
29. Steven Panck- assisted with evacuation of high school and with search of the high school (cafeteria area).
30. Randy Penn- assisted with search of the high school.
31. Lt. Patrick Phelan- responded 11:30 am, assisted in the rescue and recovery of Rachel Scott and Richard Castaldo, present with Sgt. O'Shea.

32. Andrew Ramirez- responded approximately 12:10 pm, assisted with search of the high school.
33. **Greg Romero-Fired four rounds, Colt AR-15, .223, copy of officer involved shooting report on file.**
34. Willis Roundtree- searched first level of high school.
33. Jim Sewald- assisted with search of the high school.
35. Alvin Shell- assisted with search of the high school.
36. James Smith- assisted in the rescue and recovery of Rachel Scott and Richard Castaldo, present with Sgt. O'Shea.
37. Frank Vessa- assisted with search of the high school.
38. Lt. Frank Vessa- coordinated search and rescue operations.

City of Lakewood Police Department SWAT

City of Lakewood Police Department SWAT team arrived at Columbine High School after the shootings. Conduct the initial search of the school roof, library, evacuated students, and located Khelbolt's and Harris' vehicles.

1. Gerald Bartlett
2. Beattie
3. Dan Brennan.
4. Burdell Burch
5. R. Capp
6. Robert Clark
7. G. Cole
8. M. Dewhurst
9. M. Direzza
10. Sgt. Hinkle
11. J. Hitchens
12. K. Kimmey
13. **D. Kramer- discharged his shotgun to breech a janitor's closet door and a door in the school cafeteria. He discharged his weapon four (4) times. Memo of weapon discharge on file.**
14. Edgar Loar
15. C. Phillips
16. J. Romaniec
17. B. Sawyer
18. Gregg Slater
19. J. Streeter
20. Swainson
21. J. Wray
22. P. Wilson

City of Littleton Police Department SWAT

Assisted with the evacuation of students, and helped to clear the school.

1. Sgt. C.W. Black
2. C. Bohlen
3. Brauch
4. Dugan
5. M. Eyman
6. M. Kelly
7. C. Neal
8. D. Parker
9. Ratcliff
10. Romcro
11. Sutherland
12. Wood
13. Wren

To: BC Ray Rahne
From: FF John Aylward
Re: Columbine Incident

The following is my recollection of the events as they happened at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999.

R11, E11, R13, and BN1 were dispatched to Columbine H.S. to respond with JCSO on report of shots fired with possible victims. R11 crew (Aylward, Fleming) and E11 (Olsen, Martinez, Knutsen) headed west on Bowles Ave. to Pierce. On arrival, BC Rahne directed R11 to a patient on the southeast corner of Pierce St. and W. Fair Dr. (see medical report on Stephanie Munson). Pt was treated and transported to Bowles Ave. and Jay St. where we were met by a Columbine Ambulance crew. Pt was transferred to CAS for transport, and R11 returned to the Command Post. On arrival, R13 on scene, R11 and R13 responded to the southwest corner of the school for report of several victims down. Prior to our response, the area was reported and confirmed twice to be secure by police units on scene. R13 followed by R11 approached the area, and I noted several JCSO Deputies taking cover behind parked cars with weapons pointed at the building. We could see victims on the sidewalk near the building. R13 proceeded to the far southwest corner of the school, where they discovered three victims. I spotted one victim, a 17 year old girl, on the sidewalk approximately 25-30 feet to the east of R13 (see medical report on AnneMarie Hochhalter). I pulled R11 up on the sidewalk as close as possible to the victim and jumped out of the rig. Monte Fleming opened the rear of R11 and pulled out the cot, and was summoned to help R13's crew as they had three possible victims. I approached my patient, and seeing she was alive, picked her up and ran to the rear of R11 and placed her on the cot. As I looked over to R13 to check their progress, I heard gunfire coming from the library windows directly over my head. I was hit with fragments, which I now know was glass from the broken windows. The police immediately returned fire. I saw Monte carry a patient to the rear of R13, and pass him off to R13's crew (Gorman, LoSasso). Monte was able to then make it back to R11 and help load the cot with our patient into R11. I jumped in the back with the patient while Monte jumped in front and drove us out of the area. R11 briefly stopped at the staging area and picked up FF Ryan Knutsen who got in the back to assist with care and treatment of our patient. R11 proceeded to Swedish Hospital, Code 3. R11 turned over our patient to the hospital staff, and returned Code 3 with a police escort, to the Command Post. On

arrival to the Staging Area, we noted numerous ambulances from several different jurisdictions staged. R11 proceeded to the front of the line and prepared to receive more casualties. After a while, R11 crew was told that the SWAT team was rescuing a victim from a second story window. The SWAT team brought out the patient in an armored car. We opened the back door of the armored car and received the patient on a long spine board. R11's crew was told by the Denver paramedic in charge of triage, that the patient was suffering from an isolated ankle fracture. As we placed the patient in R11, we noted a large amount of blood on the patient's head and face, and discovered a gunshot wound to the forehead (see medical report on Patrick Ireland). FF Knutsen drove the rescue with FF Martinez in front and myself and Monte attending the patient in back. We were also accompanied by a Denver police detective who interviewed the patient during transport. R11 proceeded Code3 to St. Anthony Central. On arrival, patient care was transferred to St. Anthony Hospital staff, and R11 returned to the Command Post Code3. We were then told there were numerous fatalities, and the possibility of any more survivors was not expected. The incident began to de-escalate and other ambulances were returning to service. R11 and E11 proceeded to the rear of the school to stand by while the ATF and Bomb Squad discovered and deactivated the many explosive devices throughout the school and grounds. Somewhere between 2000hrs and 2030hrs R11 and E11 crews were replaced and returned to quarters, where we were subsequently sent home at approximately 2100hrs.

John Aylward

Name

Bloodworth Jr, Harry

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Officer

Agency

Arvada PD

Grainger, D.

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Vonderohe, M.

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HB: Harry Bloodworth Jr.
JV: Jim Vonderohe (Detective)

JV: 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.

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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?

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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?

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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 cause 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.

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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.

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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.

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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, 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.

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HB: Okay sir. Uh, myself and Officer O'Neil 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 siren. 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 hnm.

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.

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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

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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.

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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.

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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 to 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?

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HB: You know, I didn't know. It just seemed like those rounds started coming out. Everybody started ducking and they're 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, 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

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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 protano, 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 tell 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.

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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

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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?

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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.

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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 up, 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?

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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.

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AROUND 1330 HOURS DEPUTY SCHWISTEDMAN REQUESTED ASSISTANCE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF CLIMANT PARK UPON MY ARRIVAL I ASSISTED DEPUTY SCHWISTEDMAN IN ARRESTING THREE JUVENILE MALES, DRESSED IN Black.

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I LATER RESPONDED TO THE BACK OR WEST SIDE OF COLUMBINE HIGH. I TRANSPORTED SEVERAL STUDENTS FROM THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL TO THE FIRST AID AND COMMAND POST.

I SPENT THE REMAINDER OF THE SHIFT ASSISTING WITH CRIME SCENE SECURITY ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL.

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STATEMENT

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) <u>D. MANUA VINCENT J</u>		MAKING STATEMENT IS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
RESIDENCE STREET ADDRESS <u>7822 S. Upham Ct</u>	CITY <u>Littleton</u>	COUNTY <u>Jefferson Co</u>	STATE <u>CO</u>	ZIP CODE <u>80128</u>	
RESIDENCE PHONE <u>(303) 904-4662</u>	BUSINESS PHONE <u>(303) 871-8888</u>	SOCIAL SECURITY NO.		DATE OF BIRTH / SERIAL NO. <u>7/1/4</u>	
BUSINESS STREET ADDRESS	CITY	COUNTY	STATE	ZIP CODE	
OFFICER TAKING STATEMENT	SERIAL NUMBER	DATE <u>4, 20, 99</u>	TIME <u>5:35</u> Hours		
CONCERNING AN INCIDENT OCCURRING AT <u>Columbine High School</u>		LOCATION WHERE STATEMENT TAKEN <u>Leawood Elem School</u>			

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT

At approx. 11:30 AM this date I was paged and told by Sgt. Tacovetta that at Columbine High School a shooting / barricaded suspect situation was going on and that Jeffco was requesting Denver assistance. At approx. 11:35 AM I arrived and met with Lt. Manuaring of Jefferson County Sheriff's Office. He informed numerous shots had been fired numerous down and shots were still coming. Lt. Phelan of Metro/Swat also responded, Tech Grey Tech Smith Tech Overman Tech Monahan, ~~Tech~~ Sgt. Tacovetta and Sgt. Lewis. There also was at least 3 more Jeffco Swat officers. We had formed a plan utilizing a West Metro Fire Truck as cover we approached the school on foot. We went to the East Main door where half the team made entry to a classroom to the left of the main door. We had reports of shooting on the West side of the school and kids down the remainder of us.

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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using the truck as cover went to the rear West side
 saw 2 kids down in front of the doors just
 south of the air cooling units for the school. The
 male party was moving his hand. We planned
 a rescue using Tech Sgt. of Denver and an unknown
 officer as well as Sgt O'Shea of Denver
 Lt Phelan of Denver. I would carry the
 shield for Lt Phelan and myself and the others
 would cover us as we made the rescue attempt.
 We could see the windows of the doors all shot
 out, the kids were 8-10 feet from the doors. The officers
 with us had to lay down suppressive fire to cover
 us. We went to the first body a female, she was dead.
 The male closest to the door was moving. I took the
 shield up to the window to cover Lt Phelan and
 myself and the boy. He was alive we began dragging
 him out when we came up on a door to our
 right and I felt a concussion / heat 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 stair way 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 boy.

I have read the foregoing statement and the facts contained therein are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
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First, Middle Initial <u>D. Manner</u>		Making Statement as: <input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
Residence Street Address		City	County	State
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Business Street Address		City	County	State
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date	Time Hours
Concerning an incident occurring at:		Location where statement taken:		

Summary of Statement:

he was blue in the face we couldn't get him so we retreated. We evacuated the kids one then directed responding TAC Teams to make ~~the~~ ^{their} entries through the lobby windows. I then left the scene and ~~was~~ assisted Lt Mannerware in the overall tactical response and search.

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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Vincent J. D. Manner

Signature of Person Making Statement

Drajem, Mark

Officer

Granger, D.

JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Defendant: Harris/Klebold Docket Number:
Date: 4/23/99 Case Number: 99A062
Deputy D.A.: Investigator: Vondenkamp

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.

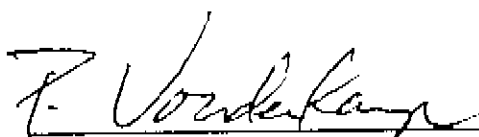
Shortly after getting into his position, SWAT team members had moved into their position under the library windows on the ground floor outside. SWAT members were responding to 6-7 students who had come out of the school and were hiding behind a vehicle. One student was laying outside on the ground in 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

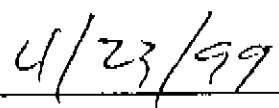
members below. He believed the time was approximately 11:50am to 12:00 noon. The rounds were for cover only while the SWAT member below drug a student to cover. Sergeant Drajem stayed in this position continuously covering the second story windows until he was called off by his command. He fired no more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

Sergeant Mark Drajem
Denver Police Dept
District Four
2100 S. Clay Street
Denver, Co. 80219
937-4444



Investigator


Date

JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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
Investigator

5/5/99
Date

To: Chief Rahne.
From: Monte Fleming
Subject: CHS incident.

The following is a synopsis of R-11's actions on 4/20/99.

R-11 staffed with John Alyward and Monte Fleming responded to CHS for a report of "shots fired and multiple victims". We responded down Bowels and turned south on Pierce. We noted several students running through the park.

We were directed by the B.C to assist a PT. at Pierce and Fair. "See PT report of Stephanie". After initial treatment, we passed the PT to Justin of CAS for transport to Littleton Hosp.

R-11 then responded to the initial staging area on Pierce. At this time, we were directed to the southwest side of CHS that was reported as "secure" with four to five victims down. While driving through the parking lot, we noted several Police Officers with weapons trained to the Library area. R-13 pulled in prior to us on R-11. Both units attempted to get as close as possible to the victims lying on the sidewalk. R-13 was to the left of R-11. My partner John exited R-11 and got one PT off the sidewalk while I removed the pram from the rescue. John was able to carry the Pt without assistance. "See report Anna Marie". At this point, I went to assist R-13 in carrying a Pt to the rear of their rescue. I left R-13 and searched the grounds in front of the commons area for additional Pt's.

I found one pt lying on the sidewalk to the left of R-13. Pt was cold to the touch and no pulse was noted. I then moved 10 ft to the right and found one Pt with multiple GSW's.

At this point, I heard a shot from the school and the Police in the parking lot returned fire. I picked up the Pt and began running the 40 Ft. to R-13. The Pt was handed off to Jerry on R-13 and I ran to R-11 to assist John in getting his Pt into the rescue. I then drove R-11 out of the parking lot to the staging area. Informed Command that the SW area was not secure and proceeded to Swedish med cen. With our Pt.

We returned to the scene code 3 with a Police escort from Englewood PD.

We were once again placed in staging. Our next Pt was removed from the armored car. "See report Re: Patrick Ireland". Pt was transported to St. A's code three with a code 3 return to staging.

R-11 was then assigned to the rear sector of the school to aid the ATF and bomb squad.

We were then released to station 11 and sent home for the shift.

Monte Fleming



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CRITICAL INCIDENT TEAM INTERVIEW SUMMARY
OF JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPUTY Neil GARDNER, BADGE #3010

- * Interview date and time: April 20, 1999 at 1735 hours
- * Interview location: Leawood Elementary
6155 W. Leawood Drive
Littleton, Jefferson County, CO 80123
- * Present at interview:

Det. R. Boatright, #8206, Arvada Police Department
(Lead Interviewer)

Ofc. Brian Thompson, Arvada Police Department (Witness to
interview)
Deputy Neil Gardner, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department
(Interview Subject)

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- * Name: Deputy Neil Gardner, #3010
- * Hire Date: November 1984

Previous Assignments:

Jefferson County Jail approximately five years
Civil Division approximately two years
Patrol approximately six years
(Remainder of time spent in present assignment.)
- * Present Assignment:

School Resource Officer, in the process of completing his
second school year at Columbine High School prior to the
incident.
- * Assignment Duties:

Provides law enforcement functions in and around
Columbine High School, also functions as liaison between
the schools and surrounding community. Deputy Gardner
also utilized the Bike Patrol as part of the service he
provided to Columbine High School and the surrounding
community (to include Clements Park).

Note: Deputy Gardner is called upon to respond to calls
for service outside of the Columbine High School area,
depending on manpower allocations. In addition, Deputy
Gardner rotates back to a patrol function when school is

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Gardner confirmed the aforementioned situation in no way affected his ability to assess and respond to the incident occurring on 04/20/99.

- * Uniform: Standard bicycle patrol uniform, which consists of a bright yellow, polo style shirt, with black BDU pants and department issued footwear.
- * Vehicle: Dark blue, unmarked Chevy Caprice, affixed with antennae and spotlights.
- * Service Weapon: Type - .45 caliber Sig Sauer semi-automatic pistol, Model P220, Serial #G171138. The above described weapon holds seven rounds in the magazine with one in the chamber making the weapon capable of firing eight rounds prior to a reload. Deputy Gardner also carries two additional magazines (seven rounds each/total rounds available - 22).
- * Weapon Familiarization:

Deputy Gardner owned the above weapon for eight years and per department policy, is required to qualify every three months. Deputy Gardner believed his last qualification was possibly February of 1999, however could not be certain. Deputy Gardner reported at no time has he ever failed to qualify and normally qualifies with the rating of "expert."
- * Ammunition: Speer brand, .45 caliber, copper jacketed hollow point bullets.
- * Prior shooting incidents:

Between the years 1990 and 1992, Deputy Gardner was involved in two shootings. Both shootings involved suicidal males, however, neither incident resulted in Deputy Gardner discharging his weapon.

INCIDENT SYNOPSIS

During the interview of Deputy Gardner, the forenamed

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described his activities beginning at the point he went on duty on 04/20/99. Deputy Gardner did not report any unusual activity occurring prior to the incident. In respect to the incident itself, Deputy Gardner stated he, along with Andy Martin (Columbine High School Campus Supervisor), left the SRO Office at approximately 1025 hours and drove to the south student parking lot. Deputy Gardner indicated he was driving the unmarked Chevy Caprice at the time. Deputy Gardner, along with Andy Martin, then went to the cafeteria area, where they discovered the lunch meal being served was "teriyaki." Deputy Gardner stated both he, along with Andy Martin, decided not to eat lunch in the cafeteria that date, after which it was determined they would purchase their lunch meal at "Subway."

Deputy Gardner indicated he, along with Andy Martin, then drove to a nearby "Subway" where they purchased their meal. Deputy Gardner explained after receiving their meal, they drove back to an area in Clements Park, where they could observe the "smoking pit." According to Deputy Gardner, the "smoking pit" was an area where Columbine High students were permitted to smoke. Deputy Gardner stated, while observing the "smoking pit," he and Andy Martin ate their meal.

Deputy Gardner stated after finishing their meal at approximately 1115 hours, he received a radio call from the school janitor, identified as "Jay." The aforementioned communication was transmitted on a school radio. According to Deputy Gardner, the transmission received from "Jay" was "Neil, I need you in the lunch room." Deputy Gardner described the janitor's request as urgent and even detected panic in his voice. Deputy Gardner confirmed the radio transmission clearly indicated a serious tone.

After receiving the communication, Deputy Gardner stated he immediately drove from Clements Park to Pierce St. and proceeded south where he was stopped for a red light at Fair Drive. While at that location, Deputy Gardner heard a Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Dispatch call. Deputy Gardner stated the call was requesting Unit 147 to respond to Columbine High School on a report of a female down in the parking lot. After hearing that transmission, Deputy Gardner stated he activated his lights and siren (Code 3) and proceeded through the intersection at Fair Drive. Deputy Gardner explained, based on the communications he received at this point, he was considering the possibility a student had been run over in the parking lot.

Deputy Gardner explained he then turned into the entrance for the south student parking lot at Columbine High School and proceeded westbound in a Code 3 response. While still traveling westbound, Deputy Gardner stated he observed approximately three to four students running from the school, after which he advised Jefferson County Dispatch he was on scene. Deputy Gardner reported at the time he was specifically looking for a female who was in the

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parking lot, possibly injured.

When reaching the parking area, Deputy Gardner received a radio transmission from Peter Horvath (Dean of students at Columbine High School). The radio transmission is as follows, "Neil, I need you in the school. There's been a shooting." Again, Deputy Gardner stated he detected a clear sense of urgency in Peter Horvath's request.

Deputy Gardner stated as he continued into the area and assessed the situation, he observed a white puff of smoke coming from the west end of the south student parking lot. Deputy Gardner stated he then began to drive in a westerly direction towards the smoke and traveled as far west as possible in the parking lot and then turned northbound, at which time he begins to hear what he believes is a loud noise (possible explosion). Deputy Gardner clarified the windows to his vehicle were rolled down at the time.

Deputy Gardner next explained he heard what he believed was one loud explosion, after which he looked up towards the library windows which faced to the southwest. Deputy Gardner stated he then observed window to the library had been broken out. Deputy Gardner stated he subsequently heard eight to ten rapid fire gunshots which he believed were coming from the library area.

According to Deputy Gardner, he then directed Andy Martin to get down on the floorboard of his vehicle, advising that he now believed there was an armed suspect in the school. Deputy Gardner then described stopping his vehicle (facing a northeasterly direction) behind a row of cars parked on the north row of the south student parking area. From the aforementioned position, Deputy Gardner was able to see the library/commons area, as well as the southwest exit/entrance to the building.

Once Deputy Gardner had positioned his vehicle, he observed the windows on the southwest entrance/exit doors had been broken out. According to Deputy Gardner, he then gave a "Code 33" to his dispatch, indicating an officer was in trouble. Deputy Gardner pointed out at the time he made the above radio transmission, he heard another explosion coming from inside the school. Deputy Gardner stated he believed the explosion was coming from a "deeper" location inside the school.

At almost the same time, Deputy Gardner stated he then observed a suspect come to the double doors located at the southwest entrance/exit of the high school. According to Deputy Gardner, the suspect then stepped outside the doors approximately two feet. Deputy Gardner described the suspect as a white male, in his late teens, early twenties, approximately 5'10" to 6'0" tall, with a "skinny" build. According to Deputy Gardner, the suspect had light colored hair which would be approximately collar length and was wearing a white t-shirt with a dark blue "flack jacket."

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Deputy Gardner also recalled the suspect wearing a possibly dark colored ball cap which was on backwards.

Deputy Gardner related as the suspect had exited the southwest entrance/exit of the building, he was in the process of positioning himself behind the rear area of a white Chevy Blazer, which was parked (facing north) adjacent from his vehicle. Deputy Gardner stated he was able to look through the windows of the white Blazer, during which time he was able to make the observations related to the suspect. While in that position, Deputy Gardner confirmed the suspect was holding a dark colored long rifle and what was described as a port of arms position. Deputy Gardner estimated he was approximately 60 to 70 yards from the suspect at this point.

Deputy Gardner stated as he observed the suspect, the aforementioned appeared to be "fidgeting" with the weapon and, subsequently pointed it in his direction. Deputy Gardner stated the suspect then fired two shots, one of which he believed struck the windshield of the white Blazer. Deputy Gardner stated he subsequently ducked down to take cover and then made a quick peek in order to maintain a visual of the suspect. At that point, Deputy Gardner described the suspect bent over the weapon "fiddling" with it. Deputy Gardner did not know specifically what the suspect was doing with the weapon, but recalled the barrel of the rifle pointing in a downward direction.

At that point, Deputy Gardner moved to the front of the white Blazer, positioning himself behind the engine block. Deputy Gardner subsequently leveled his weapon over the hood of the white Blazer, at which time the suspect again brought the weapon across his body and pointed it in the direction of the deputy. Deputy Gardner stated at that time, he discharged his weapon, describing that action as four rapid shots. Deputy Gardner indicated he believed it was possible he struck the suspect with his first round, however, could not confirm that point. Deputy Gardner explained what led him to believe he possibly struck the suspect was the fact as he began firing his weapon, the suspect spun to his (the suspect's) right in a crotched position completing a full 360 degree motion. Deputy Gardner stated based on the suspect's actions, he believed it was possible he had struck the aforementioned somewhere in the right shoulder area.

Deputy Gardner stated after discharging his weapon in the manner indicated, he then ducked back down, at which time the suspect again fired in his direction, which was described as a "volley" of approximately 7 to 8 rounds. Deputy Gardner stated he believed many of the rounds passed over his head and was uncertain if anything was struck by the bullets.

After the suspect discharged the weapon in the manner indicated, Deputy Gardner again peeked up over the white Blazer and was unable to observe the suspect. Based on questioning, Deputy

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Gardner believed the suspect had returned inside the building.

Deputy Gardner next recalled cover cars arriving on scene. Deputy Gardner specifically recalled seeing Unit 144 accompanied with one of the motorcycle officers approaching from the north in a tactical manner. Deputy Gardner stated at that point, additional units began to arrive, which he identified as Units 149, 147 and 140. Deputy Gardner stated over approximately a three to five minute time span, he along with the previously identified units, began to set up the perimeter.

As the perimeter was being established, Deputy Gardner recalled seeing a "fireball" (explosion) in the "lower commons area." As the incident continued, Deputy Gardner was notified by Unit 144 (accompanied by the MC unit) there were two victims down in an area to the west of where the southwest doors were located. Deputy Gardner stated he was advised one of the victims was not moving, while the other one periodically would raise up an arm. Deputy Gardner stated at one point, he was able to see the victim who periodically moved his arm, which he described as being approximately 20 feet southwest from the southwest entrance/exit of the school.

For purposes of clarification, Deputy Gardner did prepare a diagram which identified the locations of all responding Jefferson County Units. In respect to Unit 144, Deputy Gardner positioned that unit directly north of his location to the west of the school (southwest entrance/exit). Unit 149 was positioned to the south of the school (south student parking lot), Unit 147 was positioned on Pierce, while Unit 140 was positioned to the north. It should be noted Units 147 and 140 were not identified on the diagram.

Deputy Gardner stated while he maintained his position, he then observed a female lying on the sidewalk area to the east of his location near the commons area. After making that observation, Deputy Gardner next observed the same suspect return to the southwest entrance/exit. According to Deputy Gardner, the suspect then positioned himself behind the right door (Deputy Gardner's right), after which both he along with Unit 144 yelled to each other the suspect had returned. Deputy Gardner next observed the suspect prop the rifle on the metal portion of the door where the window had been located. According to Deputy Gardner, the suspect was using the metal portion of the door as cover. Deputy Gardner related the suspect then began firing at Unit 144. Deputy Gardner could not estimate the number of rounds fired, but indicated they were numerous (more rounds than were fired at him during the earlier volley). At that point, Deputy Gardner stated he again fired four rounds in the direction of the suspect, who at the time was still positioned behind the metal portion of the door. Deputy Gardner was then required to reload utilizing the far left magazine. Deputy Gardner stated it was also possible Unit 144 was returning gunfire.

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Deputy Gardner stated after the above exchange, he then recalled Denver Police Units arriving and were armed with a short rifle style weapon. Deputy Gardner was unable to estimate the number of Denver Units that had arrived on the scene.

Deputy Gardner reported a few minutes after the Denver Units arrived, the suspect previously described was seen through the windows in the library. According to Deputy Gardner, approximately three or four Denver Units began firing in the direction of the suspect. Deputy Gardner recalled seeing the library glass windows breaking and believed there was continuous rounds fired by the Denver officers for approximately 15 seconds. Deputy Gardner reported he believed the suspect was attempting to return fire in, what he described as "short bursts." Deputy Gardner stated, based on the amount of gunfire, he thought it was possible the suspect had been hit.

Deputy Gardner reported approximately five minutes after the last exchange of gunfire, he heard what he believed was approximately six muffled gunshots coming from somewhere inside the school. Around that same time frame, Deputy Gardner observed a juvenile male (not wearing a shirt) run out from the lower commons door in a southwesterly direction. Deputy Gardner remembered hearing the juvenile shout, "don't shoot, don't shoot." Deputy Gardner stated he believed the juvenile male was limping.

Deputy Gardner next directed Andy Martin to exit his vehicle and respond to the west end of the parking lot in order to take a safer position. According to Deputy Gardner, Andy Martin was positioned behind vehicles to the west (north row) of the south student parking area.

Deputy Gardner reported he subsequently yelled to the juvenile male that exited the common area of the building and taken up cover behind a parked car in the south student parking area (west center row). Deputy Gardner stated he had asked the juvenile if he had seen the suspect. According to Deputy Gardner, the juvenile male responded in the affirmative and described the suspect as a "big guy in all dark clothing." Deputy Gardner stated, after receiving that information, he now believed there were at least two armed suspects in the school.

Deputy Gardner stated he next confirmed with the juvenile male that he had been shot in what was believed the upper hip area. Deputy Gardner stated he subsequently returned to his vehicle and drove to the juvenile male's location and had the victim enter his unit. Deputy Gardner then drove back to an empty parking space which faced north in the south student parking area. Deputy Gardner made efforts to confirm the victim's condition appeared stable and did not require immediate evacuation for lifesaving measures. Deputy Gardner confirmed he remained with the victim

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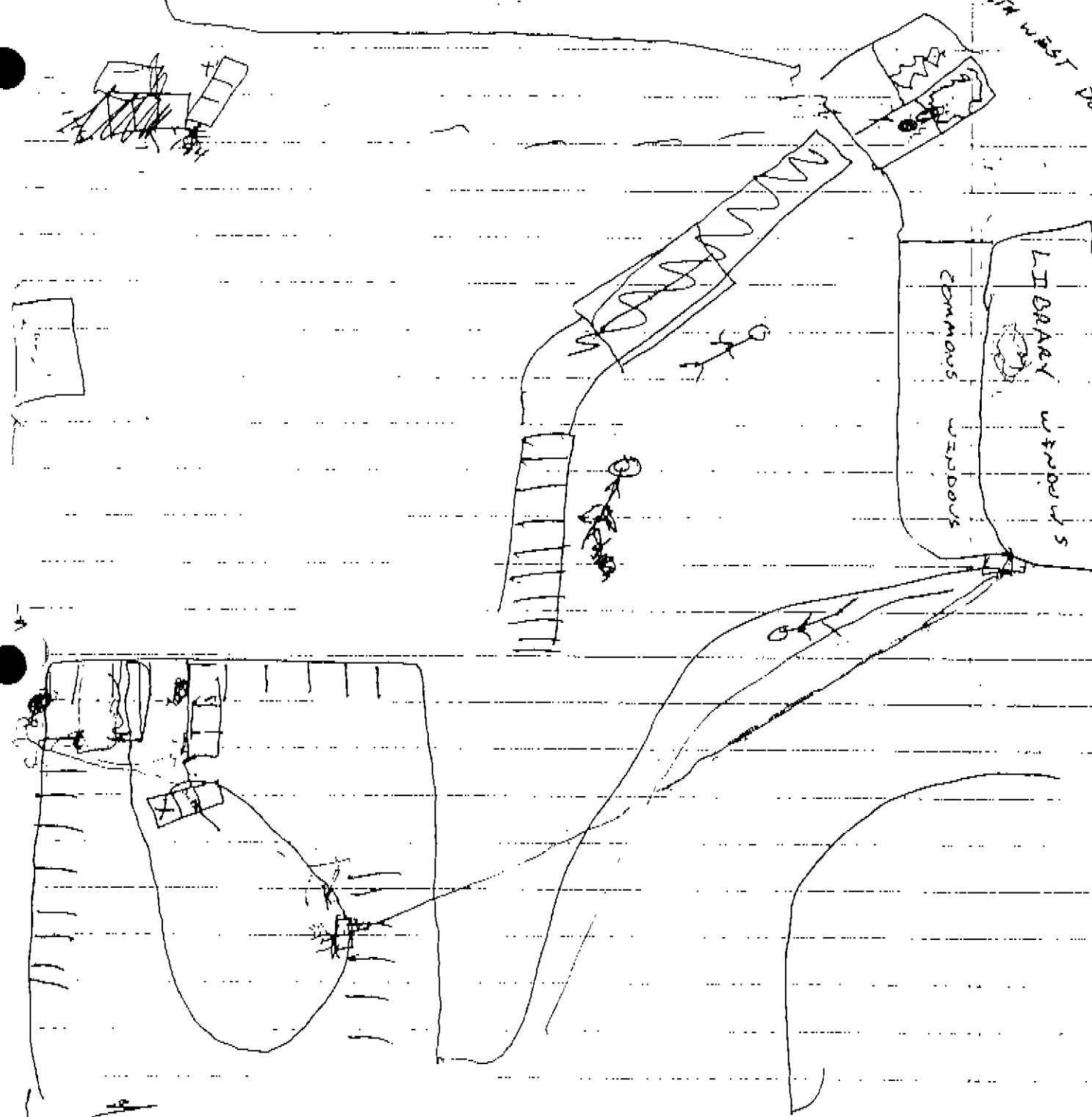
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NG: Neil Gardner
RB: Russ Boatright (Detective)

RB: This will be a pre-tape. Detective Boatright reporting, uh, I.D. eighty-two-O-six, uh, present, uh, for the shoot team interview is myself, um, Officer Brian Thompson with the Arvada Police Department and Deputy Neil Gardner, I.D. number three-zero-one-zero, uh, with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. Time now is, um, seventeen thirty-five hours and we're located at the Lynnwood, is that right? Leawood Elementary School. Um, Neil, why don't you tell me, what, what year did you start with your department?

NG: Eight-four.

RB: Nineteen...

NG: November of eighty-four.

RB: And what have been your duty assignments since, uh, you started there?

NG: Uh, the jail for five years, then I went to civil for a couple, and then on patrol ever since.

RB: Okay, a couple years in civil, I'm sorry.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay. And then.

NG: The rest of time on patrol. And I've been assigned at Columbine for, this is my second year.

RB: And you're the, uh, S.R.O., the school resource officer.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay. And, I'm sorry, this is your second year assigned at the, at the high school there?

NG: Correct.

RB: Okay. And I think for, for purposes of the Shoot Team, you may have other information related to, uh, the investigation just because of your knowledge of these individuals.

NG: Okay.

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RB: But I think initially what we'll do is just go through the, the incident itself and then we can deal with, uh, some of the other aspects if we need to at that point. Okay?

NG: Okay.

RB: Um, your current assignment is the, is the S.R.O. position, correct?

NG: Um hmmm.

RB: And when you're not doing, uh, the S.R.O. position, it's a patrol position, then, after that?

NG: Yeah, my, eight, five days, eight hours a day, uh, here at the school, Monday through Friday.

RB: Okay.

NG: Um, and, um, I don't do any, you know, I take outside calls, um, in the neighborhood when there's not enough deputies (inaudible). But I'm usually in the school.

RB: That just depends on manpower, then, right.

NG: Right.

RB: And what about, um, um, uh, during spring break, uh, those types of things, summer vacations, you're, you're back in a patrol rotation then, at those times?

NG: Yes. Um, this spring break I just took, uh, comp time and, uh, uh, a couple vacation days.

RB: Okay.

NG: And usually in the summer, um, we take the bulk of our vacation and then the rest of the time we spend back on in the district on patrol.

RB: Okay. In any kind of specific training you have received, um, specifically related to SWAT, anything there?

NG: No.

RB: Okay. Is that your normal, uh, uniform?

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NG: No. This, this is, we also patrol on bikes.

RB: Okay.

NG: Being at the school and within that I have Clement Park.

RB: Okay.

NG: I patrol the Clement Park area, the lake area, on the bike, bicycle, that's what this is all about.

RB: Okay.

NG: I guess they want us to be seen.

RB: Okay.

NG: Bad day to wear yellow.

RB: So the Clement Park assignment is coordinated through the, the S.R.O. position at Columbine, then.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. And it's probably due to the traffic of the kids back and forth from the park to the school and...

NG: Correct.

RB: (Inaudible) black, uh. Now the, the uniform that you're wearing today, that's for the bike patrol?

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Standard bike patrol uniform or. . .

NG: Most every day I wear it cause when it's, when it's nice out I'll wear this so I can do the bike patrol.

RB: Okay.

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- NG: I know I took a lot of stuff from the kids for wearing this (inaudible).
- RB: Now if you, and then when you're not wearing it, like in the winter time or whatever, you're just wearing your regular uniform at that time?
- NG: Um hmm.
- RB: I know this sounds ridiculous but this just came up the other day. You, you had to go through some kind of training for the bike, didn't you?
- NG: Right.
- RB: Okay.
- NG: Yeah.
- RB: And that's primarily for liability reasons again.
- NG: Um hmm.
- RB: Okay. And I think, too, I think with our, uh, um, our school resource officers, they also attend some specialized training for that. Did you do anything there?
- NG: For the S.R.O. program?
- RB: Um hmm.
- NG: Yes.
- RB: What was, what did that entail?
- NG: Um, it was forty hours of, um, what the job was gonna be, what to expect and, um, how to set up classroom lectures and, uh, just pretty basically how to deal with the kids.
- RB: Okay.
- NG: In that kind of environment.
- RB: So it basically encompassed all the aspects you'd be dealing with, um, with that

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population at the school.

NG: Yeah, they even were trying to teach you how to, to do a class, for 'em, do some classes for 'em. Like the DUI goggles shows you what it's like to be drunk without actually being drunk...

RB: Oh, okay.

NG: I taught a lot of those classes.

RB: And how long was the bike training?

NG: It was, uh, thirty-eight hours.

RB: Okay. And again, that was primarily just to deal with just the mechanics of riding the bikes and how to be safe and...

NG: Right.

RB: And if you fall, how to fall, that kind of...

NG: Yeah, and how to do take downs on...

RB: Oh, okay.

NG: On prisoners, how to do, I would never do a traffic stop, but how to do a traffic stop.

RB: Okay. And then you said you primarily work, uh, right now you're working a Monday through Friday...

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Schedule.

NG: And work eight to three.

RB: And again we already covered what happens on those days when school's not in session, what your, what your duties might be, uh, regarding that. Um, so obviously you've, you've been off over the weekend and then you came on to work, um, yesterday was Monday...

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NG: Yeah.

RB: So today would have been your second day back?

NG: Yeah. I did work, uh, the after prom on Saturday night from midnight to six in the morning.

RB: Okay.

NG: And I was off on Sunday.

RB: So normally your first day of the week is going to be Monday, but this weekend you had, uh, you did a special...

NG: Special event. And I was flexing tomorrow for it, so.

RB: You said, you said, you said Saturday was, uh, after prom party?

NG: Right. At the school.

RB: Okay. And that was from when to when?

NG: Midnight to, I left here at five o'clock in the morning.

RB: Did you do that alone or were you working with anyone?

NG: I was, did that alone.

RB: Okay.

NG: I mean, there was a lot of volunteer parents, I mean, there was as many parents as there was kids.

RB: Okay.

NG: But, I was the only officer.

RB: Okay. Um, so, just, just so we're clear on it, you worked, the previous week you worked Monday through Friday and then you did a special, uh, the special event Saturday night,

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you were off Sunday.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Umm, and then Monday started your regular work week again.

NG: Right.

RB: I need to kind of run through with you, too, um, the time, what time did you go to bed last night?

NG: , Nine o'clock.

RB: How'd you sleep last night?

NG: Good.

RB: Normal night's sleep?

NG: Yeah.

RB: Um, and then what time did you wake, this morning?

NG: Six fifteen.

RB: Now, again, that's pretty much normal time. And then you reported to, uh, you report straight to work? Or to, uh...

NG: No, I have to go to Golden and get a patrol car in case I have to transport.

RB: Okay.

NG: So I go to Golden, from Lakewood, I live in Lakewood, from Lakewood I go to Golden, which takes about fourteen minutes.

RB: You say Golden, you talking about the S.O.?

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay. So you report to the S.O., about what time do you get there?

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NG: I get there about seven-twenty, between seven-twenty and seven-thirty.

RB: And, do you have a briefing? Do you brief with anybody or you just...

NG: I go to briefing one day a week and it's usually on Thursday.

RB: Okay. Uh, so then basically today all you do, normally all you do is just go to pick up a, pick up a unit...

NG: And get to the school.

RB: Okay. And of course you've got your bike with you in the, the patrol unit, right.

NG: I leave it locked up at school.

RB: Oh, okay.

NG: This is probably a good, I mean, today I had an unmarked car. It wasn't a marked unit.

RB: Okay, so it was different than a normal...

NG: Than a normal patrol car.

RB: Okay. So most of the time you are in a marked patrol unit.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay. Um, today just happened to be a day you did not.

NG: Yeah, there's a lieutenant's car that they just put on patrol.

RB: Okay.

NG: And, uh, it was just in the garage, so I took it, so, it, I mean, it's got the spots and everything, the antennas all over it, but it was a plain, just a dark blue unmarked car.

RB: What's the make of that car, what is it, do you know?

NG: It's a Caprice, Chevy, I don't know what year it is (inaudible).

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RB: Okay. Is the first time you've taken an unmarked?

NG: No.

RB: Okay.

NG: No, I've taken it before.

RB: How often would you say?

NG: Probably, well, I used to take one, no one else would take it. I used to bring the gray one here all the time.

RB: Okay.

NG: But just rec... I brought the blue one yesterday and today. So, two times in the whole school year.

RB: Oh, so just twice, you've used...

NG: The blue one.

RB: The blue one. Okay.

NG: This year. It's usually a marked unit.

RB: You said something about a gray one you used to bring all the time?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: When was that? And again that's an unmarked.

NG: That, right, that was at, the same kind of car, that was at the beginning of the year from, uh...

RB: Okay.

NG: And then they gave it back to, uh, the lieutenants.

RB: So roughly for about a month, um, at the beginning of the year you drove the light, the

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gray unmarked.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: And then primarily from then on you took a marked.

NG: Right.

RB: Within the last two days you've, uh, been using the unmarked...

NG: Right.

RB: Blue...Caprice. Okay. And, there was something else that came up with that. Um, oh, let's see, um, once a week you looked into briefing. Right?

NG: Right.

RB: And that's usually on a Thursday.

NG: Thursday. Cause that's, actually I'm assigned to, we're on teams, and I'm assigned to Team B and they come in, if they don't have a training day on Wednesday I know they're gonna be there on Thursday.

RB: You said you were assigned to team...

NG: B.

RB: Is that a, uh, is that a shift?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Designation.

NG: Right.

RB: Like we use, uh, watch one, watch two, watch three.

NG: No, that's just, um, see we split our weekends. You can either have Saturday, or Thursday, Friday, Saturday off, or Sunday, Monday, Tuesday.

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RB: Okay.

NG: And, and Team B is off Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, except for me.

RB: Okay.

NG: Because I work the Monday through Friday.

RB: You can't have a guy without a team.

NG: That's where my supervisor is, is on Team B.

RB: Okay.

NG: If I'm on Team A on a Monday or a Tuesday, then I would just, I just use the Team A sergeant.

RB: Okay, but technically you're assigned to, uh, the, the team designation just designates basically which end of the week.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. Uh, what time did you have, um, did you eat breakfast this morning?

NG: Hmm, no I didn't.

RB: How about lunch?

NG: We had Subway right before this all went down.

RB: So prior to what time do you think?

NG: Um, we left for Subway at about, I think it was about ten thirty-five.

RB: And you're saying "we."

NG: Uh, I had a campus supervisor with me.

RB: And who would that have been?

NG: Andy Martin.

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RB: And you say campus supervisor, is that like an assistant principal or...

NG: No, it's what you would, they used to call the school narc.

RB: Oh, okay. We called them the yard guard.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay. So they provide basically, R-one security type...

NG: Yeah, they're unarmed but. . .

RB: Right.

NG: They just know the kids. They do all the parking.

RB: Okay.

NG: And the in school rules.

RB: Um, any alcohol consumed over the last twenty-four hours?

NG: None. I don't drink it ever.

RB: You don't drink at all then?

NG: Hmm umm.

RB: Any, any prescription drugs, any (inaudible).

NG: High blood pressure.

RB: Okay. What time did you take that?

NG: Uh, right before I left, around seven.

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RB: Okay. And what is that?

NG: Lo-tin-son.

RB: Do you know how to spell it?

NG: No, not really, it's like, uh, L-O-T-I-S-Y-N or something like that.

RB: Okay. And that's a blood pressure medication, right?

NG: Yeah, for hypertension. The high number's high.

RB: And that's a normal medication you take daily?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay. How long you been using that?

NG: Uh, about eight months now.

RB: Does it cause any noticeable side effects or any, can you even tell you're taking it?

NG: No, and I actually had to go to that because the stuff I was trying eight months ago was making me dizzy.

RB: Okay.

NG: But I don't remember what that was called.

RB: Okay, but you're not, I guess what I'm getting at with this medication, no side effects...

NG: Oh, no, I'm perfectly fine, yeah.

RB: Okay. And it's not the type of medication that you notice a change with when you take it.

NG: Huh uh.

RB: Okay. What I'm getting at is if you took a pain medication, you might feel drowsy or something like that.

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NG: Oh, yeah, no.

RB: Okay. This sounds like one of those medications if you take it, it really has no noticeable affect, for you.

NG: Right, yeah. If I forget to take it, there's just no difference.

RB: Okay. At least that you can tell, right.

NG: Right.

RB: And then let's see, um, we're thinking, do you have a ball park time frame when you think this event took place.

NG: Yeah, we went, we went to Subway and we got our sandwiches cause we wanted to come back because it, what normally happens is we go to, since the kids are eatin' at around like eleven, we go to the cafeteria and we actually eat right next to the kids.

RB: Oh, okay.

NG: But we went, I went there today and the camp, like Andy was with me and the campus supervisor, I says, oh, look, they're having teriyaki chicken, let's go to Subway real quick and bring it back.

RB: Okay.

NG: But normally we'd-a been where the shooting, inside where the shooting took place.

RB: So what you're saying is normally you eat your lunch in the cafeteria with the students.

NG: Yeah, right, yeah, the students are here and we're right here next to the faculty lounge is right next to the students.

RB: Okay. Oh, so you'll eat in the, in the faculty lounge.

NG: Right, yeah, right next to the students.

RB: And I'm not even familiar with the, with the layout of the school but there sounds like there's a separation with the faculty lounge.

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NG: Right, normally, that's our normal routine.

RB: Okay.

NG: Just because there's so many kids down there at that time and that's usually when, if they're gonna get in a fight, that's usually when it'll happen. But today we went to Subway and then once we got Subway, we went back to Clement Park in the parking lot.

RB: I got one other question.

NG: Okay, sorry.

RB: When you got the, uh, you said something about the teriyaki, I guess that's maybe what I didn't understand.

NG: Yeah.

RB: They were having teriyaki at school.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: That was the school...

RB: And you didn't want to eat, that.

NG: We didn't want teriyaki.

RB: Okay. Okay. So the teriyaki.

NG: We've had the teriyaki before

RB: Okay. So that's why you went to Subway.

NG: Right.

RB: And you, you just did a pick up order, um, and came back to the school.

NG: Yeah.

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RB: With that, uh, and you were saying normally you eat in the faculty lounge which is, uh, sounds like connected to the, to the, uh...kid lunch area.

NG: Yeah, it's a room right next to all the kids.

RB: Okay. And that, is that the lunchroom, is that what you call that?

NG: Right.

RB: Where the kids eat.

NG: Well, they call it the commons area.

RB: Okay. Um, let's see, now in the commons, okay, and I assume you have obviously quick access to the, to the commons area from the faculty lounge and you can see...

NG: One door and you can see everything.

RB: You can see what's going on.

NG: There, actually, there's cameras that should have been on during the shooting. We, they, they film the kids because they don't like them to leave trash and that's how they bring 'em in, so the, you know, but with all the pipe bombs and stuff going off they probably blew, blew all of those to smithereens.

RB: Okay.

NG: But usually the camera is running during the time.

RB: And then what time do you think you got back?

NG: It was shortly before eleven that we parked in the park.

RB: Okay, this is a little bit different because you didn't go into the, uh, the faculty lounge today.

NG: No. We took our sandwiches from Subway and drove from Subway which is at Coalmine and Pierce. We drove directly to the back, the south side of Clement Park because Andy wanted to watch, we have a smokers pit that's just off the school grounds.

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RB: Uh huh.

NG: And he wanted to see who was hanging out at the smokers pit. So we were eatin' our lunch watching the smoking pit.

RB: Um, how often do you do that?

NG: Probably, uh, we do that a lot. We don't eat lunch there but we'll, I'll, if I'm not on my bike making a loop through Clement Park, I'll be in the car making a loop because sometimes, they're, they're not allowed to be in Clement Park at the time during lunch periods.

RB: Okay, so this, okay. So the smokers pit basically is off limits during school hours, is that what you're...

NG: No. They get permission from their folks. And what it does is it keeps them from loitering in the neighborhoods smoking.

RB: Okay.

NG: So they give them a pit pass that's off, it's in Clement Park's jurisdiction. It's weird, welcome to our tobacco free school, but we still give them. . .

RB: So the students get a pit pass, they can go to Clements Park to smoke.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay.

NG: In that designated area.

RB: And it's not uncommon, uh, for you guys, for either you, yourself alone...

NG: Or Andy.

RB: Or with, your, uh, school, whatever he (inaudible) school campus supervisor, to be monitoring...

NG: Oh no.

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RB: That area. What you were saying was unusual today, though, to, to have not been...

NG: Yeah, cause normally we'd have been in the cafeteria.

RB: Okay, had there been other times during that lunch period where you'd monitor the pit or was this just like really a strange day as far as that was concerned.

NG: Uh, during lunch, not too often cause we're usually down in the...

RB: Okay.

NG: This was kind of a different...

RB: So this was, this was unusual as far as routine-wise for you.

NG: Right.

RB: Do you have a ball park how many days it would have been over a school year that you might not be in the cafeteria for lunch?

NG: When they have teriyaki chicken. No, I, I'm probably thinking maybe ten times the whole school year, so far that we haven't been in the commons area.

RB: Okay. And that may be for a variety of reasons...

NG: Cause they, the staff, the staff likes us down there during that time. We actually take our lunch usually at, uh, ten-thirty so we can monitor the kids.

RB: Okay.

NG: Who start about a little, I guess a little after eleven.

RB: What is their, what does their lunch period run, from about eleven, somewhere in there...

NG: Eleven, I think it's eleven-ten to eleven-fifty, that's lunch A, and then lunch B is from eleven-fifty to twelve-forty or something like that.

RB: Okay.

NG: I'm not definite on that.

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RB: And there's two lunch periods, lunch A and B?

NG: Right.

RB: Out of curiosity, how many students attend Columbine?

NG: Two thousand and twelve. I think that's what our enrollment is right now.

RB: Okay, so, let's see where we're at here. What had you done, had you, kind of give me a layout of what your day was that day, anything unusual happening that, today, um, do you have a, do you have a set routine that you go through when you, uh, when you get to the school?

NG: Okay. I, you know, I try to do the, the bike patrol, I didn't do the bike patrol today which a lot of times, you know, I'll be out at eight-thirty and I'll take a quick bike patrol around the lake and the park area. And then I usually do it again about ten o'clock before lunch and then I -u- and then I come to do lunch about ten twenty everyday so I take a quick couple in the morning and then I try to get one in the afternoon.

RB: So you do one when you arrive and then you have like a mid-morning, did I understand that right?

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay. Then you say one in the afternoon then?

NG: Uh, not every day, but...

RB: Okay.

NG: Sometimes I get out to for that.

RB: But today you hadn't done, you hadn't been able to do any of the bike patrol today.

NG: No, I was actu, the reason I didn't go this morning cause I was working on a third degree assault supplement in my office.

RB: Okay. Um, so you were doing a report?

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NG: Um hmm.

RB: Were you doing any interviews today?

NG: No.

RB: Um, anything about the early morning hours of this day that were particularly stressful, unusual for you...

NG: No. It was going really well.

RB: Comments. So basically just another day at the school.

NG: Yeah, a normal, a normal every day.

RB: Okay. I'm sorry, you said it was a trespass report?

NG: Uh, third degree assault. I was just finishing up the supplement that I had to write.

RB: So you weren't doing anything today that you felt in any way affected your, uh, affected you in any, notable capacity.

NG: None. None.

RB: Either from an emotional stand point or physical stand point or anything like that?

NG: No.

RB: Okay. Um, have you been, experienced any family problems at home or anything stressful recently?

NG: Well, yeah, I'm going through kind of a separation, right, I mean, my wife and I are separated but it's not like a major factor.

RB: Okay. About when, how long you been separated?

NG: Uh, three months.

RB: And then nothing unusual with that had happened...

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NG: No. Huh uh.

RB: Recently, over the weekend, the last week, or anything...

NG: Huh uh.

RB: Nothing...

NG: No fights.

RB: That's weighing on you or anything? Okay.

NG: Actually we're getting along better now than we have in the past.

RB: Okay. Do you have kids?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay. Is that going okay?

NG: Yeah, real good. Actually, the oldest daughter is with me.

RB: Okay. How many kids do you have?

NG: Three.

RB: And your oldest is with you.

NG: Yeah.

RB: She's how old?

NG: Thirteen.

RB: Nothing going on with the kids, I, I guess what I'm kind of getting at, maybe the whole series of questions here, that, that pick at this, but was there anything going on in your life that was causing you great concern, side tracking you in any way, um...

NG: No. I mean I've been dealing with this for a while.

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RB: The, the separation?

NG: Yeah.

RB: Family issues and that.

NG: Yeah. And like I said, it's actually been going pretty good, so.

RB: Okay.

NG: It hasn't been a major problem. Yeah, sure, I mean there's that, you know, what's gonna happen to your family, but it's not like...

RB: But there hadn't been any, any...

NG: I wasn't, I wasn't thinking about it today.

RB: Okay. And there, there isn't anything going on with that that has changed in any dramatic way recently.

NG: No.

RB: Okay.

NG: It was.

RB: And you say, you say separation, is it leading to a divorce or is it just...

NG: We're not sure.

RB: Okay. So at this point you're just, you've separated...

NG: Yeah.

RB: And you're trying to feel your way through the situation and find out what's going on...

NG: Exactly. Yeah.

RB: And there isn't anything that's happened, uh, in any recent time that's...

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NG: No.

RB: Causing, causing you to lose concentration or uh, occupies your mind for any length of time or anything?

NG: No.

RB: Okay. Any recent, uh, work related problems?

NG: None.

RB: Have you had any stressful events at the school recently? I mean, outside of today?

NG: No. We were actually just talking about how good the year was going, a couple weeks ago.

RB: Is that, you, when you say "we," you and Andy?

NG: Yeah, and, and, well, there's another gal there, Sid, that is a campus supervisor. We talk a lot about the problems at the school, that it's been, they've been a little rowdy because of the, the good weather and stuff, but nothing major's been going on.

RB: That was kind of another general question I was going to ask, as far as, as far as your assignment there. Is it, um, is, is, would you put it in a category of a high stress situation, or pretty relaxed.

NG: It is the best job I've ever had in this department.

RB: Okay.

NG: Which you know. . .

RB: So, you obviously enjoy it...

NG: Oh, yeah, I love it.

RB: And it's not...

NG: Getting paid to ride a bicycle, I mean, what more can you do. I mean, you, you, and you know what's good about, I mean, coming off the road, you think, everyone of these kids

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is a dirt bag, when you're on the road, but when you're in the high school, you see the really, you can see the really good ones, which...

RB: Sure.

NG: You know, (inaudible).

RB: Cause typically we deal with the ones that...

NG: There's some damn good kids here, yeah.

RB: That's right.

NG: And it's, it's been a real positive job for me.

RB: Okay. So, obviously this isn't something that you're looking to get out of, or...

NG: No.

RB: Tired of or anything.

NG: No.

RB: So, if you can...

NG: Of course this throws a wrench in it, it'll never be the same, as it was, but...

RB: Sure. Yeah. Uh, do you wear any type of prescription glasses, contacts?

NG: Um, I do have prescription sunglasses but I didn't, I didn't have them today. I had my patrol bicycle ones and they're not prescription.

RB: You say prescription sunglasses, I assume you have, you have prescription glasses for just regular...

NG: Yeah, I have stigmatism in my right eye.

RB: Okay. And I'll get in, probably here in a little bit I'll get into what you, sunglasses, what you were wearing today and that as we get a little bit further but. . .

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NG: Um hmm.

RB: But, um, you mentioned that you were on the high blood pressure medicine. Any kind of medical problems you've experienced recently?

NG: None.

RB: Last thing maybe might have been some dizziness when you were on that other, that other medication.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: As far as the, um, the weather conditions today, I mean it seemed like, I mean, there was, a pretty nice day.

NG: Pretty nice. Well, actually I thought it was going to be colder cause we can wear shorts too but I thought it was going to be a little cooler so I wore the long ones today.

RB: That's an option you have?

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. Was it kind of overcast, do you remember?

NG: Yeah, it's off and on, mostly sunny.

RB: Okay. Partly cloudy, maybe.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Partly sunny? However you want to look at it.

NG: Most, mostly sunny.

RB: Okay. So as far as the weather was concerned, it was a non-factor today.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. Even sun glare or anything like that wasn't really a factor. Okay. Uh, what kind of duty weapon do you carry?

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NG: Uh, Sigsauer forty-five.

RB: Can you give me the serial number off that...

NG: (Inaudible) G.

RB: G as in George?

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay.

NG: One-seven-one-one-three-eight.

RB: So, that's G as in George, one-seven-one-one-three-eight.

NG: Correct.

RB: Okay. And how many round capacity is with that?

NG: Uh, seven and eight. Seven in the clip and. . .

RB: Okay, seven in the clip, one in the chamber, eight.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay. How long have you owned your weapon?

NG: I've had it for eight years.

RB: Okay. And then, you carry additional ammunition with you?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay, you've got two additional, uh...

NG: Now, one's in there now and the other clip is in my pants, the one I emptied.

RB: Okay.

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NG: That one's actually short a bullet.

RB: Okay, so each of those, um, each of those magazines should have eight, I'm sorry, seven.

NG: Seven.

RB: Okay. And we'll get into what all you have left here in just a second.

NG: Okay.

RB: Um, and then as far as, um, I, I assume you go through qualifications regularly. What is your, what is your schedule on those?

NG: Every three months.

RB: Okay.

NG: And I'm, I'm trying to think if I made the last month.

RB: That's what I was going to ask, when the last time was if you remember.

NG: God, I'm, I'm thinking it was February that I went. But I, you know, I'm not, don't hold me to that cause.

RB: Okay.

NG: I hope I made this quarter.

RB: Possibly February?

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay, if you hadn't made it in February, would that be, uh, where you hadn't qualified for a quarter or...

NG: Yeah, January, February, March. That would mean I hadn't qualified yet.

RB: Okay. Do they normally notify you, though, when you haven't qualified?

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NG: Right.

RB: Okay. So. And you hadn't received notification that you didn't?

NG: No, no.

RB: So if somebody came in and said, hey, we just found out you're not, you haven't qualified...

NG: Yeah.

RB: The last quarter, that would be news to you. Okay. Um, do you always qualify?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: As far as...

NG: Oh yeah.

RB: Do you know what your range scores normally are? What, like an average.

NG: Well, they're all, they're different courses.

RB: Okay.

NG: I usually, eight times out of ten shoot expert, um...

RB: Okay.

NG: If don't shoot expert I, I've never been low, below marksman, which would be an unqual, you know, under marksman you don't qualify, but I've never not qualified.

RB: Okay, so never below marksman.

NG: Right.

RB: So they don't give you necessarily percentages, they just give you, uh, uh, a standing (inaudible).

NG: Yeah, some courses are, I think the cut off is one-thirty.

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RB: Okay.

NG: Never shot under a one, probably one-forty, I'll probably never shot under one...

RB: What, what I guess what I'm understanding from you, you're proficient with your weapon obviously. Okay. Do you know, so you've had this for eight years and you basically qualified quarterly with the weapon.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Could there have been other times where...

NG: There's been a few time, or probably maybe in the fifteen years I've been here, I probably haven't made a qualification three times, I either spaced it out or...whatever.

RB: Okay.

NG: But they always notify you.

RB: What's the model on that Sig, do you know?

NG: Uh, two-twenty, P-two-twenty.

RB: What type of ammunition are you carrying?

NG: Spear hollow point.

RB: It looks like it's got a copper, uh, copper jacket. Have you been involved in any prior, uh, shooting situations?

NG: I, this is the first time I've shot back. I've been shot at before but I never.

RB: The first time you returned fire.

NG: Right.

RB: I guess this would be the first time you've fired your weapon...

NG: Right.

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RB: On duty.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay. Outside of the range.

NG: Right.

RB: How many times have you taken fire?

NG: Uh, twice, other than this, other than today.

RB: Okay, so two outside of today.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay. Briefly, what were the, what were the incidents there?

NG: Both, both were drunk suicidal males, um, we pulled up to one house.

RB: Let's start with the first one, what year about was that?

NG: Oh, my God. I would say eighty or ninety, yeah, probably ninety.

RB: Okay, nineteen-ninety.

NG: Yeah.

RB: And the other one would have been what year?

NG: It was ninety-two.

RB: Okay. Um, the incident in nineteen-ninety, what, what happened briefly?

NG: I was covering on a call and, um, I parked behind the other deputy and as we were getting out of the car, the guy stuck a high powered rifle out the front door and shot over our heads.

RB: Okay, was it, was it obvious to you, he wasn't trying to shoot you, it was a warning shot,

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or was it...

NG: I think he shot high on purpose.

RB: Okay.

NG: Cause we didn't see it coming.

RB: How many shots did he fire?

NG: Just one.

RB: Um, was that a situation where you thought you could have returned fire?

NG: No, we couldn't see him.

RB: Okay.

NG: We, we saw the muzzle flash and then we just took cover and then, um, they called SWAT out.

RB: Okay.

NG: It ended up he'd shot himself in the house.

RB: And then the second one in ninety-two. What was that?

NG: Um, I was working graveyards and I got called up to a house in Soda Creek where the guy had just bought a gun and he had just found out that he was dying of kidney cancer and that he was intoxicated and he was going to shoot himself. So we went, I went to the house...

RB: Is this your call, or are you covering on it?

NG: No, this was my call.

RB: Okay.

NG: Um, we went to the house and I, you know, was checking the windows. And I could see, when I, when I got to the side window on the door, I could see him behind, he was behind

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a, a bar, and he, he took a gun and he put it up in the air like this and then I ducked back and he like went like this like, see ya, goodbye, then I watched him walk, he walked up the stairs and then I lost sight of him, he went into a bedroom and then I heard a, a gunshot go off. So by that time, the cover car was there and we told the dispatcher we think he just shot himself and we're gonna kick the door.

RB: Okay.

NG: So, as I was, I kicked the door twice. Well, during that time he came back, he didn't shoot himself, he came back to the top of the stairs and he shot through the door but the bullet went through the door jamb and the wood splinters went through my hair.

RB: Okay.

NG: And, uh, that's another case where we ducked down into cover and waited for SWAT and then they ended up, smoking him out.

RB: So that was, uh, another situation where you, you really weren't in a position to return fire, with him at that point.

NG: Right.

RB: It sounds like you hadn't got the door open yet.

NG: Right. I couldn't kick the door.

RB: Okay.

NG: It's probably a good thing because that was a suicide by cop.

RB: Okay.

NG: Kind of deal.

RB: Has anybody handled your weapon since, uh, since the incident, other than yourself?

NG: Hmm mm.

RB: Why don't, let's run through today then.

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NG: Okay.

RB: As far as what, um, what happened today. I'll just let you just kind of give me a narrative.

NG: Okay. So after the Subway sandwiches...

RB: Let's start, let's start at the beginning of today. You pick up your car...

NG: Oh. Okay.

RB: You, you get to, to the S.O., you pick up your, your unmarked, you bring it to the school and...

NG: And, yeah, I get here about, eight o'clock.

RB: Okay.

NG: So what I did then, I made a couple...

RB: This will be side two, um, continuing with the interview of, um, Officer Gardner. Time now is, uh, eighteen twenty-five.

NG: Okay. I arrived at the school about eight o'clock. I was gonna make some phone calls but then I got, I started my supplement report and probably finished that at about eight twenty. And from eight twenty to approximately ten fifteen, I was in my office. I was doing some, I was getting rid of some reports and...

RB: I'm sorry, ten fifteen?

NG: Yeah, around, probably around then.

RB: Ball park?

NG: Yeah.

RB: I'm sorry, you were doing what, at that point?

NG: I was just kind of like house cleaning and sitting there talking to Andy for a while. Really doing not much of anything.

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RB: Okay.

NG: Just cleaning out my desk drawers and, um, and about, he goes, I remember him telling me it was about lunch time, so at about ten twenty-five we went down to the cafeteria. We drove. We took my car from the upper parking lot and drove down to the school.

RB: Okay, why don't you give me a little better description of that.

NG: Okay. Okay. I'll try. Um, okay, let's say this being, this being the front of the school...

RB: Okay, and it faces what direction.

NG: This is, this is north.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay. Uh, I usually park on the north side of the building right here.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay. The lunchroom is down here and this, this is the student lot. And this is the faculty lot.

RB: Okay. So you park in the north lot.

NG: Right.

RB: And you drove down to the south lot.

NG: We drove down and parked in the side parking of the student lot. So we both got out of the car and went into the cafeteria area, the commons area, and looked on the, just outside of the kitchen on the board and that showed that they were having chicken teriyaki. So I told, I told Andy, I said, you, ew, do you want chicken teriyaki, I said let's go to Subway and he said okay, that sounds like a plan.

RB: Let me ask you, what time did Andy come to your office today, do you remember? Ball park.

NG: Uh, probably about a little after ten we started talking in my office.

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RB: Okay, so he got there about ten.

NG: Yeah. Yeah.

RB: I'm sorry, go ahead, so you guys decided no teriyaki and you were gonna go to Subway.

NG: We were gonna go to Subway and then he wanted to go back to Clement and check out the, the smoking pit.

RB: And just, just for clarification again, you guys, um basically left, uh, to go to Subway about ten thirty-five.

NG: Right.

RB: Got a pick up order, uh, and then returned, um, like you said, to the, uh, Clement Park.

NG: About, I would guess around five 'til eleven.

RB: (Female talking in background) - - Okay, um, we're just going through the narrative of the day, so it'll be, it'll be a little bit still. Okay.

Where is the smoking pit located in the park?

NG: Okay, this being the north side of the school, and this being the west side, it's right in the northwest corner. The tennis courts are right here, on the northwest and the pit pass is right caddy corner to the tennis courts.

RB: Okay, so it's, it's located in the northwest area of the park.

NG: Right.

RB: Basically.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: And then from the Clement Park parking lot, you, you have a direct view to the smoking pit area.

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RB: Okay.

NG: And that's where we were eating our lunch in the car.

RB: Okay. There's a little, it looks like there's a little, uh, covered area somewhere. I was over there earlier. I'm just trying to get my bearings, but we seem to be on the east side of the park, so where would you guys be, and, and the school seemed to be south from where we were earlier today.

NG: Okay.

RB: I'm trying to just get a mental picture of where you guys were.

NG: Okay. We would have been west.

RB: Okay.

NG: From there.

RB: Okay.

NG: From where all the people are on Pierce.

RB: Okay.

NG: We'd-a been kind of, kind of southwest, in a southwesterly direction.

RB: Okay. But, but to say that the smoking pit's generally located in the northwest area is accurate.

NG: Right.

RB: And you can see that area from the parking lot.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay. And you guys stayed in your car?

NG: And ate our sandwiches. We were totally done eating.

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RB: How long do you think it took you to eat?

NG: I'm guessing like, it's gotta be pretty close to eleven fifteen when we were done. And, and as soon as we were done, we have, we each have school radios.

RB: Okay.

NG: I heard Jay, the janitor, say, Neil, I need you in the lunchroom quick.

RB: And who's the janitor?

NG: Jay.

RB: Do you know Jay's last name?

NG: Um.

RB: Or is that an initial?

NG: No, I don't know his last name.

RB: But his first name is Jay.

NG: Right.

RB: J-A-Y?

NG: Yeah. So we...

RB: And, I'm sorry, he called who?

NG: He called us, he just keyed the radio and said, Neil, I need you in the lunchroom.

RB: Okay, so he was actually calling for you though.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. Can you describe his voice?

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NG: Um, shoo, shoo, shaken. It was obvious he was in a panic.

RB: And he said, Neil, I need you in the lunchroom?

NG: Right. As I exit the park and turn south on Pierce...

RB: He didn't give you any other information at that point.

NG: No, none.

RB: Okay. His voice was...

NG: Not at this time.

RB: Okay.

NG: Not at this time.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay.

RB: So, once you get that message, you, you can detect in his voice some panic?

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Some urgency, I assume, is what...

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: Correct.

RB: Um, and, um, from there you left immediately, left the park immediately, you and Andy.

NG: And drove to the student lot. But, I mean, a lot happens between...

RB: Oh, okay.

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NG: Coming down Pierce...

RB: But, but you left immediately.

NG: Right.

RB: That's where I'm at. Okay, so when you...

NG: Pretty fast.

RB: Alright. So, as soon as you leave...

NG: Cause I could tell that, I, I thought maybe there was a big fight, at the time I thought maybe there was big fight.

RB: Just, just from his request and the tone in his voice, this was, sounded serious to you.

NG: Yes. It was a panic stricken voice.

RB: Okay, yeah. Had you ever heard him like that before?

NG: Never.

RB: Had you ever gotten a call like that before?

NG: Umm hmm.

RB: Okay, and that usually...

NG: On a fight.

RB: Okay, and that usually meant there was something serious occurring and they needed you...

NG: Right.

RB: Quickly. Okay. And don't want to put words in your mous, mouth but this was, sounded serious to you when you left.

NG: Yes it did.

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RB: Okay.

NG: But I, I still at this time don't know what's going on.

RB: You don't know the details. Right.

NG: Right.

RB: But just the little bit you got, it sounded...

NG: It, it made me race out of the parking lot to Pierce.

RB: Okay, okay. Go ahead.

NG: Okay, once on Pierce, um, we get stopped at the light at, at Fair. The, this, I hear the, I remember hearing the dispatchers say, she called, I think she called...

RB: I'm sorry, Fair?

NG: Yeah.

RB: Is that F...

NG: F-A...

RB: F-A...

NG: I-R.

RB: Okay.

NG: Fair Drive. Okay we're stopped at the light at Fair Drive. I hear the dispatcher dispatch one...

RB: You're talking about your dispatch.

NG: Right. Jeffco dispatcher, dispatch, I don't know why they didn't dispatch me but they dispatched car one-forty-seven. I believe, and I don't know for sure exactly what she said, but I thought she said there is a female down in the parking lot.

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RB: Okay.

NG: So at this point I bust the light, lights and siren. Because, and, and now I'm thinking, and this has happened before, that...

RB: You're referring to a code three?

NG: Right.

RB: Run.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: And, I mean, it's just a short little hop after the light down to the parking lot. But I'm thinking, Andy and I are thinking, somebody must of got hit, run over again, cause we got a girl down in the parking lot.

RB: Is that what your discussion is with Andy...

NG: Right.

RB: You're thinking somebody was run over?

NG: He's going, you know, maybe somebody's run over or something.

RB: Okay.

NG: So we pull...

RB: Again this is something that's definitely caused you some concern, based on what the janitor said.

NG: Right.

RB: But now you've heard the dispatcher say, so your, your radar's on at this point, I mean, you're...

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NG: Exactly.

RB: Okay.

NG: I, and, and we pull into the lot and we could see several kids running. They were just running. And we, we.

RB: So you'd be going south to get into...

NG: No, now we're going west cause we're into the parking lot. Now we're going west again.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay. Into the student lot.

RB: And you're still, you're still running code?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Um, and you see students running?

NG: Right. I mean my car, it don't have the overheads but they do have the spot in the middle and on the back.

RB: Right. And you have the siren.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. How many students do you think you saw?

NG: Three or four. Just off to the, the corner of my eye. I, I'm still looking for somebody at this point in the parking lot.

RB: Okay.

NG: Or a bunch of people around in the parking lot. And I don't see anything.

RB: Had you made any transmissions to your dispatch?

NG: I said, as soon as I pulled west in the lot, I said seventy-one, I'm on scene.

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RB: And this is about the time you see these three to four students running?

NG: Right. I'm airing that I'm on scene as I see these kids running.

RB: And so you, your call sign was seventy-one.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: You said seventy-one on scene?

NG: Right.

RB: And obviously that identified your, your dispatch, that that, you were at the scene of the school.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. And then you're, at this point you're still looking for this, this party, this female that's down in the parking lot.

NG: Right. So we pull, as you come around there's a little driveway and then you get into the bulk of the parking. And as we get into the bulk of the parking, I kinda stop.

RB: So there's kind of a driveway.

NG: Yeah. I stop because I didn't know whether to go, cause you can go left into the parking lot or right into the parking lot.

RB: What, you just call it like the main parking area?

NG: Right. Yeah.

RB: Okay, so you reached the main parking area and you were trying to decide which way to go.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

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NG: Yeah. And at this time as I'm stopped, I hear, um, Peter Horvath, who is the dean of students, on the school radio.

RB: I'm gonna need that name, uh, Peter, how do you spell that?

NG: H-O-R-V-A-T-H.

RB: And he is...

NG: The dean of students.

RB: Okay, he's on the school's radio.

NG: Uh huh.

RB: And he said what?

NG: He says, Neil, I need you in the, the school, there's been a shooting.

RB: Okay. Describe his voice to me. But, what, how did he sound?

NG: Uh, scared.

RB: Okay.

NG: He sounded scared, and, he's a pretty mellow guy. For the most part, he's pretty mellow.

RB: And when you say scared, what, what identified that for you?

NG: Uh, just the way he, he was saying, he was, Neil, I need you in the, I need you in, in the building now, there's been a shooting. And it was just like really fast and...

RB: Okay, so speaking rapidly.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay, something not normally...

NG: That he...

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RB: Not his normal tone.

NG: Usually his talk is nice and slow and clear so you can understand him on the radio. I mean, I think he makes it a point on the radio to make sure he's nice and clear.

RB: Okay.

NG: And he talks, usually talks really slow.

RB: So, for sure it was rapid speech which was distinctly different from other times that he had, uh...

NG: Right.

RB: Contacted you. Alright, so now, now you've been informed that there's potentially a shooting, um, or there has been a shooting, I guess you've been told that. What, what's going through your mind now, what are you thinking?

NG: What's, what, I, I don't, at this point I still don't know where to go and then Andy tells me, Neil, there's smoke at the end of the lot which would be the far west end. There's a big puff of smoke, white smoke, and we could see that.

RB: Okay, Andy points out, what?

NG: A big puff of smoke. And I could see, I also did see it too, after...

RB: What color was the smoke?

NG: White.

RB: White.

NG: Yeah. And I don't know how it came from, where it came from, I don't know what it was.

RB: And it was, I'm sorry, where in the...

NG: The very far west end by the, the cars on the very west side of the student lot.

RB: Okay, so a lot of things have happened. The, the janitor has notified you in a panicked

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voice that there's been, uh, that he needed you, um, in the lunchroom.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. As you're responding, your dispatch notifies you, or at least you hear over the air that there's a female down in the parking lot.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. As you proceed further into the scene, then you're hearing from your, uh, dean of students in a, in a scared voice, what you described as scared voice...

NG: Um hmm.

RB: That there has been a shooting.

NG: And I, and that he needed me inside of the building.

RB: He needs you inside the building. And then Andy points out to you a puff of smoke.

NG: Look, look at the, go to the smoke, he actually, I think he said go to the smoke.

RB: Okay, now, would that have been a way to enter the building or was this like, again something that...

NG: We're still at this point trying to find the shooter, somebody down...

RB: Okay, that's...

NG: That's what I'm, I'm looking for a shooter or somebody down. I'm not even, the shooter's that way and I'm not even actually looking that way because we see the puff of smoke, so I race over to the puff of smoke. It's not 'til I turn back towards the building that I see some windows shot out.

RB: Okay. But, I guess what I'm getting at here, is you've got a variety of things going on.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. Which all may or may not be connected.

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NG: Right.

RB: I mean, probably you're assuming that an event took place but you're not real clear what's even going on, really, for the most part, other than...

NG: Until I know that I had, have a shooter in the building.

RB: Okay. I mean, you knew that from the principal.

NG: Right, right.

RB: When he notified you of that. But I guess what I'm saying to you too, is there's, there just seems like there's a lot of information coming at you which all sounds very serious.

NG: Right.

RB: And you're trying to assess the situation at this point.

NG: Exactly.

RB: Trying to figure out what exactly do I have here.

NG: And I, and I, you know, I'm thinking about me and Andy, if there is a shooter, you know, I don't know if he's on the soccer field, I don't know if he, where he's at, because at this point I don't hear any, any gun fire.

RB: So you, you're definitely focused on this, on the information you received about the shooter.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. But then Andy has directed you to the puff of, he's kind of indicating that would be where to go.

NG: He says, look over there, smoke. So we...and which actually put us in pretty good position compared to where we could have been.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah.

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RB: I guess, too, what I'm getting at, there wasn't any defined, I mean, there wasn't an obvious place to go at this point, I mean, you've been told to go to the lunchroom, you've been told there's a shooting, go to the school.

NG: Right.

RB: You, you may have somebody down in the parking lot. And now you're seeing a puff of smoke.

NG: Right. And see, and the school is this way, we're still faced this way going to the puff of smoke.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay.

RB: And that is again, you're driving so you'd be going in a westerly direction.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: Right.

RB: I'm sorry, now go ahead, so you're going towards that puff.

NG: Then I get to the, as far west as I can go, then I turn back up north in the lot. The very last row in the lot. And then I hear gun fire. Coming from the library area. Which is the upper area of the school.

RB: You got your windows down?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay. Describe the gun fire.

NG: Loud.

RB: And you could...

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NG: Once I had turned around and got parked, I could see some windows were blown out on the upper...

RB: Is that prior to hearing the gun fire? Or is that after you hear the gun fire?

NG: That's right after.

RB: Okay, so you hear the gun fire, and you say it's loud.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Was it rapid or was it?

NG: That, and that may have been one of the pipe bombs.

RB: Okay.

NG: I'm not clear if it was...

RB: That's what I was gonna get to. Was it one or was it one loud one...

NG: One big one.

RB: Okay.

NG: And then probably twenty seconds after that, it was...

RB: Is that when you noticed the windows though?

NG: Right.

RB: Okay, so you hear the one loud, the one loud noise.

NG: Boom. And I look up to where the, I think the noise is coming from and I already see the window is like shot out.

RB: And this is a library window?

NG: Uh huh.

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RB: And those windows face which direction?

NG: They face northwest. I, I'm sorry. Southwest. It's on the south side of it.

RB: It's okay.

NG: Southwest.

RB: And you see one of those windows break out.

NG: Shot out. Well, no, it was al-r, I didn't see the glass fall out, it's, it's out.

RB: Okay, it's broken. It's gone.

NG: It's gone.

RB: Okay.

NG: Big hole in it. There's jagged edges around it.

RB: Okay, let me, when you hear the one loud noise, was it, um, would you describe it as gunshot or would you, cause you said.

NG: It was too loud. I think it was.

RB: Okay, so you think it was an explosion.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: But that was followed up by several like rifle shots.

RB: And that's after you, so, hear the noise, you look to the southwest library window, see at least one window that is broken out, jagged glass, um, then you start hearing what you think is gunshots at that point.

NG: Right. Rapid fire gunshots.

RB: How many do you think you heard?

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NG: Eight to ten.

RB: Can you tell what, what type of gunshots they are? Okay, so you're just hearing what you, what you understand to be gunshots.

NG: Right.

RB: Um, about eight to ten. Where are they coming from? Do you know?

NG: Upper library area.

RB: Okay. Okay. Um, at this point do you have a handle on what's happened yet or are you still trying to assess...

NG: Yeah, I have a good idea someone's shooting up the school.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah.

RB: That, that's what's going through your mind now.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay, now, are, I don't want to put words into your mouth here but...

NG: I, I, right, I told Andy, I said, we got a shooter in the building Andy. Get down on the floor. So he got down on the floor board of the patrol vehicle in the front, the passenger side. And I told him to stay there.

RB: I'm sorry, you said, we got a shooter in the building, get on the...

NG: Get on the floor.

RB: Okay. Why did you tell him that?

NG: Cause I didn't want him to get shot.

RB: Okay, what did you recognize that situation to be?

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NG: A shooting and a possibility that we could become under fire any minute. Because once, now after the gunshots and I tell him to get down on the floor, I glance over to the, the doors and the doors to the window are all broken out. The doors to the, the southwest entrance, I noticed those were all shot, they're all busted out too. There's two windows and they're all busted out on the doors.

RB: Okay, again, I don't want to put words in your mouth, but you got, you got somebody that you know is in the building, you, you've had reports somebody down, you've got reports from somebody calling for help to the, to the cafeteria, yeah, the lunchroom, principal's identified shooter, you've pretty much verified you've got somebody in the building shooting.

NG: Right.

RB: And I guess based on your experience as a cop, you, you understand this to be pretty much a life threatening situation. That's why you're telling Andy to, to get down. You don't want him getting shot.

NG: Correct.

RB: Okay.

NG: So at that point I open, I tell the dispatcher, um, I, I give a code thirty-three.

RB: Which means what?

NG: Which officer needs assistance, as fast, you know, as fast as you can get here. That's our code.

RB: Is that an emergency?

NG: Yes.

RB: And when do you typically, when do you hear code thirty-three's going out? Typically.

NG: Um.

RB: When are you taught to use a code thirty-three?

NG: When an officer's gonna need assistance or be in trouble.

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RB: Okay, so when an officer's...

NG: And at, and at this, at the time I'm doing the code thirty-three, the suspect comes out the doors that had been shot out. He, he steps outside of the door. As I'm telling that.

RB: Okay, these are the same doors that you had already mentioned that, uh, had the windows shot out of them, or they were broken.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay, had you seen the shooter up to this point at all?

NG: No.

RB: Okay, hadn't...

NG: No. But you could, then there was another loud, there was another loud bang just before he came out somewhere else in the building.

RB: Before you, okay, now, you say he came to the, uh, you said he came to the doors. He hasn't come out yet, right, you're just seeing somebody at the door, at the doors?

NG: No. As I'm doing the code thirty-three, I look up and he's outside of the door, he's got a flack jacket on, it was dark colored, I believe...

RB: I'm, I'm gonna get to that in just one second, but, okay, so he's actually outside, right?

NG: Right.

RB: Outside the doors.

NG: Right.

RB: How far outside the doors?

NG: Um, probably a good two feet outside of the southwest doors.

RB: And you said just prior to that, you heard another...

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NG: Big loud boom inside the building.

RB: Okay, you're describing an explosion?

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah.

RB: So, is this prior to you giving the code thirty-three or as you're giving the code thirty-three?

NG: As.

RB: Okay. And this, um, can we call it an explosion, is that what you heard?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah.

RB: So you hear an explosion as you're giving this code thirty-three. And it came from inside the school?

NG: Right.

RB: Can you tell where?

NG: Huh uh. It was deeper inside of the school. Somewhere.

RB: Okay. So now you've given the code thirty-three, this explosion you've heard, you're looking up and you see, uh, this person you're going to describe to me about two feet outside the door, right? And what, okay, describe this person to me.

NG: Light colored hair, um, it wasn't too long, I guess it was about to here.

RB: You're talking white male?

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NG: White male. Dark baseball cap on. Uh, flack jacket and a white...

RB: Are you saying collar length hair?

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay. I'm sorry, he had on a...

NG: Flack jacket, blue, dark blue. And a white t-shirt on underneath. And I didn't, I can't tell you what kind of pants they were wearing other than they were dark.

RB: So dark blue flack jacket, white t-shirt?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: And you said something a hat?

NG: Yeah, a baseball cap on backwards.

RB: Do you know the color?

NG: No. I know it was, I, I can't tell you what color it was.

RB: That's okay.

NG: It was a darker color.

RB: About how tall was this person?

NG: Five-ten, six foot. He was pretty tall.

RB: Okay, uh, weight?

NG: Skinny.

RB: Okay. Um, anything else about him, physical appearance you noticed?

NG: No, other than he was holding a rifle.

RB: How was he holding the rifle?

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NG: He had it, he was out the door like this and he was kind of like this and then...

RB: Okay, so you're kind of describing a crouched...

NG: Yeah, he was...

RB: Position with uh...

NG: With the rifle. And then he...

RB: Now the rifle, is the rifle pointed slightly up?

NG: Yeah, in the air.

RB: Okay.

NG: It looked like he was fidgeting here somewhere, doing something, I mean this happened so fast.

RB: Right.

NG: And then, then he sees me. And he sees the, the car. Cause, well, it's not hard to see me in this and they know what I wear. And, um, he sees me and he pulls the rifle up.

RB: How far away are you from him?

NG: Probably...

RB: You're kind of describing a Port Arms.

NG: Sixty yards. Sixty to seventy yards.

RB: Okay, so when he sees you, what did he do?

NG: Well, as, as I...

RB: Are you still in your car?

NG: No, I'm out. I'm, I'm moving out. When I see him, I move out, I, I'm getting behind the

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car tire that was right next to my patrol vehicle. Cause I wanted to take cover behind the tire.

RB: Okay, so you're getting behind the driver's side front tire?

NG: Right. Back. Back tire.

RB: Back tire.

NG: It was a little Blazer, a mini Blazer. Cause it...

RB: This isn't, you're, you're not getting behind your vehicle?

NG: No.

RB: You're behind...

NG: See, cause once I pulled back this way to, so I can see the school, that's when I call it out.

RB: Right.

NG: And I get out of the vehicle, after I tell Andy to get down I do the code thirty-three and then, um, I get behind the tire.

RB: So you moved to another vehicle to hide behind?

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah.

RB: And you thought it was a what? A Blazer?

NG: Yeah, it's a white Blazer. Chevrolet Blazer.

RB: Okay, now, so you're in this position when he starts to, to bring the weapon around towards you.

NG: Right.

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RB: Okay.

NG: And he fired...

RB: What, what you described was he pointed the weapon at you.

NG: He fired two shots.

RB: Okay. Is the weapon pointed at you?

NG: Yeah, it's, it's hitting, it hit the Blazer.

RB: Just to take one step back, when you, this, this rifle that you see, does it have a scope on it, does, what does it look like?

NG: I can't tell. It, it almost looks like...

RB: Does it look like a rifle as opposed to a shotgun?

NG: It looked like more of a little long automatic type of rifle. It, I mean, it was hard to see cause I was, you know, I saw him and I kind of went down under the car again and then he shot twice.

RB: You're looking around the car or are you looking through the window?

NG: No. No, I'm looking through the window. Cause of the window inside here...

RB: Okay.

NG: And then he shoots twice and one hits the, the windshield of the car. The front windshield.

RB: Which round hit the windshield.

NG: I mean, I mean, they were like bang, bang, like that.

RB: Okay, so it was rapid.

NG: Yeah. And, and at that point after the two went down I just ducked behind the tire like

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this.

RB: Okay, so you're taking cover again at that point.

NG: Right. But it was just for a second.

RB: Okay.

NG: Cause then I did a peek back up and he was crouched down again with his gun. He was, he was going like, he was doing, I don't know if he was changing clips or whatever but he was fiddling with his gun.

RB: Is the barrel of the weapon pointing down at this point or is it...

NG: Yeah, it's, it's down.

RB: Can you tell anything about the weapon, at all?

NG: Hm umm.

RB: I mean, the color...

NG: No, other than it's a dark, dark colored, some type of a long rifle. And, and the way he was, afterwards the way he was shooting it, it was almost like a semi-automatic type rifle. But I didn't know that at the time.

RB: Okay. You couldn't see a, you couldn't see a magazine or, or anything? Okay. Um, and then, okay, so you've, you've peeked back up. You see him kind of bent over the gun...

NG: Right.

RB: That's what you were kind of describing.

NG: Right.

RB: And you described like a fiddling with it, you're not quite sure what he's doing with it.

NG: Right. He's crouched down...

RB: He's reloading it or...

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NG: I don't know what he's . . .

RB: Maybe there was a jam and you don't know what he's doing.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. Uh, let's see. What happens at that point?

NG: I move to the front tire so I can get over the hood, you know, the front of the hood like this.

RB: Okay.

NG: And I try to get in front of the engine block and the tire.

RB: An the reason is in case he's...

NG: Starts shooting again I, I...

RB: Okay.

NG: I tried to stay right as much behind the front tire as I could get.

RB: Okay. So you've got your weapon over the hood?

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Alright, go ahead.

NG: He starts back up with the rifle so I take, I take four quick shots over the hood of the car.

RB: Have you announced yourself...

NG: No, I didn't do that.

RB: Okay.

NG: I took four quick shots.

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RB: Well, you were saying that he, based on the uniform you had on, that the kids would have been able to recognize what that is.

NG: Oh yeah. Yeah.

RB: It's a bright yellow shirt and...

NG: Right. And I'm around the halls all day long. They, they know what I wear. Is it, at the, at the time that I get over to the top of the vehicle, he's bringing the, the rifle back up.

RB: I think you said he was bringing up the weapon again?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: I assume leveling at you, pointing at you?

NG: Right. It was starting to come my way so I took, I shot four quick rounds off.

RB: Was he bringing it up or was he bringing it over.

NG: He was bringing it this way.

RB: Okay. So he's bringing it across his body.

NG: Over this way.

RB: Okay, so at the point the weapon, is it pointed at you at the time you...

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah.

RB: And what happens at that point?

NG: I take four quick and I'm back underneath the tire. I'm, my back's crouched underneath the tire because now he's shooting a volley.

RB: How many do you think he has fired at you at this point?

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NG: Uh, six or seven.

RB: Did he fire first again, or had you, you got your four shots off.

NG: I got boom, boom, boom, boom. I shot for times and I crouched back down. But when the, the first time I shot, that's when I was telling you, that when I shot, he spun around like that, again, and then he came back...

RB: This is with that first four shots?

NG: The first, it had to be the first one. Because I saw it.

RB: Okay.

NG: Cause after the fourth one I just ducked back down again. I don't know if it was close, it scared him, if it hit his flack jacket or, or what.

RB: And he spins, which direction does he spin?

NG: He spins, he spins this way and he comes back. And then he starts his...

RB: Okay, give me a, give me a right/left.

NG: Okay. That would be, he would spin all the way around to his right.

RB: Okay. In a full circle?

NG: Uh huh. And you could see him kinda, he really got down low as he was spinning.

RB: Okay.

NG: And this, I mean, this all happened so fast.

RB: And this is when you think you possibly hit him with that first round.

NG: Right, yeah. It either hit him or it, it came real close.

RB: Could you tell where, if you hit him, where you hit him?

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NG: It would of, the way he spun or whatever...

RB: You're thinking maybe in his right shoulder?

NG: Yeah, cause I was. It didn't get a real good beat on center mass but maybe the right upper.

RB: Okay. You can't confirm at this point that you actually (inaudible).

NG: No, because the way he ran back in the building, I didn't think that maybe I didn't get him.

RB: So what happens after he spins around, you fired your four rounds, he spun around.

NG: I see him spinning and I'm back ducking down and then I hear a volley of probably seven to eight shots. I, I mean, you could hear 'em, they were going over, you could hear 'em (whistling type sound effects).

RB: So he's, he's firing at you.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: And then how many rounds to you think?

NG: Uh, seven to eight. I mean whatever, he was just poppin' 'em off.

RB: Could you tell where they were hitting or...

NG: Hm mmm. It sounded to me like, they weren't hitting, it didn't seem like they were hitting in front of me, it seemed like they were going...

RB: Okay.

NG: They all went over.

RB: Okay. Um, and again, this Bronco was very close to where you stopped your car I assume. Is that...

NG: Yeah.

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RB: What I'm gonna end up doing is have you draw me a diagram.

NG: Okay.

RB: So I can get a better picture of it.

NG: Yeah, my car's here and the Blazer's right here and my car door's open right here.

RB: Oh, okay, so you, you're at the rear of the Blazer.

NG: Oh yeah, yeah.

RB: Okay. So you get out and that's why you're at the rear originally, you're peeking up, seeing through the glass, you can see the door, him and all that, and then you move up towards the front, okay.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: Then you're moving up towards the front. Alright. Um, so you have these seven to eight rounds that, uh, that are fired at you by him at that point. What do you do then?

NG: I, I just stay ducked.

RB: Okay.

NG: And then once I, after they, um, the fire was gone I peeked up again and he was gone. He was gone.

RB: Do you know where he went?

NG: He went back inside of the doors I'm sure. Because I would have seen him going down, that's the only way he could have gotten back in.

RB: So, based on a educated assumption, or your knowledge of the school and the conditions right then, he had to have probably gone back inside.

NG: He had to of. Cause he, I would have seen him go to the left and I would have seen him go to the right. He woulda had to go down a big huge stairwell.

RB: Okay, so he went back inside.

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NG: He had to have.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah.

RB: What happens at that point then?

NG: That point, cars start pulling up. Another...

RB: You talking about...

NG: Jeffco.

RB: Okay.

NG: Another Jeffco came from...

RB: Is this immediately right at, right at this point, or...

NG: Right after the volley.

RB: Okay.

NG: So they probably heard the volley. And then I see them up on top of the hill.

RB: How many cars did you see?

NG: One. At this point. Plus.

RB: You said they. Is there more than one in a car.

NG: There was a motorcycle unit with another dep, with one-forty-four, which is unit one-forty-four. Somehow they hooked up together before they got up, up there.

RB: So he's in, he's in the vehicle.

NG: Right.

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RB: The motorcycle officer.

NG: Right.

RB: Correct? Okay, so you've got two in a unit.

NG: Right. Well, he's actually, they're, they're moving real slow but he's actually behind the door as they're moving up. He's on the passenger door.

RB: Okay. Okay. So they're taking a tactical position trying to come up on the school.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. What happens then?

NG: Then we're, we're holding perimeter, um, unit one-forty-four is pretty much directing the other cars come in and we get a solid perimeter around the school. Before anything... You can hear, you can hear bombs and then, and then right after that everybody's in position. There was a big fire ball blast in the lower commons area.

RB: Okay, now you, you're starting to establish your perimeter.

NG: We've got it established.

RB: With unit one-forty-four. How long did it take you to do that?

NG: After that last volley of fire, probably three minutes.

RB: Okay, so, so about three minutes to establish your perimeter.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. And this is other units coming into the area also.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: How many do you estimate came in?

NG: About five.

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RB: Okay. So about five units are used, uh, that's counting you and, and, uh one-forty-four?

NG: Um hmm.

RB: And three additional.

NG: One-forty-nine.

RB: Okay.

NG: One-forty-four. One-forty-seven. And one-forty. Were all there.

RB: Okay. And then you're seventy-one, did you say?

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. So that's the five units. Alright. So you've got your perimeter, about three minutes to get that established. Um, what I'm gonna do is have you just diagram, um, basically what happens and how you establish your perimeter when we get finished here.

NG: Okay.

RB: So we don't have to, to go through all that. But, you've got your perimeter established, what happens next?

NG: Um, we're, we're just holding the perimeter. We've got, uh.

RB: You mention, I'm sorry, you mention an explosion.

NG: Yeah. Then there was an ex, a fir, you could see the fire ball in the, the lower commons area. A really loud bang and then a big fire ball.

RB: Okay. And then.

NG: And then what happens after that, I am watching the upper windows and the lower windows of the commons and library area.

RB: Okay.

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NG: Um. Unit, the M.C. unit that was with forty-four, so that was actually a two man car now.

RB: Okay.

NG: Um, they're up checking the doors where I had shot at the guy. They're watching that part and I'm watching...

RB: Just so I can clarify this, do you recognize this person you've shot at?

NG: No.

RB: Do you know who he is?

NG: No.

RB: Okay. Do you believe that he was a student there? I mean, are you saying, do you know everybody that goes to school there?

NG: I have no idea who he was. Other than he was a, a young adult.

RB: Okay. He could have been a student.

NG: Whatever. Yeah. I don't know if he's a student or, or what.

RB: Okay. You didn't get a good enough look at him to identify him.

NG: No.

RB: So he could have been a student you would have recognized had you seen him.

NG: Right. Up close and without him shooting at me.

RB: I think when we were getting to the description, I made an assumption that he was probably a young adult but you estimate him to be what age.

NG: Late teens, early twenties. Would of been my guess.

RB: Okay. Facial hair that you saw?

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NG: I don't know.

RB: Unknown. Okay. Alright. I'm sorry. So unit one-forty-four with the motorcycle unit are checking the doors.

NG: They're watching the door southwest doors.

RB: They're watching it or they're checking it?

NG: They're, no, they're, they're, we're all just, just establishing a, cause we know at this point we're gonna need SWAT.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay.

RB: So this is part of what their assignment was and the perimeter was to, to watch that.

NG: Right. Now after the volley of fire and we get the perimeter set, we could see two kids, um, from the door area. They were laying way over here to the right in the gravel area. One, one wasn't moving and one was moving their hand up and down on occasion. We could see two, two victims. Uh, the actually the M.C. unit and one-forty-four could see 'em. I couldn't see 'em. I could occasionally see...

RB: So you were...

NG: I could occasionally see the person's hand up in the, up in the air.

RB: And these, these two victims were in a, what area?

NG: They were at the, um, just to the far right of the, the southwest doors. It, it's real hard to explain, it's hard to do without a diagram. But the doors are here and then there's a little gravel area that goes down a hill. They were laying over here. And there were other, uh, victims laying down in front of the commons area.

RB: You know what I'm gonna do to make this easier for both of us? I'm gonna, I'm gonna stop the tape and give you like five minutes...

NG: Okay.

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RB: Just to do a little quick diagram.

NG: Okay.

RB: Uh, do you need any water or anything?

NG: No, I'm fine.

RB: Okay. I'll give you that. Do you want to write on something or is that...got that. I'm gonna, I'm gonna stop the tape here. It's, um, nineteen ten, and I'll be resuming at, um, at the point we resume the interview.

Okay, we'll be resuming the interview. Time now is nineteen, looks like thirteen. Sorry, go ahead.

NG: Okay, this is the pa, patrol car here.

RB: Which way is north?

NG: Um, this is north.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay, and this is west here.

RB: So this is the southwest parking lot you've described.

NG: Right. Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: And I am behind this Blazer here. I mean, there's cars everywhere.

RB: Okay.

NG: All of these cars are here. Andy's in the floor board down here.

RB: Why don't you just put an X on the rear of your vehicle there so we can identify that.
Okay.

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NG: Okay. These are the doors.

RB: And the vehicle directly, um, adjacent from your vehicle is going to be the Blazer.

NG: Um hmm.

RB: The white Blazer.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: And there's, I think you can see a, there's a bullet hole, there might be two bullet holes. I, I know there's one right here on the window.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay. And then I think he hit the door or something like that. But anyway, there's a, there's victim here.

RB: Okay.

NG: And this victim's not moving. These are stairs. They go up to the doors.

RB: Okay, that's what I'm saying, there, there must be some kind of hill here.

NG: Hill. Yeah.

RB: Okay.

NG: And then the one-forty-four now is right here.

RB: Why don't you put one-forty-four on this.

NG: Okay. One-forty-four is right here. And we've got an officer behind this door, well, actually they're, I'm sorry, they're more kinda caddy corner this way, I'm sorry.

RB: Just cross that one out then.

NG: One-forty-four. And then we got the M.C. unit right here.

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RB: Okay.

NG: And then the...

RB: And that's at the rear of the vehicle.

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RB: Continuing with the statement. I'm sorry I think we ended where we had identified the other deputy that was behind the engine block as one-forty-four.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. Go ahead from there.

NG: So, we're communicating back and forth. Deputy Smoker tells me Neil you've got upper library and lower common windows.

RB: Okay, and that's what you already indicated you were watching.

NG: Right.

RB: And this was all part of how you established your perimeter.

NG: Right. One-forty-four and MC unit and one-forty-four are going to watch the doors.

RB: Okay.

NG: Uh one-forty-nine pulls in and we set him up here on the south end of the school because these windows also come out here and then there's a main entrance right here so he's watching this side behind.

RB: I'm sorry, and that's one-forty-nine.

NG: Yeah, one-forty-nine, and then, I can't tell you exactly where one-forty-seven was but he was here on Pierce, then we had one-forty on this side of the school.

RB: That's gonna be the far north side.

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NG: Right.

RB: And I'm sorry, one-forty-nine would have been to the south.

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Okay and then one-forty-four is basically kind of north...

NG: Northwest.

RB: Or northwest. Okay and you're still in your same, your same position.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. Alright everybody has their assignments and you've identified the two people that are basically down, one not moving, the other moving an arm periodically that you can see, but you can't see the one that's down and not moving.

NG: Right I can see this on.

RB: And that's the one closest to the doors.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay.

NG: He's probably about, he's on the ground probably about twenty feet from the door.

RB: Okay.

NG: In the gravel, this is a gravel area.

RB: Okay.

NG: He's laying in the gravel area.

RB: And again that's the one moving.

NG: Yeah I can see his hand going up and down every now and then and then he would just

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drop it but this one here is not moving at all.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay. Um, so these windows are all...

RB: I'm sorry to interrupt you but this would have, these people probably would have been here prior to your arrival or...

NG: Well yeah, they were, they were already down, yeah.

RB: Okay, okay, and you hadn't seen them yet though.

NG: I hadn't seen cause I...

RB: Cause you were dealing with what was going on at this point.

NG: Yeah and actually this car told me that they were down on the ground by the building.

RB: Okay, okay.

NG: And then we had, we had, God, I can recall we had a girl down here, she was down.

RB: Are you describing another victim...

NG: ----- she's rolling in some serious pain.

RB: Okay, which is gonna be east from almost just across from you, east, looks like in the roadway that leads into the parking lot.

NG: Yeah she was actually just on the edge of the sidewalk area of the roadway.

RB: Okay now had you come in this way.

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Okay did you see her before there.

NG: Uh uh.

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RB: Okay.

NG: Did not see her.

RB: More than likely she probably was there, is that...

NG: More than likely, yeah.

RB: You're focused on some other things, I understand that.

NG: Yeah, yeah, yeah but we don't, for some reason we don't see her because we didn't see her actually until the paramedics showed up.

RB: I'm sorry, go ahead with your statement.

NG: Okay, then as, as I'm watching this and they're watching this the shooter at this window, okay the doors are like this and it's all metal down here and this window is all broken out like this, okay...

RB: And that was already broken out.

NG: Yeah, and this one's kind of shattered, so this is all glass right here so I could see...

RB: You're describing glass that's to the, which would be to the right as you look at the doors.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: I can see the white t-shirt and flack jacket coming back to the door and at the same time the MC unit pretty much simultaneously we both yelled shooter at the door.

RB: You're yelling this to each other or over the radio.

NG: To each other just by voice cause we're only like, this is really only about 30 yards away from the...

RB: Again, was it the MC.

NG: The MC guy, ah, Deputy Smoker.

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RB: And you said shooter.

NG: Uh huh.

RB: At the door.

NG: Uh huh. And then you could see the rifle being propped over the edge of the door here.

RB: That's the right door.

NG: Right. And the suspect crouches down behind the door.

RB: So he's down behind the metal.

NG: Uh huh.

RB:: Okay.

NG: With the rifle end sticking out and we yell shooter at the same time, then he starts, he starts a volley at I believe, cause I didn't hear anything, a volley at these deputies here and I can't, I mean it happened so fast, I don't know, I mean it was quite a few and then I could hear...

RB: More than what had been fired before.

NG: Right. And as he starts shooting, uh, I'm back on the front, I'm still on the front tire.

RB: Okay.

NG: I raise over the hood and I shoot four more times towards the door. I shot a total of eight shots and these two officers I believe were both shooting towards the door and at this time there's a Denver officer that comes up and he gets, uh there's another car here and he, he actually was down by this car and then he moved up to my car cause he had an automatic rifle.

RB: Okay.

NG: And this was just after this last exchange, so he had to hear the shots too.

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RB: Now these other four shots, do you know where they went.

NG: Towards the door.

RB: Okay, but one you'd indicated that possibly hit him would have been your first shot and these other ones you don't believe would have hit him.

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Okay, you're not quite sure where they went but...

NG: I'm not sure.

RB: I mean in the area up here but

NG: Yeah, I mean I was directly aiming at, at the door, the door frame right here, because he was shooting at these deputies at that, at that point.

RB: Okay, so you're aiming at the door he's behind because he's obviously firing at...

NG: Right, other deputies.

NG: Right. Uh huh.

RB: Okay. Plus you have other people that are down...

NG: Right

RB: In the area.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah. And you can't, if, with this person didn't raise their hand, you can't see them lying there.

RB: Okay.

NG: From where I'm at cause it's such a big hill.

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RB: Do you, when you're standing here knowing the layout of the school, could you see those people there do you think.

NG: Oh, oh, yeah, definitely.

RB: Okay, so the shooter would have had access to not only your deputies here, you, but anybody that may have, these three people you identified as being down in the area.

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Okay.

NG: Now at this point we've got, then several other Denver officers come up on their side here and I can't tell you how many but they all have automatic, you know they have the short rifles, the automatic.

RB: Is that what he had.

NG: Yes.

RB: Short rifle.

NG: And he is right here, and the next time I see the suspect which is, I mean we're talking just a few minutes later after this last volley, you can see him in his flack jacket up in the library and that's when the DPD officers and I don't know who else, I didn't shoot anymore, they started shooting at the upper window.

RB: So at least one DPD and others...

NG: Oh, I'm, I'm thinking three or four were shooting.

RB: Okay.

NG: I mean, I mean it was a lot of gunfire. I mean if this person, I don't know how he didn't get hit, if he didn't get hit with that exchange...

RB: How many rounds do you DPD fired?

NG: Oh my God, uh, I don't know, I mean it was so fast and it was just (sound effect of

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automatic gun), you know you could see the glass breaking up on top.

RB: How long did it last.

NG: Uh, probably about 15 seconds.

RB: So continuous rounds.

NG: Uh huh. And I believe the suspect even got some more volleys off from the top.

RB: After that or during that.

NG: During, during.

RB: Okay, so it's pointless to ask you how many rounds were being fired at this time. You know that there's about 15 seconds where DPD is firing continuing continuously, you're seeing glass breaking up in the library, the upper library window area, suspect's returning fire to some degree at that point.

NG: Short bursts...

RB: Short bursts.

NG: Yeah he didn't stay there too long. I, I, you know I would guess that he'd had to have been hit at some point, you know, they're saying that, that they maybe have self-inflicted wounds but you know he did have a flack jacket on, so I don't know, I don't know.

RB: Okay. Now let me, is this the same guy do you think that you engaged initially.

NG: I think that it's the same guy...

RB: The second time and now this third time up here.

NG: Right, I never did see a second suspect.

RB: Okay, you only saw one suspect and you think it was the same guy...

NG: In the dark blue and white t-shirt and I believe it to be the same guy.

RB: Okay. There wasn't anything that told you it could have been a different guy.

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NG: No.

RB: Okay, so if two guys were dressed identically and had similar features it could have been two but there wasn't anybody that was distinctly different from what you had seen originally.

NG: Uh uh.

RB: Okay, so basically from what your observations were you got at least one guy.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay, now after the last volley quieted down for about five minutes and you could hear shots going off deeper into the building, rifle shots going off deeper into the building.

RB: During this five minute period or there's five minutes of quit.

NG: Yeah, no during this five minute period the suspects had moved deeper into the building, you could tell by the muffled gunfire.

RB: So you're hearing shots inside the school.

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Assuming it's the suspects.

NG: Right.

RB: Or suspect at that time. Was there anything that was telling you there was more than one guy at this point.

NG: No.

RB: Okay, so right now you think you're dealing with one guy...

NG: One guy...

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RB: You know obviously thinking may be more but don't know for sure.

NG: I don't know for sure.

RB: Okay. And how many shots do you think are going off in this five minute period.

NG: I probably hear about six.

RB: Okay.

NG: (Inaudible word) muffled way in the background.

RB: And that's what telling you that it was further into the school.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay.

NG: So then we have a kid run out limping, he runs out to this door and he's kind of got his hands up and he's going 'don't shoot, don't shoot, don't shoot,' so we're saying stay low.

RB: This kid is what, a male, female.

NG: Juvenile male with no shirt on and just shorts.

RB: Where did he come from.

NG: He came from the lower commons door, he obviously had been hit the way, or I he was limping pretty bad.

RB: And he's yelling don't shoot.

NG: Yeah, yeah.

RB: He said that a couple of times, 'don't shoot, don't shoot.'

NG: Uh huh, yeah.

RB: And you thought he'd been wounded cause he was limping.

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NG: Right.

RB: Did you know this kid.

NG: No.

RB: Okay.

NG: I didn't recognize him.

RB: Okay

NG: When it's 2000 it's, anyway, we get him to a point right here.

RB: So he's running in a westerly...

NG: Right...

RB: ----- a southwesterly direction...

NG: And I make him get behind the rear of this one car here just to the right of my, or actually to the left of my patrol vehicle.

RB: Okay.

NG: So since there isn't any gunfire going I had Andy move out of the car into the back car here and just crouch down behind.

RB: Is that DPD's car or just -----

NG: Just a car in the parking lot.

RB: And that's gonna be on the west end of that parking lot.

NG: Right, yeah.

RB: And that was for his protection.

NG: Right.

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RB: Okay.

NG: So I yell over to the kid I said, "Did you see the suspects" and he said, "There's a big suspect," the only one he saw was dressed all dark clothing, so at that time I knew there were some more.

RB: But he gives you a description of a different guy.

NG: A different guy.

RB: Give me what he says to you.

NG: He said it's a big guy dressed in all dark clothing. I said, "Do you know who he is" and he says, "I have no idea."

RB: Based on what he said, this identifies to you another possible suspect.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah.

RB: So now you're thinking you got a couple of gunmen in there.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. Go ahead.

NG: So I asked the kid if he was alright, he says no I think I've been shot in the upper hip area. I couldn't see any blood or anything, I don't think he took shrapnel from a pipe bomb or what, so what I did was I got in the patrol car and I rolled it over to him and picked him up.

RB: You say roll, you drove over.

NG: Yeah, I drove over and picked him up.

RB: I mean obviously you're relatively certain based on what you've seen so far, this wasn't a suspect.

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NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: Right.

RB: You're confident (inaudible).

NG: I'm confident he's a victim, he's scared to death.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay, I pick him up, I swing the car back around to an empty space right here.

RB: So you just basically turn around in the parking lot and drive, parking...

NG: Yeah, open this door and I kind of position my vehicle here where he could slide into the vehicle.

RB: Okay.

NG: Okay then I swung around and then took an empty space and told him just to stay down in the car. And then the gunfire kind of quit totally and then as the gunfire had quit for about 10 to 15 minutes, we started having kids, the SWAT team moved in and they started getting kids out (inaudible).

RB: So for about 10 to 15 minutes you don't have any gunfire...

NG: Uh uh...

RB: You stay with this kid at the car here.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay, have you taken up.

NG: I'm staying with him.

RB: You're, okay.

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NG: Cause I've got the, when I, when I pulled out here I had everybody cover me in case they went here cause I wanted to evac this kid here so they uh, the DPD guy was here and I have plenty of cover when I did that.

RB: This kid's alert, he's not, I mean...

NG: Right he's in pain but ...

RB: Right. But it's, I mean obviously it could have been serious but it wasn't at a point where you thought he might die.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Uh, I'm sorry, so for about 10-15 no gunfire, ...

NG: No gunfire...

RB: Swat's arriving.

NG: SWAT's, everybody's getting into position and our SWAT is actually in the front and most of these SWAT guys were Denver guys.

RB: Okay. So basically SWAT's arrived at this point.

NG: But as they're, as they're staging and getting ready, I mean we're having kids just pile out of that back door, I mean they're running, they're running everywhere.

RB: How many kids would you estimate.

NG: Twenty, twenty to twenty five.

RB: Between this 10-15 minute period.

NG: Uh huh, after the gunfire had quit, they all, they couldn't stand to be in that building anymore and they just started running out.

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RB: And again, about twenty you think.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Did you say twenty.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay. Okay.

NG: I mean there was a lot more after SWAT finally went in and could evac but at that point they called me.

RB: Where were these twenty kids going, I mean when they came out, they're coming out that same exit that you said that...

NG: Yeah, well up here, up here just above us there's a big metal shed and we got a lot of cops back here and we got a lot of evac'd people back here. What we were doing is uh Deputy Swederman was now, he's the Zebra-1, the main bike guy, he's there now on scene so he's helping us evac. What we're doing is we're sending to the back car where Randy is and then we're getting them over the fence and then he's loading him up and then he's driving right back up and putting them back behind here.

RB: So basically you're evacuating these kids to a safe location.

NG: Right.

RB:: Okay, which is to the west of the school.

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Okay.

NG: Behind the athletic shed, it's actually a cinder block building.

RB: Okay.

NG: And then we just pretty much just stayed there and watched the windows I would guess for a good hour.

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RB: Okay.

NG: And then they...

RB: No additional gunfire.

NG: No, no. And they actually called me back to the Command Post because they needed help with the layout of the school.

RB: Okay. And that's what you did after about an hour, went back to CP and uh...

NG: And what I would do is I would uh, at the Command Post screen people to make sure since I, now they're telling me who it is, it's the two suspects and now I know who, who they are.

RB: You know them by name.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay, who are they, who were you told were the suspects.

NG: Uh, Dylan Klebold and, ah, Jesus, I'm drawing a blank now, God, I don't know this kid as well but we had two Deans that did and I'm sorry I can't remember his name.

RB: If I said his name would you recognize it.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Eric.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Harris.

NG: Eric Harris, yeah, because I had the two Deans with me, I could recognize Klebold but I couldn't recognize Scott so the two Deans were with me.

RB: Scott or.

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NG: Dylan Klebold.

RB: Right you say you can recognize Dylan but...

NG: But not Eric Harris.

RB: Okay.

NG: Yeah, and we were screening kids as they were getting 'em evac'd to make sure we didn't have a bad guy with them.

RB: Okay. The suspect that you saw that you exchanged gunfire with, was he Dylan?

NG: I believed him to be Dylan.

RB: That's who, that's who you think...

NG: He was more in stature of Dylan cause Dylan's a lot taller than Eric Harris.

RB: But you wouldn't know Eric Harris, correct.

NG: Uh uh.

RB: Okay...

NG: I didn't know till I saw a picture of him.

RB: Okay. Did you recognize him from the photo then.

NG: No.

RB: Okay so you really don't know this kid at all.

NG: I had never dealt, I had never dealt with Eric Harris.

RB: So based on the descriptions you have given of the suspects and your knowledge of Dylan, you, based on what you saw occurring it's your belief it was Dylan that you exchanged the gunfire with...

NG: Correct...

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RB: At the door.

NG: Correct.

RB: Okay, alright, but you can't I.D. him though from that.

NG: I couldn't tell, I couldn't tell you as I, we were exchanging gunfire and that was Dylan...

RB: Right, okay...

NG: All I know he was a younger male.

RB: Maybe with some 20/20 hindsight you think now it's your belief that it was probably Dylan that you were...

NG: Just based on the stature of Dylan compared to Eric is a shorter person.

RB: Okay, okay. Uh, anything else you recall from that incident that I didn't touch on.

NG: No, I mean, I mean we've been talking about (inaudible word) it like happened like so fast.

RB: I understand that and you've actually done a good job as far as what you can recall and...

NG: Yeah...

RB:: Handling these questions. I know they're

NG: Yea.

RB: A pain to go through.

NG: But that's the best of my recollection of, you know, of exactly what happened.

RB: Uh, had you, so I, assuming when you got back to the Command, I assume when you got to the command post you had related to them portions of what had occurred.

NG: Uh huh.

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RB: Okay. Just bringing people up to speed as to the incident and what they need to look for and what's potentially going on there.

NG: Right, right.

RB: Okay.

NG: I was giving them places where they could possibly hide and I was giving you know tactical information.

RB: And you related to them your, your experiences there too to some degree.

NG: And then once we knew it was Dylan Klebold, see he worked in the auditorium a lot and he knew all the rafter, boardwalks and everything cause he used to do the lighting for the plays.

RB: Okay.

NG: So I was relaying that.

RB: Now are you at Jeffco, are you at your Command Post, cause there were a lot of SWAT units that had Command Posts coming in...

NG: I was at mine.

RB: So you were at, okay.

NG: And I was, and then they sent me up to the top with Denver to screen people as they were coming out cause they didn't know the good guys from the bad guys.

RB: And you didn't do any evidence collection.

NG: Correct.

RB: Okay, and uh let me take a quick look at your magazine that you'd, no leave the one in the gun but just the two that you've got there. Okay, so you have one empty...

NG: Um hmm. And I don't know where that bullet is, that should be loaded, I didn't even use that clip.

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RB: Okay.

NG: This is the one I pulled out of here.

RB: You got one empty, one, and the empty one was in your pocket, right.

NG: Right.

RB: Your left front.

NG: Uh huh. I mean when I was, after I had run out I just shove it to the ground, I picked it up at a later time.

RB: Okay, I was going to go back and ask you that, I didn't want to interrupt at that point but at the point after you fired eight rounds you're going (inaudible word) eight...

NG: Right...

RB: Okay slide locked open. So you immediately reloaded at that point.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay, and you dropped what would be the empty, empty magazine right on the pavement and you left it there.

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Okay.

NG: Just like training at the range.

RB: Right.

NG: All the training comes back.

RB: Now there's one round, um, this was from your, which pouch, this was on the outside or inside your gun, so your closest to the gun...

NG: Right.

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RB: Okay. Normally this would carry seven.

NG: Right.

RB: To your knowledge did you ever take it during this.

NG: No. I never took that one out, I used the first one.

RB: Okay, so it's unclear where that other round is for that.

NG: Yeah.

RB: Okay. And then you should have, let me see the magazine in that one real quick. You have one in the chamber now.

NG: Yeah, there should be cause there were seven to start with, there should be six.

RB: Okay and that's what's in here.

NG: Uh huh.

RB: Okay.

NG: Cause it, I mean you only get eight the first go around.

RB: Right.

NG: Then you get seven.

RB: Let's do this, can you just pull the slide just a little, I can't, there we go, okay, and then one in the chamber.

NG: You want me to clear that.

RB: Why don't you just leave it as is, just go ahead and put that, put that magazine back in it there.

NG: Okay.

RB: Okay. You can put that one back in there.

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NG: Okay.

RB: And you're the only one that's handled your weapon correct.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay. As we, I'm basically at the end of this, if you can just initial your diagram there.

NG: Okay.

RB: And I asked you this before. Any other information I didn't go through with you think was relevant to this.

NG: Not that I can recall.

RB: Okay, and then I think...

NG: You know there may have been more shots fired but I mean cause there was a lot of stuff.

RB: And I understand that you're not counting every round that getting exchanged when there's a lot of gunfire going on.

NG: No.

RB: Okay.

NG: I did see the big flash bang in the, I mean it was a big ball of fire.

RB: And that's the one you told me about.

NG: Right.

RB: Okay, uh and I mean it certainly there may be other aspects to this investigation...

NG: Right...

RB: In terms of what your knowledge is about who the potential suspects are and what their involvement in and may be other suspects peripherically involved which I'm not going to go into with you right now because our focus was simply uh the shoot...

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NG: The shoot...

RB: Deal with the shoot and uh, so I'm probably going to leave it at that right now and then whoever gets assigned with the follow-up and that we'll cover that aspect of it. Do you have any questions for me.

NG: Uh uh.

RB: Okay. Time now is 1945. End of the interview.

From: Mark Gorman
To: Gene Nagle
Date: Mon, May 3, 1999 5:23 PM
Subject: COLUMBINE REPORT

MY ASSIGNMENT FOR April 20, 1999 WAS PARAMEDIC ON R13, WITH FF JERRY LOSASSO AS MY EMT DRIVER. WE RESPONDED TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL, AT ABOUT 11:20 IN THE MORNING, ON A CALL OF SHOTS FIRED. E11, R11 AND BATT1 WERE ALSO DISPATCHED. AS R13 DROVE NORTH ON PIERCE ST, JUST NORTH OF W. CALEY PLACE, WE WERE MET BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL. WE WERE TOLD OF ONE VICTIM WITH A MINOR FOOT INJURY AT FAIR DR. WE WERE ALSO TOLD OF ONE "DOWN" IN THE SCHOOL. I INFORMED THE EMPLOYEE THAT WE COULD NOT PROCEED UNTIL WE WERE CLEARED BY THE JEFFCO SHERIFFS DEPT. AT THAT TIME I SAW A JEFFCO SQUAD CAR ENTER THE SOUTH PARKING LOT OF THE SCHOOL.

I INFORMED DISPATCH THAT THIS WAS A CONFIRMED SHOOTING, AND ADVISED THAT THE STREET SHOULD BE BLOCKED TO STOP TRAFFIC FROM PASSING IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL. FF LOSASSO BLOCKED THE STREET WITH CONES. WITHIN A FEW MINUTES WE WERE CLEARED TO STAGE AT FAIR DR. UPON ARRIVAL R11 WAS TREATING THE INJURED PT. WE STAGED AT THE INTERSECTION WITH ONE JEFFCO OFFICER WHO WAS ARMED WITH A PISTOL. WE HEARD ABOUT FOUR "POPS" WHICH WE THOUGHT WERE IN OUR DIRECTION. LATER IN THE INCIDENT I NOTICED THE POLICE HAD MARKED A BULLET THAT WAS LAYING IN THE STREET ABOUT 50 FEET NORTH OF OUR PARKING SPOT. WE WERE MOVED TO A STAGING AREA AT LEAWOOD DR AND PIERCE, AND LATER MOVED BACK TO OUR STAGING AREA AT FAIR DR.

FROM THIS LOCATION WE WERE TOLD THE SW CORNER OF THE SCHOOL WAS CLEAR AND WE WERE ASSIGNED TO PICK UP WOUNDED WITH R11. R11'S CREW WAS PARAMEDIC M. FLEMING AND PARAMEDIC J. ALWARD. WE DROVE TO THE SOUTH PARKING LOT AND OBSERVED ABOUT FOUR OFFICERS POINTING GUNS AT THE SCHOOL. FF LOSASSO PULLED THE RIG ONTO THE GRASS NEAR THE BUILDING ENTRANCE, WHERE WE SAW FOUR VICTIMS. R11 PULLED UP NEXT TO US, ON OUR EAST SIDE. WE EXITED THE VEHICLES AND RAN TO THE VICTIMS. WE FOUND ONE DEAD, AND HE WAS LEFT IN PLACE. FF LOSASSO AND I FOUND SEAN GRAVES, PRONE ON THE GROUND, CONSCIOUS AND ALERT. HE TOLD US HE COULD FEEL HIS LEGS BUT NOT MOVE THEM. HE WAS MOVED, IN THE POSITION FOUND, BY LIFTING HIS COLLAR AND BELT. AS I RECALL, THIS IS WHEN THE SHOOTING BEGAN.

HE WAS LOADED ONTO THE PRAM, WHICH WAS STILL IN R13. THIS WAS DIFFICULT AS THE PT WAS LARGE. AS I ARRANGED HIS BODY ON THE PRAM, FF LOSASSO WENT TO ASSIST OTHER VICTIMS. THE GUNFIRE CONTINUED. AT THIS TIME PARAMEDIC FLEMING CAME TO THE BACK OF THE RESCUE CARRYING PT LANCE KIRKLIN IN HIS ARMS. KIRKLIN HAD A MASSIVE GSW TO THE LEFT SIDE OF HIS JAW AND WAS CARRYING HIS OWN LEG WITH HIS ANKLE IN FRONT OF HIS FACE. WE PLACED HIM ON TOP OF PT GRAVES. IT WAS ABOUT THIS TIME THAT A JEFFCO OFFICER STARTED FIRING WHAT SEEMED TO BE A FULLY AUTOMATIC RIFLE AT THE BUILDING FROM THE REAR BUMPER OF R13. THE REAR DOOR OF R13 WAS CLOSED AND FF LOSASSO DROVE TO THE STAGING AREA AT FAIR DR. R11 LOADED PT ANNE MARIE HOCHHALTER AND FOLLOWED R13.

AT THE STAGING AREA PT KIRKLIN WAS PASSED TO A DG AMBULANCE. PARAMEDIC CAPTAIN JIM OLSEN JOINED ME IN THE BACK OF R13 FOR THE TRIO TO SMC. SEE THAT MEDICAL REPORT FOR COMPLETION.

AFTER LEAVING SMC, WE RETURNED TO THE SCENE CODE 3, WITH A ENGLEWOOD POLICE MOTOR CYCLE ESCORT. WE RETURNED TO THE STAGING AREA AT FAIR DR. I TOOK THE MAPS OF THE SCHOOL FROM R13 AND ATTEMPTED TO HAVE THEM DUPLICATED AT THE JEFFCO AND ARAPAHOE SHERIFFS DEPT COMMAND VEHICLES. THESE WERE FOR THE

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SWAT TEAM TO USE. THIS IDEA DID NOT APPEAR TO BE VERY SUCCESSFUL.

OUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT WAS TO THE FIRST DOOR SOUTH OF THE MAIN ENTRANCE, WHERE SWAT TEAMS WERE ENTERING. R13'S CREW NOW CONSISTED OF GORMAN, OLSEN AND LOSASSO. WE WERE TOLD AT LEAST THREE TIMES THAT AN INJURED TEACHER WOULD BE BROUGHT TO US BY A SWAT TEAM. AT ONE POINT WE WERE TOLD BY A SWAT LEADER THAT WE WERE CLEAR TO FOLLOW HIM, WITH OUR PRAM, TO A VICTIM. THAT ORDER WAS QUICKLY CANCELED. WE NEVER ENTERED THE BUILDING BY MORE THAN 25 FEET. JUST INSIDE THIS ENTRY DOOR WAS A BACK PACK, WE HAD BEEN TOLD OF MOTION SENSITIVE BOMBS IN BACK PACKS. AN OVERTURNED SMALL STUDENT DESK BLOCKED THE PACK FROM PEDESTRIANS.

AS EACH SWAT TEAM ENTERED THROUGH THIS DOOR, I MADE SURE THE TEAM LEADER KNEW OF THE BOMB REPORTS. ONE TEAM DID NOT HAVE THIS INFORMATION PRIOR TO OUR CONVERSATION. SWAT TEAMS BROUGHT OUT UNINJURED STUDENTS AND TEACHERS THROUGH THIS DOOR. THEY WERE ESCORTED ACROSS THE STREET BY THE FBI SWAT TEAM. OUR CREW STAYED AT THIS LOCATION UNTIL THE INCIDENT DE-ESCALATE. WE WERE RELIEVED OF DUTY AT ABOUT 1900 HOURS.

PARAMEDIC CAPTAIN MARK A. GORMAN 5/3/99

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Officer

Agency

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REPORTING AGENT: BATES, CREIGHTON **CASE NUMBER: 99-38856**
VICTIM: MULTIPLE VICTIMS **DATE OF REPORT: 04/21/99**
OFFENSE: AOA/HOMICIDE

Jefferson County Sheriff's Department CR# 99-7625.

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 9351 Cougar Road, the home of the suspect named Dylan Klebold. Sergeant Girson instructed Detective Stan Connally, with other law enforcement officers, to drive to 8276 South Reed Street, 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.

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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.

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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.

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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 vacating 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. He

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The following is a transcription of an interview between Detective Creighton Bates and DPD Technician George Allan Gray. Reference Lakewood 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 Detective Creighton Bates from the Lakewood Police Department and I'm interviewing Officer 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 interview with you concerning your involvement in this uh, the shooting over at the high school, 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: Thir-thirteen years.

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

GG: Yeah. I went from District 4 for five years as a patrol officer. And then I went to the Gang Unit for five more years and then I transferred to the Metro SWAT Unit. 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-time SWAT 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.

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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.

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. I 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 your 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 eh.

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 eh, 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 than, 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 I 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 point 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 Locavetta 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: Cephalaxine (sp) is what the clinical name is. Flexeril is like the generic brand, I think. Cephalaxine 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.

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 MP5?

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, i'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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Denver Police Department

STATEMENT

Last, First, Middle Initial <u>Gutierrez ABEL A.</u>		Making Statement is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised			
Residence Street Address		City	County	State	Zip Code
Residence Phone ()	Business Phone (303) 331-4081	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. 75519	
Business Street Address 2205 Colorado Blvd.		City DENVER	County DENVER	State Co.	Zip Code 80205
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date 04-21-99	Time 2830	Hours
Concerning an incident occurring at: 4100 S. Pierce Columbine High School		Location where statement taken: Caucus Bureau			

Summary of Statement:

On this date of report at approximately 1135 Hours myself and OFC Romero #28017 of the Caucus Bureau responded to Columbine High School on a call of Officers and Students being fired upon and calling for assistance.

Upon arrival at the scene we were told to go to the West side of the school building as this is where all the gun fire was reported to be coming from.

Myself OFC Romero Sgt. Ardan + Sgt. Dragoin responded immediately to this location. This area is where the school cafeteria and the school library are located. We immediately came upon seven severely wounded students, some with devastating wounds, one female hit approx seven times, one male with a severe stomach wound one female with her shoulder blown out. my concern was to get medical attention to these people as soon as possible. We came under heavy gun fire at this time and took cover. after the gun fire subsided

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

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Summary of Statement (cont.)

Two more police units pulled in and we began loading the wounded students into the back seats and were able to get all of them out to safety. Officer Tran, Thomas and a Jefferson Sheriff were instrumental in helping do this.

Off. Romero responded to the front of the school (cafeteria area) and deployed his AR15 rifle. Officer Romero was instrumental in saving numerous students in this position.

We came under heavy automatic weapons fire again from the library area and I did hear a dull explosion at this time. Officer Dragons and Romero returned suppression fire as we had students running through the parking lot trying to escape.

One student jumped from the roof of the school building and apparently broke his hip. He tried to run but couldn't and began crawling. I met with a Jefferson Sheriff's deputy driving down to the edge of the parking lot and pulled him into the front of the police unit and also put approximately five students in the back seat and drove off to a medical aid location. We responded back to our location and continued evacuating survivors out of the school throughout the day with the assistance of SWAT teams who were now on scene. OAG 15014

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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To: Chief Rahne
From: Jerry LoSasso
Subject: Columbine High School

On April 20th I was assigned to Rescue 13. Mark Gorman was my partner. At around 11:26 in the morning we received a call of gun shots at C.H.S. We responded to C.H.S. from the South. Turning onto Pierce I saw two J.C.S.O. with guns pulled looking into the Southeast parking lot. I pulled up and stopped at Weaver St. At that time I told Mark I was going to pull up to Caley St. and parked. I then looked up around Fair St and saw people yelling for us to come up to where they were. I heard someone say that there was someone shot up here. I told them that we could not go up there until the cops let us through.

At this time I noticed cars still driving through on Pierce so I got out and set up cones across Pierce to stop traffic. We were finally cleared to go up to Fair St. As we approached Fair St. R-11 pulled up to help the pt. I then spotted R-13 near the Southwest parking lot, we were told that there were 3 to 4 victims in the back. While we were out on the street waiting to get cleared into the scene, a teacher was talking to us. I asked him where the common area was. He told me to stay to the right when I get into the parking lot and look for the green covering.

We waited out on the street for what seemed like forever and finally word came through that it was cleared to go in. I started to drive through the parking lot when I saw several J.C.S.O. with their guns pulled and aimed up in the air at the building. As I proceeded to the back I saw one of J.C.S.O. motioning for me to get out of there. I started to make a left turn in the parking lot and realized that I was going into a dead end. I stopped and backed up, and then saw another cop motioning for us to come over to where he was. I started toward him and saw 3 victims on the sidewalk.

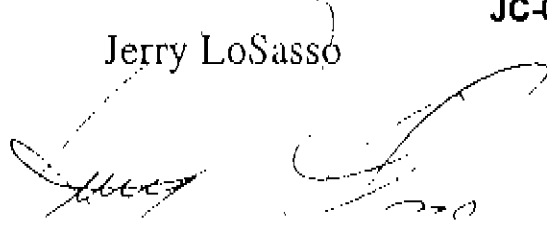
For some reason I knew that I wanted to put the rescue between the victims and the building. I pulled Rescue 13 up as close to the building as I could. I then got out of R-13 and went over to the first victim, which was a male. He was a DOA (Dan) but I felt for a pulse and could not find one, he was cold and already turning blue. The second victim was also a male. When I approached the second victim (Lance) I saw that the left side of his jaw was gone. He was breathing so I told him I would be right back. I then went to the third victim, and again was a male. He (Sean) was half way in the door. I grab his legs and started to pull him back out of the door. At this time I called for Mark to help me. Mark grabs Sean's collar and I grabbed his belt and we went to the back of Rescue 13. As we started to put Sean into the back I heard two shots, and then the S.W.A.T Team in the parking lot returned fire. As I was trying to get Sean in the back I asked if he could help. Sean said that he could not feel his legs. I finally got him into the back of R-13 and started to go get Lance when I turned around there was Monte with Lance. Monte handed me Lance so I put him into R-13 on top of Sean. I then shut the doors and drove out on to Pierce St. I stopped and asked for some help, because we had two critical patients. We gave Lance to D.G. medics.

I asked Olsen to get into the back of R-13 with Mark. We then headed for Swedish. When we arrived we gave Sean to the trauma team. We then returned to the C.H.S. We were told that there was another critical patient and that we would be transporting that patient to D.G. That never happened. The rest of the incident we stayed by the Southeast door and stood by with the S.W.A.T Team.

After the incident was over for us we were told that we were being relieved and that we would be going home. About 1930 I was sent home.

Jerry LoSasso

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On Tuesday, April 20, 1999 at approximately 1130 hours I was on patrol in my unmarked unit number 3043 on South Turkey Creek Road in Tiny Town. During this time I over heard via my communications radio a deputy sheriff asking for assistance and help as he was engaged in a shooting with a hostile suspect(s) at Columbine High School in Littleton. I proceeded in my unit using red lights and siren to the Columbine High School. While en-route I radioed to Dispatch to "stack page" JeffCo SWAT and notify Jefferson County Sheriff's Office Command personnel of the unfolding incident. For my specific radio traffic please refer to Sheriff's Office Dispatch radio tapes. I heard via my radio during my response numerous sheriff's units proceeding as well to the scene. During my response the radio traffic from on scene and arriving units depicted a violent and moving shooting engagement with hostile suspect(s). As I approached the Bowles and C470 area I attempted to ascertain from Dispatch and on scene units the status of engagement to include a clear zone for a Command Post and if the shooting was occurring at the Columbine Library or the Columbine High School. From the radio traffic I determined the safest place for a Command Post and SWAT mobilization location was South Pierce Street and West Leewood Drive. I advised Dispatch of this information as I arrived on scene.

As I parked my patrol unit at Leewood and Pierce I saw a large group of teenaged juveniles (upset, crying, and a very chaotic scene) congregating on the west side of Pierce across from my location. I also saw Sergeant Phil Hy attempting to coordinate on scene and arriving units from both law enforcement and Fire EMS agencies. I contacted Sergeant Hy and received a quick scene assessment from him regarding perimeter security, shooting assessment, location and available suspect information and any other available scene intelligence that he possessed. I quickly returned to my patrol unit and proceeded to put on my SWAT tactical gear (helmet, ALICE gear, and tactical vest) and charge my Colt AR-15 tactical rifle with ammunition. I was approached by several teenaged juveniles while I was dressing. I asked the juveniles if they were students of Columbine High School to which they acknowledged yes. I then handed them some pens and papers and asked them to draw me a sketch of the school floor plan showing major rooms and location of suspects and injured. They complied and quickly explained their drawings. Sometime during this time frame I observed Lieutenant David Walcher, JCSO arrive on scene. I conferred with Lt. Walcher about the current scene status and advised him that he would assume the role of Incident Commander and I would be Tactical Commander. JCSO SWAT Deputies Al Simmons, Del Klienschmidt and Littleton Police SWAT Officers Greg Böhlen, Cher Neal also had arrived and were dressing in their SWAT tactical gear. I told them as soon as they were dressed, we were leaving for the Columbine High School. At this same time Denver Police Metro SWAT Captain Vince DiManna, Lieutenant Pat Phelan along with Officers Wayne Depew, Bill Orton, Abe Gutierrez, (Tony Iacovatta, and Mark Lewis?) arrived at the scene. Captain DiManna and I quickly conferred. I then commandeered a large fire truck that was sitting on scene at Pierce and Leewood from a fire department to use as a shield for the SWAT personnel to approach and engage the crime scene. Deputy Del Klienschmidt quickly volunteered to drive the fire truck for us. I informed Lt. Walcher that I was leaving to engage at the school and to send me JCSO SWAT Sergeant Barry Williams and his team as soon as they

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arrived on scene. I also requested that Colorado State Patrol SORT Major John Wise (whom was on scene) dress in his SWAT gear and get into one of the news media helicopters circling above the school to cover our high ground and roof areas. We lined up beside the fire truck and proceeded to march double time along side of it to the school. As we were walking alongside the fire truck to the school I informed the SWAT personnel that our main mission was to rescue students and engage any suspects to terminate their hostility. This group of SWAT personnel was divided into two (2) assault cells of five or so men each. I advised JCSO SWAT Deputy Al Simmons that he was the Team Leader for the cell that was to be dropped off on the school east side. I also informed SWAT personnel that suspects may be wearing body armor and head shots may be required to stop a suspect. I also said that the suspects possibly three (3) or more in number may possess explosive devices and student hostages this information was gained from the assessment by already on scene personnel.

As we approached the school driveway on the east side, Deputy Klienschmidt drove along the sidewalk and grass to get us close to the building doors so the team of JCSO SWAT Simmons people could move into position. I could hear no shooting nor explosions at this time. I did see a person holding his hands (palm side against the glass) on the east windows across from me. I called out to the other team members that I had movement in the window. I already had my weapon pointed in this direction. I feared that this was a hostage shield for suspects as the person would move back and forth to the window placing his palms on the glass each time. At this time the Al Simmons multi agency team went inside the school through the east doors and commenced their sweeps and engagement (see his report for details). After the Simmons' team moved into position, Deputy Klienschmidt moved the fire truck so we could proceed to the school northwest corner by the library. After we passed the window with the subject inside, a teenaged blondish haired white male came outside from that general area with his hands held above his head. I directed him to run towards me and get alongside the fire truck. He did so and I quickly searched him for weapons. Finding no weapons and determining that he was not injured, SWAT officers had him lay down in the back cap portion of the fire truck. Deputy Klienschmidt continued to drive along the building grass and sidewalk to the small parking lot near the rear of the school. We stopped here to look around the side of the building corner where we could see two (2) people laying on the ground by the double doors going into the school. These people appeared to be injured and bloody. One was attempting to raise a hand in the air. We quickly got back along the fire truck and drove as close as possible through the wet slippery grass to the double doors. Once there, two (2) officers (DiManno and Phalen) behind the cover of the Littleton P.D. ballistic shield rushed to the two injured people as the rest of the SWAT team left the cover of the fire truck and advanced upon the double doors shooting defensive cover fire into the double doors to protect the two rescuers. As I advanced with the team I thought I saw a silhouette of an aggressor through the double doors. At this time I fired two (2) rounds of .223 caliber ammunition from my Colt AR-15 tactical rifle at this silhouette. The two rescuers dragged one injured male subject to the front of the fire truck and the SWAT retreated back to the truck's cover and maintained fire cover positions. The injured male was a white

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teenaged brown haired subject without a shirt. he was placed on the front bumper of the fire truck. I could see he was still alive with shallow breathing and unconscious. I could also see he had sustained a bullet wound to his left lower torso side. I asked DiManna about the condition of the other subject (a female) laying by the double doors. DiManna replied that she appeared to be dead. We agreed that we should go back and get her to be sure of her condition. One of the multi agency SWAT team members said he saw a pipe bomb laying near a back pack at the double doors during our first advance. I then became very concerned about the high probability of booby trap bombs with trip wires or timers and etc. left by suspects to injure or kill SWAT members upon entry, particularly at building entry points. Such doors as the double doors we had just assaulted and the nearby single door standing open into what I thought was the library near the two down students was significant to this point. Once again myself and the multi agency SWAT team advanced upon the double doors, firing defensive fire into the doors to cover DiManna and Phalen during their second rescue. I fired no rounds at this time. We retreated back to the fire truck with the female subject and determined that she was in fact dead. At this point I could see JCSO Patrol Deputy Scott Taborsky maintaining a perimeter cover position from behind his patrol car in the grass field directly behind us. I was also told that there was another bloody subject below our position laying motionless along the stairway under the cafeteria windows. I motioned to Taborsky to drive his patrol unit to us, to which he did. Some SWAT members maintained our cover fire positions directed to the double door area, a open single door to the library, and the smoked glass windows of the library that overlooked our immediate positions, while other SWAT members proceeded under cover fire to rescue the subject laying along the stairway by the cafeteria windows. While this was being done SWAT members loaded the injured live male subject into the back seat of Taborsky's patrol unit. I knelt beside the driver front fender of Taborsky's unit to provide a cover fire position directed at the library windows for him and the injured male laying in his back seat. I also used his unit's radio to check on Simmons and status of additional SWAT personnel to help us. Portable Radio communication were very poor due to no or poor reception during this initial engagement. Once the SWAT rescue team arrived at the subject along the stairway they determined he/she was dead. At this time I directed Deputy Taborsky to drive the injured male to safety and medical rescue personnel, to which he immediately did. It was around this time that I learned that JCSO SWAT Sergeant Barry Williams was advancing to my location with the rest of SWAT team members from JCSO and DPD. A short time later he arrived with personnel and equipment to relieve my team and take over the engagement and interior search. Sergeant Williams immediately proceeded into the interior of the school with JCSO and DPD SWAT members. Sergeant Williams JCSO/DPD Team immediately began to find students in large groups hidden throughout the building during their search and rescue. Sergeant Williams JCSO/DPD Team would send students out to us in groups of twenty to thirty at a time from the lower cafeteria outside doors where he made his SWAT insertion. We would maintain cover fire positions and receive the students in front of the fire truck where we would check for injury and weapons. I had received earlier information that the suspect(s) could have changed clothes to disguise themselves. The students were then directed to run to another awaiting group of officers and

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deputies around the building corner and we would cover the students from a open field gauntlet of cover fire positions with the outside SWAT personnel. After we had received two or three groups of students and we had received an adequate number of SWAT personnel to take over for us on the outside. DiManna, Phalen, DPD SWAT Lieutenant Frank Vessa and I decided to leave this post and regroup our thoughts and plans as commanders at the Command Post.

The four commanders drove back to the Command Post area where we convened with floor-plans of the school, met with other commanders and school personnel to determine current incident status and future tactical planning. Once we were completed with our meeting we returned to the area of West Fair Avenue and Pierce to gather other agency SWAT commanders. Once there we met with Lieutenant Bruce Williamson of Arapahoe County SWAT, Lieutenant Dan Brannon of Lakewood P.D., and the Tactical Commanders of the FBI and Littleton P.D. and organized our information, command, and areas of responsibility. Also during this time DiManna and I continually checked with our SWAT team leaders regarding their progress in the building interior as to areas that had been checked and swept for suspects and innocents and to pass on orders and intelligence information. As we progressed we marked the clear and swept areas on our school floor-plans. Once the school was completely swept, cleared of innocents and the suspects (deceased) were located we called for our SWAT team leaders to have their teams hold positions so the team leaders and commanders could meet at the school's east doors to reorganize and reassign areas of responsibility for a second sweep of the school interior. Once interior second sweeps were completed the SWAT Commanders from JCSO, DPD, ACSO, Lakewood and Littleton P.D. entered the school building to assess the scene. The result was a massive interior and exterior crime scene laden with dead bodies of both innocents and suspects, explosive devices and firearms, not to mention gross damage to the building itself. The crime scene was maintained and held on the exterior by FBI SWAT and the library interior held by Deputies Phil Pedigo and Frank Lastoczny. I relinquished the scene to JCSO Bomb Squad Investigator Mike Guerra and his team so they may take over to handle the explosive devices.

The SWAT Commanders all returned back to the Command Post Area for debriefings with their respective agencies. I met with JCSO Undersheriff John Dunaway, Captain Richard Boyd, Lieutenant David Walcher, and FBI SAC Frank Laturco for a debriefing of the SWAT operations. I was then directed to Leewood Elementary School for a interview by the Jefferson County Shoot Team investigators. Once there I met with a detective from the Shoot Team where I was interviewed and relinquished my Colt AR-15 tactical rifle, model number AR6721, serial number LBD004810 and issue ammunition as evidence in this matter. I was then directed by Arvada Police Commander Debbie Grainger, Shoot Team Commander to meet with Doctor John Nicoletti, Ph.D. for a brief interview to which I attended. Commander Grainger then allowed me to end my watch and duty day.

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

JCSO# 99-7625
April 21, 1999

Supplemental Report

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

Greg Romero

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No further information was provided.

Lt. Terry Manwaring**Jefferson County Sheriff's Office****Weapon:** Colt AR-15 - A3**Serial Number:** LBD004810**Rounds Fired:** two

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No further information was provided by Lt. Manwaring.

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TM: Lieutenant Terry Manwaring
SH: Investigator Steve Holmes

SH: It's 04/20/99 at approximately 6:42 p.m. I'll be speaking with Lieutenant Terry Manwaring, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, reference an event that occurred at Columbine High School the same day.

Terry, how long have you been with the department:

TM: Uh, started as a cadet in 1974.

SH: 1974.

TM: Yeah, became a deputy in 1976 (inaudible) I'm sorry if I'm not making sense.

SH: I understand, I do. Take your time, do you need water or anything.

TM: Yeah, that'd be great, I'm so thirsty.

SH: We'll pause this for a moment. (Start tape again.) You said you became a deputy in '76.

TM: Yeah.

SH: And what's your current assignment?

TM: Uh, I'm precinct commander up in Evergreen and SWAT Commander.

SH: If you need to stop at anytime Terry just let me know. What's your regular shift.

TM: Uh, typical Monday through Friday 8 to 5, on call (inaudible)

SH: ----- working today.

TM: Yeah.

SH: What time did you start this morning.

TM: Seven.

SH: Can you go over any specific training that you've had.

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TM: Oh God.

SH: I know it's gonna be a long list, obviously SWAT training.

TM: Yeah, I mean, SWAT ----- School, uh, Staff and Command School from Northwestern University, Bachelor's Degree, uh, just, In-Service -----, I mean I can't think of all the -----I know there's a bunch.

SH: You've been to like basic, advanced.

TM: Uh, most of it's coming in schools, most of the in service, uh, is uh typical in service, you know -----, specialty training, weapons training, stuff like that. I didn't go to the F.B.I. Basic. I went right to the SWAT, SWAT Commander's school.

SH: How often do you guys train.

TM: Twice a month.

SH: How many hours.

TM: Ten hours.

SH: Each.

TM: Each.

SH: So ----- 20 hours----- What do you work...

TM: As far as...

SH: What do you work on while you're there, the SWAT training.

TM: Everything from tactical room entries, uh, dynamic entries, ----- entries, uh, explosives, searching for bad guys, we use ----- to search for bad guys, uh, we'll get the dispatchers to play bad guy for us or somebody like that, you know play bad guy for us and hide, go hide somewhere and we've got to find you.

SH: Okay.

TM: Uh, I mean I could, if I had my clipboard here I could give you a whole list of the types of training we do.

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SH: That's okay-----

TM: ----- protection warrant, hostage rescue, pretty typical SWAT kind of activities.

SH: Uh, so I'm gonna assume you're in your third day of work this week, Wednesday, right.

TM: No, ----- Tuesday...

SH: No second day, second day. What have you had to eat in the last, since last night. (Pause the tape) You sure you want to go on.

TM: Yeah.

SH: What was the last meal you had.

TM: Uh, this morning I had a bagel and cheese and a donut, uh, and two cups of coffee and I just ate a few minutes ago, I had uh a burger from Salvation Army...

SH: Okay...

TM: And chips yeah. And uh some cookies, four cookies.

SH: Okay. Have you had any alcohol in the last 24 hours.

TM: No.

SH: I assume you haven't taken any drugs.

TM: No drugs, I'm thinking the alcohol, I'm trying to think if I had any drinks Monday night, I may have had a drink Monday night, a screwdriver at home.

SH: Okay.

TM: Cause my wife made a big lasagna dinner.

SH: Um, how much sleep did you have last night.

TM: Full night, went to bed about -----, got up at uh, about quarter to six or so, quarter to six this morning.

SH: How long, so you've been on duty for about three hours, actually what time did you guys

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get called out.

TM: Uh, matter of fact I was at Tiny Town off 285, just going up, just do some ----- guys on calls and stuff like that and I was right at Tiny Town, you know where the little buildings are...

SH: Uh huh.

TM: And the call came out, I knew, I could tell by the call that this was bad.

SH: Okay.

TM: I just hit the heat lamps, kicked in the ----- burners and rock and rolled down here.

SH: Was it a SWAT call out?

TM: No, matter of fact halfway here, I told Dispatch to start to page SWAT which means SWAT's going.

SH: Okay.

TM: You know how long, it may take 45 minutes before they're even mobilized, 45 minutes to an hour to get mobilized and be on scene.

SH: Oh. Did you go directly to the scene.

TM: Yeah.

SH: Or, and the SWAT team met you there.

TM: A couple of detectives of our detectives or SWAT guys...

SH: Okay...

TM: As I got on scene, you want me to just...

SH: Yeah, please...

TM: Stop me...

SH: No, no.

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TM: As I got on scene, there wasn't very many coppers on scene.

SH: What time do you think you got on scene.

TM: Man I was there quick, I mean even though it was a long distance, I was there quick.

SH: Do you know what time you left Tiny Town when you got the call...

TM: I mean the call went out I heard it...

SH: Okay.

TM: So whenever the initial call went out I heard it and I just, I could tell, it was like I knew.

SH: How long do you think it took you to get there.

TM: Well at one point I looked down at the speedometer it said 125 on the speedometer, I was flat cooking, and trying to give directions on the radio to Stat page SWAT, is there anybody have any long arms that are on scene, uh, where's a good CP, where can I set up, uh, and if I start rambling stop me.

SH: No, that's okay.

TM: In a good safe zone cause I didn't want to drive into a hot zone. Uh thought a good safe zone would be about, well I thought, I said is Leawood and Pierce okay, and I think there was a sergeant on the scene----- I think it was -----, yeah I think that zone is okay.

SH: Okay.

TM: I says have, um, because they told me there were a couple of SWAT detectives, Swat guys who ----- rock and rolling our way. I said have them meet me at Leawood and Pierce, I'm gonna start suiting up, as soon as I pulled I checked with Phil -----, the sergeant, and I started putting on tach vest, put my helmet on, this ----- gear on, racking my weapon, getting it ready and at this point like other agency's SWAT guys were arriving, like Littleton gets there, DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT although two of the DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT guys like Vince DeManna and uh Pat, I can't remember his name, all they had was their little bullet proof vests on and their pistols, they didn't have long arms, they didn't have shit and I, I remember trying to get the guys to hurry because we kept getting reports that people were being shot, still shooting going on inside the school and I wanted to get going and get at least the bad

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guys engaged and pinned and out of everybody's way and get the kids out of harms way, get the dead and wounded, or get the wounded out, so I think we got like 8 to 10 guys together, I asked a fireman if he wanted to drive a fire truck to the school and we'd walk behind it, side it, use it as a shield or cover, he didn't want to it.

SH: He wouldn't do it.

TM: So I got the K-9, one of the K-9 SWAT guys happened to be there and he volunteered to drive the fire truck. So uh, Vince DeManna, Pat, and a couple of I think they were Littleton guys, we kind of made our own little cell and appointed Al Simmons, one of our detectives that's on SWAT, as the cell we put together with some Denver guys. We all walked beside the pumper and at this point ----- pulled in. I said Dave you got to be the -----, I'm getting these guys, we're going in. If help comes send them our way, let me know who's coming but we got, we got to get in there now. I didn't want to wait, I didn't know how many more people were going to be killed if we waited. I need to engage now. So, we're quite a ways from the pumper, or quite a ways from the school at this point, so we're like trying to double time as much as possible, our gear and stuff like that, the guy takes us to the east side of the school, uh we ----- two cells, we had gotten reports that was shooting going in the cafeteria with hostages, one cell, 4 or 5 man cell, went to that cafeteria area to try and hold and engage or recon if nothing else. Vince DeManna, and Pat, me, a couple other SWAT guys ----- stayed with the fire truck, ----- took us around the side of the school, there was other uniforms so holding perimeter positions and trying to watch doorways. Uh, I could, I could probably draw it better than tell you but on the back side of the school and I want to say cause ----- it's been a long time since I've been down here cause I think that's the northwest corner of the school (inaudible because of overhead P.A. system). That might help me describe it to, better to, I got cracked ribs too so.

SH: Do you really.

TM: Yeah.

SH: Did you see a doctor.

TM: Well these cracked ribs are from something else and this is from today and so it's like you know you're all fucked up.

SH: Okay, do you need to see a doctor.

TM: No.

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SH: Okay.

TM: I want to do this----- Uh, the cafeteria is like I think on the east side of the school and I'm not very good at drawing...

SH: That's okay...

TM: So you'll have to bear with me -----we dropped off one cell in the parking lot and you're trying to cover these windows and there were some windows here. I remember kids, there were some kids at the windows with their hands, palms out of the window.

SH: Okay.

TM: Like this, it was like they were either hostages or they're trying to get out, something. We dropped this cell off at the cafeteria area, where the cafeteria was at, cause we knew or we had information there was a shooter in the cafeteria area shooting people, holding hostages, whatever. The fire truck backs out, takes us around to the northwest corner of the school, we just walk alongside the truck, trying to cover the windows as best we can. There's two like, two big generators, ----- things here and this is all grassy knoll and then the library is kind of a semi circle thing like this, doorway here, wall, and then like these big double doors right here, chain link fence and dumpsters trash dumpsters over here.

SH: Okay. What do you think that room is there where it curves.

TM: This we didn't know.

SH: Okay.

TM: We assumed it was the library.

SH: Okay.

TM: We didn't know, we had no idea ----- cause there's lots of windows, all these are windows, all the way around, and then it goes down to another level. We bring the fire truck right here and we're trying to use that for a blockade.

SH: ----- a fire bomb...

TM: We could see two or three here I think outside the school...students down.

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SH: Oh students down.

TM: And I think there's at least one down here, down these steps. The library come to find out is pretty much ----- level with where we were at with the fire truck.

SH: Okay.

TM: We had real problems with this fire truck cause it's slicker than snot out there and we got it stuck like twice and poor guy's trying to move this thing. ----- was in the line of fire a lot, just trying to move that truck around. We knew we had to get to these here, we had a copper, just a regular uniformed copper at this position here, trying to cover this doorway and this door standing wide open and this kind, you can see it, kind of goes into like an office or something so he's trying to cover with his pistol, he's just got a pistol. We did a quick scout from here, we stopped the fire truck here, did a quick scout to see what we could see, we see people down. I could even see at one point a hand like, trying to, a body laying there trying to reach up for help.

SH: Okay.

TM: We did the scout and a real quick game plan, uh, ----- there. Put this uniformed copper with his pistol back on position come around the pumper and come in ----- like this. We could see that we had two or three here, one was a boy, one was a girl, then there was just -----, and then there's one down here and so we had to go in and see -- ----- and save them. And I can't remember ----- or what ----- we had two...

SH: ----- shields

TM: We had one shield cause we sent the other shield with these guys so we only had two shields, two ballistic shields. So like five or six, however there many was, I think the plan was for Vince and Pat just going, do a quick analysis, see who you think is alive, grab 'em, pull 'em to safety over here in front of the truck. This was the front of the truck cause I remember we laid a boy on the bumper who had been shot and he had a bullet holes right through here. I'm not sure now. As we got out I covered from this side here, on this side of the pumper and moved up to about the chain link portion in here. Pretty soon the coppers that came from around this side started firing over here.

SH: Okay.

TM: ----- I thought we're taking fire. This is-----you know cause we had got information that shooters were in here. I laid two rounds through what thought, what I thought I saw

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was a person moving, it could have been a reflection, it could have been us with the son reflecting on those glass.

SH: So you shot at the door.

TM: Yeah, so I shot at the door.

SH: Two rounds.

TM: Two rounds.

SH: Was the door closed.

TM: Closed.

SH: Okay.

TM: Um, ----- glass, glass, everything was shot up here already previously, it's so full of bullet holes before we even got there it isn't funny.

SH: Okay.

TM: So obviously there had been shooting through there.

SH: Okay. Who else -----, are these your guys or are these other, people of other SWAT teams.

TM: Other SWAT teams.

SH: Okay.

TM: I'm the only Jeffco guy shooting.

SH: You are, okay.

TM: The other ones are Denver, Littleton -----

SH: Okay.

TM: So, and that's, that's what I thought I saw when I come up and I was trying to cover and I could see there was shooting, I thought, I thought I saw a bad guy, you know, there.

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SH: What did you think he was wearing.

TM: You know I couldn't tell you, it was just like -----moving with those windows and they were pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, it's just like, I can't ----- person, just quick like this.

SH: Okay.

TM: Is what it seemed like.

SH: Okay.

TM: And then IO thought well maybe they're laying suppressing fire, I didn't, I didn't know but I popped two rounds at what I thought was a bad guy, didn't engage anything. ----- the boy out, said hey, I told Vince I said I had to get the girl. He ----- I don't think so, I think she's dead. I said we gotta her, we gotta get her out of there and make sure cause we gotta know so we re-engaged again. I don't think the second scope was any shots fired at that time, I don't think so. I, I can't remember, it happened so quickly and we still had to get that girl out of there. ----- around she's dead, obviously dead. Jeffco Patrol unit right here (P.A. System)...oh my God.

SH: You okay Terry.

TM: Yeah, just give me a little ----- Anyways we got the girl----- and she was obviously dead.

SH: Okay.

TM: I think I was the one that ----- poor kid cause we had to stand over her for quite a long time and she's not only dead and bleeding all over the place and there's not a damn thing we can do for her. We had to patrol the fire zone here and here at this doorway and all this glass here which turns out to be the library, turns out the shooters are right here.

SH: -----okay, okay.

TM: Or you know like right here, somewhere in here. ----- we tried to keep our focus here, here and here as best we can without -----.

SH: Okay.

TM: Uh, brought the patrol car around, laid the kid in the back seat-----.

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Some suppression, I think they laid some suppression fire from here to try and get down to them cause we were worried the bad guys----- turned out to be-----from here-----

SH: Okay.

TM: And I don't really ----- who laid the suppression fire, I didn't see it, I was too busy focusing here, here, cover this and cover this.

SH: Okay.

TM: And cover them, so that was, this was my kind of cover here, to cover these guys, to check this pocket here.

SH: Okay.

TM: From there it's uh, you know I think we ended up getting other few kids out.

SH: Were they coming...

TM: Yeah we got them out, we breeched through down here.

SH: You breeched through the...

TM: I went through glass, I think ----- to try and cover this position as, ----- helped me and he covered here and I covered here, we switched out, I was worried about this for a while. As it turns out-----it's still okay. ----- I was working----- in this one, this one had my focus at the time. There's probably for not knowing maybe the bad guys are there or not, I was trying to cover the coppers going down to these bottom stairs and it was just, ----- would have been a great position to ----

SH: Yeah.

TM: I think when we went to the, I think uh when we went for the second kid here, the little girl, I think I actually physically moved to this position here, to this door -----uh Denver squad. He just had his long rifle, he didn't have anything else. Uh, we covered this doorway while ----- this one and that -----the second body, the first one ----- I was at this position here.

SH: Okay.

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TM: And I think this is where I broke my fingers----- cause I had to get out of his way, he was backing up or something like that, I think I fell down cause I caught myself ----- oh I think they ----- maybe they didn't. I thought I was shot at first so it must have been when I laid suppression fire -----, I didn't shoot seven.

SH: Okay.

TM: Just that----

SH: Okay.

TM: I just -----Does that make sense.

SH: Oh completely. Actually, I'm totally following you.

TM: From that point, after I think we got like 60 kids out...

SH: Okay.

TM: ----- after the first group----- I go----- so we decided ----- started following the kids round in front and tried to cover them as best we can ----- from the shooters and protect the kids ----- we're still worried about this ----- so it was crowing 20 people in front of a fire truck and then coppers ----- around them, out in the open just maintaining.

SH: -----

TM: Then we moved up around here to a catch team, catch team took them out and uh I guess back ----- catch team, we just, we kind of lined ourselves up in this zone here, couple of us coppers and just stood out there and just got the kid going, just go, go, go, go...

SH: Okay.

TM: To the catch team.

SH: Okay. How long were you there at that scene.

TM: Seemed like forever, couple of hours.

SH: Okay.

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TM: Because commanders, at this point the SWAT guys were starting to arrive, backup starting to arrive and we're starting to get some idea of what we want. ----- were SWAT guys here and send other SWAT guys in, the commanders pull back so basically what was here was commanders. ----- pull back----- you know go back to the ICs and get diagrams or stuff like that.

SH: So you actually left the scene then.

TM: Yeah, and went back and then I came back to the scene after we got our game plan of, okay you take the lower level, I'll take the upper level, your team, and just, just get in there. Our guys had already started their methodic searches anyways but we needed to know Lakewood you take this end, Jeffco, Denver, CSP, whoever, usually ----- responsibility.

SH: And you say you shot two shots at this time.

TM: The very first time we got there when the, when we first got the fire truck around here and we saw that we had bodies here and they looked like they were alive, uh, I was here, uh, I think a couple of guys ----- got behind the shield and uh went around this way to try and ----- this way. I moved up to this position, the chain link fence and at that, by the time I got back I think it was I think that's when the firing started. I thought I saw somebody in this doorway here...

SH: And that's when you shot.

TM: And that's when I shot.

SH: Okay.

TM: ----- pow, pow.

SH: Okay.

TM: Just like that----- um and then I didn't fire anymore.

SH: Okay.

TM: I could hear the ----- going and I thought ----- and I didn't know who shot first or what----- the bad guy was shooting. When we got there this thing, this door was Swiss cheese. It was always Swiss cheese so obviously the bad guys had been there. Somebody was in there shooting prior to us. It was obvious cause we had

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two or three people lying here and they were bullet shot.

SH: Did you take fire while you guys were there.

TM: No, no, not that I know of, I don't think so.

SH: How many rounds total do you think you shot.

TM: Two.

SH: Just two.

TM: Uh huh.

SH: Okay, so after you cleared this scene, you were there, you said approximately two hours, is that correct.

TM: -----

SH: I know it's hard to tell.

TM: I mean time is just gone.

SH: Gone, I understand. That's okay, it doesn't matter, I understand.

TM: I know when we're back at the IC he's got some diagrams, some more pictures and then we went back uh and looked up ----- our troop's game plan and stuff like that.

SH: Okay.

TM: For a while we were across the street trying to find other commanders cause we had -----
-- squad there, we had Lakewood squad, we needed their commanders and we needed to
get all the SWAT commanders together and say okay, what's our plan, this is what we're
gonna do, ----- we're gonna do it, so, and we did, we accomplished that. Got all the
SWAT commanders together, showed them the game plan, what we wanted to do, it
worked great. It worked great, you know it was like all the commanders were standing in
a big circle, okay, can you have your guys check here, can you have your guys do this,
can you have your guys do that, it worked great, and then we went back to the east doors
once we had cleared the library, my SWAT team ----- the library to try to get the Tach
leaders back, that was after the initial sweep, we wanted to do a second sweep of -----
so we wanted the Tach leaders with us so we could tell them what they were gonna do,

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did that, did our second sweep. ----- in the school at that point, the commanders were in the school at that point -----water's flooding down the basement I guess, to help our teams, to stay with the teams and stuff like that.

SH: What time do you think you went back to the building.

TM: I don't know.

SH: Don't know what time it was. Okay.

TM: Inaudible----- it seemed like this thing took, it seems like I just got here.

SH: Okay.

TM: Even though it seemed like forever for the calvary to get there when we were by ourselves. We had no-----we were, we were the calvary for these kids-----

SH: Okay.

TM: And that's why we engaged so quickly.

SH: Okay. Uh, let me ask you a couple other questions real quick. Do you wear glasses.

TM: Yeah.

SH: Okay.

TM: And I had them on.

SH: Do you have any family problems-----

TM: Family problems.

SH: Yeah.

TM: No---

SH: Work problems----

TM: Uh uh.

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SH: Any medical problems-----

TM: Hernia, thought I had a prostate problem which I probably still do, have a prostate infection, even though I'm not taking any meds, got cracked ribs, I think they're cracked, they're still tender, it's been over a month ago, uh did I say hernia. Hernia's repaired though.

SH: How long have you owned your gun.

TM: Uh, this one, January of this year.

SH: So about four months.

TM: Yeah.

SH: How many rounds do you think you shot through.

TM: Um, through that particular one may be two three hundred.

SH: How many total -----AR15 do you think you've shot.

TM: Oh -----, best guess. I don't know, between AR15's, HK's, both 223 and MP5, uh, ten thousand rounds.

SH: Ten thousand.

TM: -----

SH: Even your formal AR15 school.

TM: Uh, just our in service training for long arms and ----- was the instructor.

SH: Okay.

TM: And it was an internal school and uh that basically covered long arms, be it AR15, HK93, ----- and Frank ----- taught that class.

SH: How many rounds do you get when ----- for this.

TM: I want to say 200 or 250, I can't remember.

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SH: You think you only shot two rounds.

TM: Yeah.

SH: Did you shoot your side arm at all.

TM: No, no-----

SH: That's okay. You didn't know who these suspects were-----

TM: Uh uh-----

SH: ----- many other shootings.

TM: Uh huh.

SH: How many.

TM: ----- I got shot in '79 by another officer in the leg, I think it was '79, um shot at a robber, a kidnapper on I-70----- that was probably mid 80s, early 80s, I can't remember. ----- I didn't shoot my weapon, I mean I've investigated a lot of shootings as a detective. Um, been on cases where the guy's gonna commit suicide and shot himself there -----, I had a guy shoot himself in Kittridge in the stomach with a shotgun as we were, we were surrounding the house, came out on the porch, called us a bunch of ----- and shot himself.

SH: ----- I mean -----a down picture of

TM: I've been in a few...

SH: What you've been through

Inaudible.

SH: What did you do right after this incident today.

TM: Today.

SH: Yeah.

TM: Um, came here.

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SH: Okay. Did you come directly here.

TM: No, um, after we were done searching the inside of the school I had to get perimeters set up and who's gonna do the perimeters and they wanted me back at the IC to be briefed and then talk to the F.B.I. and so I talked to a bunch of people and I ate two apples and a hamburger I was hungry ----- Met with my team leader and made sure he was okay, my assistant to the leader. Talked to my boss.

SH: Whose your boss.

TM: Richard ~~Boyd~~, he's captain. Talked to the Under Sheriff. Talked to a SAC out of Denver-----, Dave ----- and-----

SH: Is there anything specific you can remember.

TM: It's terrible, it's terrible, I just, those kids in the ----- trying to hide before somebody kill them, it's gotta be, that's gotta be a terrible feeling. I mean I didn't think I was gonna come back today either but those poor kids knew they were gonna die.

SH: Yeah.

TM: And trying to hide from somebody that's trying to kill you and you know you're gonna die. I guess that's what bothers me. Inaudible.

TM: Inaudible.

SH: Think about the 60 kids you got out of there.

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

JM: Officer Jim Moneghan

JV: Detective Jim Vonderohe

JV: Can we call you Jim?

JM: Yes.

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

JM: On June 16, 1982.

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

JM: No I was not.

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

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

JV: And how long have you held this assignment?

JM: Approximately six months.

JV: What are your duties under this assignment?

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

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

JM: No I'm not.

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

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

JV: And who is your partner again?

JM: Kent Petrafeso.

JV: Kent'?

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

JV: Part of the Petrafeso family?

JM: Exactly. You want his badge number.

JV: Yeah if -----

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

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

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

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additional instructions.

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

JM: No, not at the, no.

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

JM: They were already shot out.

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

JM: Uh, no.

JV: Okay.

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

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

JM: Right.

JV: SWAT and normal.

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

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

JM: No.

JV: Weapons or any explosions.

JM: No explosions, no shooting.

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

JM: Yes.

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

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

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

JM: Right, it looked like the library.

JV: Now is this on the upper level.

JM: Upper level, second floor.

JV: Okay, I...

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

JV: That's what I understand...

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

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

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

JV: It's higher...

JM: It's higher...

JV: Okay.

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

JV: The cafeteria.

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

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

JM: Tinted windows.

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JV: Both the cafeteria and the library.

JM: Uh huh, tinted windows.

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

JM: Quite a few of them.

JV: Upon your arrival.

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

JV: Could you notice anybody moving around inside.

JM: Not on my arrival.

JV: Okay.

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

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

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

JV: Is that green color?

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

JV: You saw that take place.

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

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

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

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

JM: Right, right they bring one body back.

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

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

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

JM: Later when I go up there?

JV: No at that moment when they...

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

JV: Okay, so you...

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

JV: At that point you did hear shots?

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

JV: As they were trying to rescue this girl.

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

JV: How far away were you from the school?

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

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

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

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

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

JV: Did you know that Denver SWAT was shooting.

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

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

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

JV: Okay.

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

JV: Okay...

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

JV: How many rounds do you think were fired?

JM: That's hard for me to say.

JV: Just approximately...

JM: You know probably more than ten (laugh)

JV: What time span were these shots?

JM: Just quick, it was real quick.

JV: Okay, would you guess automatic?

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JM: I would, automatic fire.

JV: And then what did you do?

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

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

JM: No, no.

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

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

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

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

JV: This is another body...

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

JV: Okay.

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

JV: Okay.

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

JV: Now is this Captain DiManna?

JM: Captain DiManna.

JV: Vince, is it?

JM: Yeah.

JV: Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

JV: So you fired at the cafeteria wall?

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

JV: So you were shooting at a downward angle.

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

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

JM: No, no.

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

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JM: Just suppression fire...

JV: To let the suspects know you were shooting.

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

JV: Was your partner with you then?

JM: My partner was there.

JV: Did he supply suppression fire?

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

JV: Okay. How many shots did you fire?

JM: Uh, six.

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

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

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

JV: You're doing all this by yourself?

JM: Uh yeah.

JV: Were there other officers around.

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

JV: Whose we now?

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

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

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

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

JV: -----

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

JV: No explosions.

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

JV: Who knows...

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

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

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

JV: Oh there was.

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

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engage anyone.

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

JM: Right...

JV: In this incident.

JM: Right, uh huh.

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

JM: I take aim right at the wall.

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

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

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

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

JV: What color is it?

JM: It was a tan.

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

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

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

JM: Uh second day.

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

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

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

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JM: Uh, this morning.

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

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

JV: What time was that?

JM: Uh about 8:30.

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

JM: No.

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

JM: No.

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

JM: I had eight hours of sound sleep.

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

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

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

JM: Yes I have

JV: How many?

JM: Two.

JV: Could you briefly tell me about them.

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

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

JV: Okay.

JM: -----

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

JM: No.

JV: They both lived.

JM: Both lived.

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

JM: No I don't think so.

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

JM: No I haven't.

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

JM: No.

JV: And do you wear contacts or glasses?

JM: No I don't.

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

JM: No I wasn't.

JV: And your vision is normal.

JM: 20/20.

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

JM: No.

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

JM: No, no.

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

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

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

JM: Just the 45.

JV: And uh, what make of gun.

JM: It's a Smith & Wesson 4569.

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

JM: It is TFN9037.

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

JM: Since 1992.

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

JM: No, it's my personal gun.

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

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

JV: And passing it?

JM: Passing is 80 I believe.

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JV: And the department supplies you ammunition.

JM: Yes this is department ammunition.

JV: How much ammunition are you supplied.

JM: Uh 25 rounds.

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

JM: Yes I did.

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

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

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

JM: Right.

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

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

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

JM: Yes.

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

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

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

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

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

JM: Uh no.

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JV: Has anybody handled your weapon since this incident?

JM: No.

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

JM: Five o'clock.

JV: And where'd you go then.

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

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

JM: No.

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

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

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

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

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

JM: No, I think that covers it.

JV: Nothing.

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JM: No.

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

End of interview.

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Agency

Arvada PD

Grainger, D.

WEST METRO DRUG TASK FORCE

Detective Jonathan Pickett
Wheat Ridge Police Department

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

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT**Interview with Officer Tom O'Neil.**

Officer O'Neil told me the following;

Background information:

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

Incident information:

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

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Detective Jonathan Pickett
Wheat Ridge Police Department

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

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Detective Jonathan Pickett
Wheat Ridge Police Department

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Once the two students were taken away from the scene Officer O'Neil assisted with the bringing students out of the school. Officer O'Neil checked for weapons on the students and sent them to the triage area. After the students were freed, Officer O'Neil held an inner perimeter position with his K9. This position was near a gym door.

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

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STATEMENT

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Residence Phone ()	Business Phone 1 937 4444	Social Security No.		Date of Birth / Serial No. 82043	
Business Street Address 2100 S. CLAY ST		City DENVER	County	State CO	Zip Code 80219
Officer Taking Statement		Serial No.	Date 4-20-99	Time 1746	Hours
Concerning an incident occurring at: COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL		Location where statement taken: DISTRICT 4			

Summary of Statement:

About 1137 hours dispatch aired that Jefferson County Sheriff's deputies were calling for assistance at Columbine High School where deputies were being shot at. I drove down to the school with Sgt. Drayon 8048, (cruiser 420). After a short stop at the command post, we drove to the southwest area of the school, where we found several groups of students, seeking cover, several of whom were suffering from gunshot wounds. After requesting ambulances several times, determined that seriously wounded be taken in available police cars to nearest EMT's, which was done. Began with other officers to drive vehicles of students pinned down by gunfire and extracting them. This was done several

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Signature of Person Making Statement

Summary of Statement (cont.)

times until all visible students had been removed. During these evacuations, I observed shots being fired from the library, and return fire by officers. Determined that southwest corner of school was adequately manned for a secure perimeter, and advised by radio of that fact Lt. Ryan. Maintained southwest perimeter, assisting in numerous extractions ~~from~~ of students from the school, and maintained inner perimeter of the student library until relieved by Jeff Co deputies.

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Agency

Arvada PD

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JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

REGARDING THE INCIDENT:

Sgt. O'Shea told me the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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

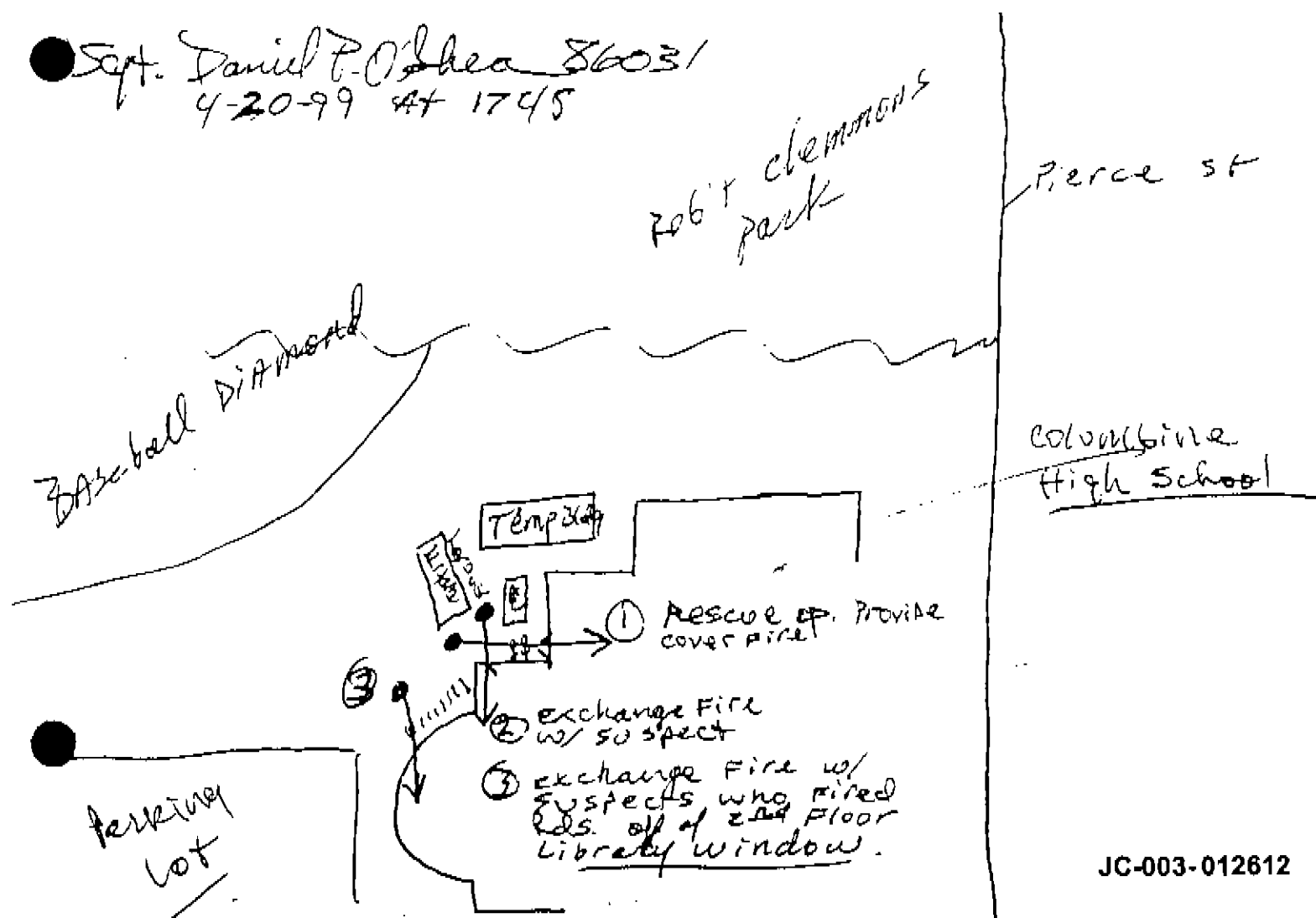
No further information at this time.

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

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

● Sept. Daniel P. O'Hea 86031
4-20-99 AT 1745



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STATEMENT

NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL) <u>PHILAN PATRICK</u>		MAKING STATEMENT AS: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
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BUSINESS STREET ADDRESS <u>550 E. ILLIAC AVE</u>	CITY <u>DENVER</u>	COUNTY <u>DENVER</u>	STATE <u>CO</u>	ZIP CODE <u>80210</u>
OFFICER TAKING STATEMENT	SERIAL NUMBER	DATE <u>4-20-199</u>	TIME <u>1730</u> Hours	
CONCERNING AN INCIDENT OCCURRING AT <u>COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL</u>		LOCATION WHERE STATEMENT TAKEN <u>CRAWFORD ELM. SCHOOL</u>		

SUMMARY OF STATEMENT

On ABOUT DATE AT APPROX 11:30 AM A CALL WAS MADE FOR METRO/SWAT PERSONNEL TO RESPOND TO COLORADO ^{HIGH SCHOOL} ON A HOSTAGE SITUATION WITH SEVERAL FIRM. DURING MY RESPONSE I ATTEMPTED TO COORDINATE METRO/SWAT'S RESPONSE TO THE SITUATION. UPON ARRIVAL A PLAN WAS FORMULATED TO USE A FIRETRUCK TO PROVIDE COVER AND MOVE A SWAT TEAM INTO A POSITION TO RESCUE DOWNED STUDENTS. USING THE FIRETRUCK FOR COVER WE WENT TO THE BACKSIDE OF THE SCHOOL. I OBSERVED THREE KIDS LYING OUTSIDE OF THE SCHOOL. IT APPEARED THAT THEY WERE ALL UNHARMED. IN AN EFFORT TO SAVE ANY OF THE THREE THAT WERE STILL ALIVE WE PUT TOGETHER A RESCUE TEAM. CAPTAIN DIMANNA, SGT. C'SHIA, TICH G. LORAY AND I MADE OUR WAY TO THE KIDS. I HAD GROUND TICH LORAY AS SGT. C'SHIA TO USE SMOKE BOMB, IF NECESSARY.

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SUMMARY OF STATEMENT (CONT.)

TO OBLIVE OUR APPROACH, AT THE GRUNINGS THE
 SUSPECTS HAD FIRED FROM. WE MADE OUR WAY TO
 THE FIRST VICTIM, A YOUNG FEMALE, I PICKED HER
 UP IN MY ARMS AND BEGAN TO MOVE HER. HER
 HAND FELL TO THE SIDE AND I NOTICED A BULLET
 HOLE TO THE SIDE OF HER HEAD. SHE APPEARED DEAD.
 I TOLD THE CAPTAIN, "SHE'S DEAD", I THEN
 OBSERVED A SECOND VICTIM, A MALE LOGIC, A FEW
 FEET EAST OF THE GIRL. THE MALE WAS MOVING,
 HIS ARM AND APPEARED ALIVE. I BENT DOWN AND
 ATTEMPTED TO RESUSCITATE THE STUDENT. HIS EYES WERE OPEN
 AND HE HAD A BULLET WOUND TO HIS CHEST. HE
 WAS IN SHOCK. I GRABBED HIM BY THE FEET, YELLED
 "THE TEAM 'LET'S GO'", AND CROSSED THE STUDENT TO
 THE FIRE TRUCK. I THEN, WITH THE HELP OF A TUFF CO
 DEPUTY PUT THE STUDENT IN THE REAR SEAT OF A PATROL
 CAR. ~~THE CAR~~ ~~WAS~~ ~~DRIVING~~ ~~AWAY~~, WHEN I WAS CARRYING
 THE MALE TO SAFETY I OBSERVED SEVERAL FLASHES TO
 MY RIGHT AND OBSERVED SGT. CISHA RETURN FIRE. ~~Not~~ Nor
 KNOWING FOR SURE IF THE FIRST FEMALE WAS DEAD, HE
 RETURNED IN THE SAME CONFIGURATION TO HER BODY. I
 PICKED HER UP AND CARRIED HER TO THE FIRE TRUCK. WE
 THEN ATTEMPTED TO RESUSCITATE A THIRD MALE STUDENT WHO
 WAS DOWN STAIRS TO THE SOUTH OF THE DOOR.

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SUMMARY OF STATEMENT

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

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

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

Date *4/20/92*

Time

1800

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Signature of person making statement

Romero, Greg

Officer

Simmons, A. (M)

Graininger, D.

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

JCSO# 99-7625
April 21, 1999

Supplemental Report

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

Greg Romero

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No further information was provided.

Lt. Terry Manwaring**Jefferson County Sheriff's Office****Weapon:** Colt AR-15 - A3**Serial Number:** LBD004810**Rounds Fired:** two

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No further information was provided by Lt. Manwaring.

Officer Greg Romero
Jefferson County CR 99-7625

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GR: Officer Greg Romero
SH: Investigator Steve Holmes

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

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

SH: Eighteen. Where were you before that?

GR: Northglenn.

SH: What's your current, um assignment?

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

SH: How long you been doing that?

GR: Uh, for about seven years or so.

SH: What kind of specific training do you have?

GR: Oh, you mean in relation, general?

SH: Yeah, just in general.

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

SH: Gangs.

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

SH: Are you getting a call?

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

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

GR: Uh, days.

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

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

SH: You got great gig there.

GR: Oh yeah. Ten to six.

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

GR: Correct.

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

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

SH: Okay. Last night?

GR: Last night.

SH: About what time?

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

SH: Okay.

GR: Before the incident.

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

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

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

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

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

GR: I'd have to ask.

SH: Uh, rough estimate.

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

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

SH: Um hmm.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Did you handle any calls prior to this?

GR: We don't handle calls.

SH: No, you just...

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

SH: And you had no contact with him?

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

SH: Morrison and Stuart.

GR: Yeah, correct.

SH: You had any work problems or anything recently?

GR: You mean like physical?

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

GR: No, nothing.

SH: Okay. Any medical problems?

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GR: No.

SH: Do you wear glasses or contacts?

GR: No.

SH: What kind of gun do you carry?

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

SH: Okay. Is that a forty-five?

GR: Forty-five.

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

GR: No, but I can get it.

SH: Yeah, if you would please.

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

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

GR: It was not fired.

SH: Did you fire a different weapon?

GR: I fired a different weapon.

SH: What weapon did you fire?

GR: Uh, AR fifteen, eight two.

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

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Two, two, three.

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GR: Correct.

SH: Is that the serial number?

GR: That's the serial number.

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

GR: Correct.

SH: Um, why were you firing that weapon?

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

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

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

SH: Let's hold on until that finishes.

GR: I'm sorry.

SH: If you don't mind starting over.

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

SH: Go ahead please.

GR: What point?

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

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

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building.

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: You observed them in that parking lot?

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Um hmm.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

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SH: Okay.

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

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

GR: Yes.

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

GR: I carry it every day.

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

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

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

GR: Since the school?

SH: Yeah.

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

SH: Five thousand rounds?

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

SH: Okay.

GR: But I shoot quite a bit.

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

GR: Four.

SH: Four. Do you know that for sure?

GR: Yeah. I thought three initially.

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SH: Okay.

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

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

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

SH: You were pulling a man?

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: So you were actually in the building?

GR: Outside.

SH: Outside.

GR: Never went in the building.

SH: Stairs going up towards the building.

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

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

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

SH: Okay.

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

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SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: How many explosions did you see?

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

SH: You said there was a smoke bomb?

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

SH: Okay. Um.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Did you actually see a suspect?

GR: Only briefly up, up above.

SH: Okay.

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

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

GR: No.

SH: Or was he in a different location?

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

SH: Okay.

GR: Because glass was coming out.

SH: Okay.

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GR: That much I could observe.

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

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

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

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

GR: Correct.

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Was this at the same time?

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

SH: Okay.

GR: Okay.

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

GR: I mean, basically within seconds.

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

SH: Oh, okay.

GR: ...visualize the steps.

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

GR: Up above.

SH: Okay.

GR: And that goes into the gym area.

SH: Okay.

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GR: K? And then you've got like a little courtyard area with a sidewalk and it runs along the building.

SH: Okay.

GR: And then there's like a fence I think. Now this isn't the best drawing obviously. And it's chain link.

SH: Okay.

GR: K? And there's a sidewalk. Gunfire had been, originally we got here, gunfire had come from up here.

SH: Okay.

GR: Then there's a door in here that while we were coming running up flew open and it stayed open. And smoke, an explosion of smoke came out of here.

SH: Okay. Can you draw the smoke in there? Just so I can make a reference.

GR: Okay. Then you've got a little courtyard area here and one thing I remember about here is I noticed as I was running down before the shooting, I noticed like four, three or four magazines that had been eject, used up.

SH: Okay.

GR: Uh, maybe forty-five or something like that. They looked, uh, maybe like a Smith and Wesson.

SH: Okay.

GR: And also I noticed a black trench coat.

SH: Okay.

GR: That was right there.

SH: Okay.

GR: And that was right, the trench coat was sitting somewhere here, right by fence. Now it could have been on either side or partly both and, and you gotta realize there's probably, if there's one, uh, book bag, knapsack type thing, there's probably thirty or forty.

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SH: Okay.

GR: They're everywhere.

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

GR: Have you seen those?

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

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

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

GR: Probably southwest.

SH: Southwest?

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: (Inaudible.)

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

GR: From my weapon.

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Where you...

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: In a cover capacity?

GR: Correct.

SH: Did you fire your weapon anymore?

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

SH: Okay, okay.

GR: And then that's it.

SH: Okay.

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

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

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

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

GR: I never officially cleared it.

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SH: You were just told...

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

SH: Okay.

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

SH: Okay. Probably all I need.

GR: K.

SH: I appreciate it Officer Romero.

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

SH: Well, I'm sure it was.

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On 042099 at 1300 hours, I received a call at my residence from Dispatcher RAINEY of the Wheat Ridge Police Department advising Lt. CHISM was requesting me to respond to Clements Park. RAINEY advised I was needed as part of the Jefferson County Critical Incident Team.

I responded to Clements Park and spoke to Lt. CHISM and Com. GRAINGER. I was advised of the shooting at Columbian High School (6201 S. Pierce St.).

At 1630 hours, I was assigned to a team of investigators who would be responsible for the interviews of officers who discharged their weapons. The team assembled in a classroom at Leawood Elementary (6555 W. Leawood Dr.).

I was assigned to interview Deputy Paul SMOKER. The interview was taped. SMOKER provided the following information:

Id 022288.

Assigned to Motorcycle Patrol.

- Carrying a Glock Model 17 (9mm) semi-automatic
- Serial # LN453.
- Fired 3 to 5 shots.
- Is unsure if he hit the suspect.

See transcript of interview.

The interruptions in the interview are from the intercom system in the school.

SMOKER's weapon was secured by Jefferson County Sheriff's's Department Deputies.

On 042199, I gave the audio tape to Judy SULLIVAN (Chief's secretary) to be transcribed.

On 042299, I reviewed the transcript. I delivered the transcript and original tape to Com. GRAINGER at Arvada P.D.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY SHOOT TEAM

INTERVIEW AT LEAWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
6555 W. LEAWOOD DR, LITTLETON, CO 80123

DATE: 042099 - APPROXIMATELY 5:00 PM

INTERVIEWER: OFFICER KEVIN ARMSTRONG, W.R.P.D., JEFFCO SHOOT TEAM

INTERVIEWEE: DEPUTY PAUL SMOKER, JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT

RE: INCIDENT AT COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL - 6201 S. PIERCE ST, LITTLETON, CO 80123

TRANSCRIBER: J.SULLIVAN

KA: PAUL, COULD YOU STATE YOUR FULL NAME FOR ME PLEASE?

PS: PAUL ROBERT SMOKER.

KA: YOUR DATE OF BIRTH, PLEASE?

PS: NOVEMBER 17, 1966.

KA: WHAT DEPARTMENT DO YOU WORK FOR?

PS: JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

KA: WHEN DID YOU START WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT - AT JEFFCO, I'M SORRY?

PS: IT WAS JANU.....NO - FEBRUARY 22, 1988

KA: 22ND - CORRECT?

PS: CORRECT.

KA: OKAY. WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT ASSIGNMENT AND HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WITH THIS ASSIGNMENT?

PS: I AM PART OF PATROL - WE'RE CALLED DIRECTED OPERATIONS UNIT, DOU, AND I AM A MOTOR OFFICER. I HAVE BEEN CURRENTLY AT THIS ASSIGNMENT ABOUT THE LAST TWO YEARS.

KA: WHAT OTHER ASSIGNMENTS AND DUTIES DO YOU- HAVE YOU HAD?

PS: I WAS ON PATROL FROM THE BEGINNING OF MY CAREER FOR APPROXIMATELY FIVE YEARS; I DID THREE YEARS IN NARCOTICS, ASSIGNED TO DEA TASK FORCE; AND THEN I CAME BACK TO PATROL.

KA: THE CURRENT ASSIGNMENT THAT YOU ARE IN, WHICH IS THE MOTOR OFFICER FOR THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, HAVE YOU RECEIVED ANY SPECIAL TRAINING?

PS: WELL, YES, ESPECIALLY AS A MOTOR OFFICER, I AM A MOTOR INSTRUCTOR. I AM ALSO A RADAR INSTRUCTOR, FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR....

KA: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR?

PS: UHM....I BELIEVE IT'S BEEN ABOUT FIVE OR SIX YEARS.

KA: HAVE YOU WORKED WITH ANY OTHER DEPARTMENT BESIDES JEFFERSON COUNTY?

PS: NO, I HAVEN'T.

KA: DID YOU USE OR DID YOU HAVE SPECIAL TRAINING AS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR?

PS: YES.

KA: AND WHAT WAS THAT? COULD YOU GIVE ME THE DATES AND TIMES OF THAT PLEASE?

PS: YEAH....ROUGHLY FIVE YEARS AGO, SO....UHL...THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN IN '93 I GUESS.....'93 - '94 SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT.

KA: OKAY. AND WHAT ARE YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR?

PS: UHM....I TEACH STUDENTS AS WELL AS CHECK WEAPONS, CONDUCT IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR FIREARMS; STILL HAVE TO QUALIFY ONCE A QUARTER, MYSELF, THAT'S BASICALLY IT.

KA: OKAY. WHAT ASSIGNMENT ARE YOU ON RIGHT NOW?

PS: WE ARE ESSENTIALLY ON A DAY SHIFT; WE RUN 0630 TO 1630 TUESDAY

THROUGH FRIDAY.

KA: OKAY AND WHAT WAS YOUR PREVIOUS DAY THAT YOU WORKED THEN?

PS: THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN....ACTUALLY, I WAS OFF LAST FRIDAY, SO THE LAST DAY I WORKED WAS THURSDAY, AND I DON'T REMEMBER THE DATE.

KA: OKAY. AND THAT WAS A NORMAL SHIFT FOR YOU THEN?

PS: YES IT WAS.

KA: SO THIS WOULD BE YOUR FIRST DAY ON, CORRECT?

PS: CORRECT.

KA: OKAY. WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU ATE?

PS: UHM....I HAD SOME BREAKFAST RIGHT ABOUT...OH I BELIEVE IT WAS 0730.

KA: OKAY, AND WHERE DID YOU EAT THAT? AT HOME?

PS: UH, NO, ACTUALLY I ATE AT HEADQUARTERS TODAY.

KA: OH, OKAY, AND WHAT DID YOU EAT?

PS: I HAD SOME CANADIAN BACON AND SOME CHEESE - I THINK IT WAS PROVOLONE.

KA: OKAY, AND WHAT DID YOU DRINK?

PS: UH....I HAD NOTHING FOR BREAKFAST TO DRINK.

KA: HAVE YOU CONSUMED ANY ALCOHOL IN THE LAST 24 HOURS?

PS: NO.

KA: HAVE YOU TAKEN ANY DRUGS OR MEDICATION IN THE LAST 24 HOURS?

PS: NO.

KA: HOW MUCH SLEEP DID YOU RECEIVE LAST NIGHT BEFORE COMING TO WORK?

PS: OH, AT LEAST EIGHT AND A HALF TO NINE HOURS.

KA: WHAT TIME DID YOU GO TO BED LAST NIGHT?

PS: UHM....I THINK IT WAS 9:30 - MAYBE 10:00.

KA: AND HOW LONG WERE YOU ON DUTY PRIOR TO THE SHOOTING?

PS: SINCE 0630 THIS MORNING.

KA: AND WHAT TIME DID YOU GET THE CALL FROM THE SHOOTING?

PS: YOU KNOW, I CAN'T REMEMBER....I WAS JUST CLEARING A TRAFFIC STOP WHEN THEY AIRED IT....AND I CAN'T REMEMBER THE TIME.

KA: WHAT KIND OF CALLS DID YOU HANDLE PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT?

PS: UHM....AFTER CLEARING OUR BRIEFING AT 0630, I HAD A SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT. THEY HAD SOME TYPE OF BREAKFAST AT JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS WHICH I PROVIDED TRAFFIC CONTROL FOR BASICALLY AN HOUR. AFTER THAT I WENT BACK TO HEADQUARTERS AND TOOK CARE OF SOME PAPER ITEMS; LEFT THERE, RODE DOWN HERE, SOUTH, AND DURING THAT TIME I DID ABOUT MAYBE SITE SELECTIONS OF TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT.

KA: ANY TRAUMATIC CALLS THAT YOU HAD PRIOR TO THIS?

PS: NO, JUST SPEEDING TICKETS.

KA: ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE PEOPLE THAT YOU HAD GIVEN TICKETS TO?

PS: THE LAST GUY WAS A LITTLE UPSET AT ME BEFORE I CLEARED AND WENT TO THE SCHOOL, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

KA: HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ANY FAMILY PROBLEMS RECENTLY?

PS: NO.

KA: OKAY. HAVE YOU HAD ANY RECENT WORK PROBLEMS AT ALL?

PS: NO.

KA: DO YOU WEAR PRESCRIPTION GLASSES?

PS: NO.

KA: DO YOU WEAR CONTACTS?

PS: NO.

KA: HAVE YOU EXPERIENCED ANY RECENT MEDICAL PROBLEMS AT ALL?

PS: NONE

KA: ANY PHYSICAL CONDITIONS AT THE SCENE THAT AFFECTED YOUR CONDITION AT THE TIME OF THE INCIDENT - WHETHER IT BE WEATHER, WIND, ANYTHING?

PS: NO.

KA: WHAT TYPE OF WEAPON DO YOU CARRY?

PS: I CARRY A GLOCK 17 WHICH IS A 9MM.

KA: HOW LONG HAVE YOU OWNED THAT WEAPON?

PS: APPROXIMATELY EIGHT YEARS.

KA: WHAT TYPE OF TRAINING DID YOU HAVE ON THAT WEAPON?

PS: WE HAD A....I BELIEVE IT WAS A 30-HOUR COURSE OF IN-SERVICE TRAINING. WE WENT FROM TRANSITION TRAINING FROM OUR REVOLVERS TO SEMI-AUTOS; SO I BELIEVE IT WAS 30 HOURS. AND THEN A COUPLE YEARS AFTER THAT I WAS A RANGE SAFETY OFFICER AT THE FIRING RANGE, AND THEN I BECAME- WENT TO A SCHOOL AND BECAME A FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR, WHICH ENTAILED FURTHER TRAINING WITH THE SEMI-AUTOMATIC WEAPON.

KA: OKAY, AND HOW MANY SHOTS HAVE YOU FIRED WITH THAT GUN - APPROXIMATELY?

PS: APPROXIMATELY I'D PROBABLY SAY FIVE THOUSAND.

KA: HOW MANY ROUNDS ARE PROVIDED FOR YOUR DUTY WEAPON?

PS: I BELIEVE FIFTY-FOUR.

KA: AND WHO PROVIDES THAT AMMUNITION?

PS: OUR ARMORER, ROGER COX.

KA: AND WHAT TYPE OF AMMO?

PS: I BELIEVE IT'S A FEDERAL.....I'M NOT EXACTLY SURE.

KA: HOW MANY ROUNDS DO YOU CARRY IN YOUR DUTY WEAPON?

PS: IN IT I CARRY A MAGAZINE OF SEVENTEEN AND THEN ONE IN THE CHAMBER.

KA: AND HOW MANY ROUNDS ON YOUR DUTY BELT?

PS: UH...I THINK THE WHOLE FIFTY-FOUR.

KA: SO YOU CARRY TWO MAGAZINES WITH YOUR DUTY WEAPON?

PS: YES I DO.

KA: HOW MANY SHOTS DID YOU FIRE DURING THE INCIDENT TODAY?

PS: UHM.....ROUGHLY THREE TO FIVE.

KA: OKAY....AND WHAT CAUSED YOU TO USE YOUR WEAPON TODAY? WHAT REASON DID YOU HAVE TO USE DEADLY PHYSICAL FORCE?

PS: I RESPONDED TO THIS SHOOTING SCENE AND WHEN I GOT THERE I OBSERVED NUMEROUS KIDS LAYING AROUND BLEEDING IN THE GRASSY AREA AND ON THE SIDEWALK AREA OF THE WEST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL. AS WE WERE TRYING TO GET THINGS CONTROLLED, THERE WERE OTHER OFFICERS WITH ME, ONE, SCOTT DOVORSKY, RIGHT AT THE SAME CAR I WAS AT, USING AS COVER; AND THERE WAS ANOTHER OFFICER WITH A SECURITY PERSON FROM THE SCHOOL ITSELF, DEPUTY GARDNER, BEING THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER FOR THE SCHOOL, WAS ABOUT ONE HUNDRED FEET AWAY FROM ME, USING A CAR AS A COVER IN THE PARKING LOT. UH....THERE WAS LOUD BANGS, BOOMS, GUNSHOTS, BOMBS GOING OFF IN THE SCHOOL, MAKING UNBELIEVABLE NOISE. KIDS WERE RUNNING EVERYWHERE, SCREAMING. WE WERE ADVISED THAT THERE WERE TWO - AT LEAST TWO - SUSPECTS IN THE SCHOOL THAT WERE SHOOTING THESE KIDS, AND SHOOTING AT ANYTHING THEY COULD AND THROWING HAND GRENADES- IN SOME KID'S WORDS- AS THEY WERE RUNNING OUT TO US, WE WERE TRYING TO GET ANY INTEL INFORMATION WE COULD FROM THEM. DURING THAT TIME, I DON'T KNOW THE EXACT TIME LAPSE, IT SEEMED FAIRLY QUICK; OFFICER GARDNER YELLED OUT..."THERE'S ONE OF THEM,

HE'S AT THE DOOR"! AND THERE WAS A DOOR KIND OF JUST A LITTLE BIT OFF TO MY LEFT...IT WAS LIKE BIG FOUR DOORS THROUGH AN AIR LOCK, AND AS I LOOKED, I SAW A PERSON STANDING....IT LOOKED LIKE A MALE IN A DARK JACKET, STANDING AT A WINDOW THAT HAD BEEN BROKEN OUT OR SHOT OUT - SHATTERED- AND A RIFLE STICKING OUT...A BLACK COLOR BARREL RIFLE STICKING OUT. ABOUT THAT TIME, THERE WAS A COUPLE ROUNDS FIRED FROM THAT RIFLE. OTHER OFFICERS, I BELIEVE DEPUTY GARDNER STARTED TO FIRE, NOT KNOWING WHERE THESE ROUNDS WERE COMING AT ME, IF I COULD SEE HIM OR IF HE COULD SEE ME, PLUS THE DANGER TO THE OTHER OFFICERS AND THE KIDS THAT WERE IN THE IMMEDIATE AREA. I FIRED THREE TO FIVE ROUNDS, NUMBER ONE TO STOP THE FIRING FROM THE SUSPECT AND PROTECT ANYBODY THAT WAS THERE. AFTER THOSE THREE TO FIVE ROUNDS THAT I SHOT, THE SUSPECT DISAPPEARED BACK INTO THE BUILDING.

KA: CAN YOU DESCRIBE HOW YOU RECEIVED THIS CALL INITIALLY?

PS: I CAN'T. I'M SORRY IF I WENT A LITTLE TOO QUICK. I WAS AT A TRAFFIC STOP AT WEST BOWLES AVENUE AND SOUTH PIERCE STREET JUST TO THE WEST....I HAD STOPPED A GUY FOR SPEEDING...I WAS SHOOTING FIFTEEN OVER THAT DAY, SO HE WAS DOING UPWARDS OF FIFTEEN MPH OVER. I STOPPED HIM, GETTING HIS INFORMATION, BACK TO THE BIKE, I HEAR ON THE RADIO- OUR PRIMARY CHANNEL- AFTER I CALLED OUT MY STOP, THAT THEY WERE DISPATCHING ONE OF THE DISTRICT CARS TO THE AREA OF COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL BACK LOT TO CHECK ON A PERSON DOWN- A WOMAN DOWN...NOT MUCH OTHER INFORMATION FROM THERE. AT THAT TIME, THAT CAR WAS IN ROUTE, I TOLD OUR DISPATCHER THAT HEY, I'M GONNA CLEAR THIS STOP AND THEN I'LL HEAD OVER THERE AND CHECK IT. AS I WALKED UP TO GIVE THE GENTLEMAN HIS TICKET, AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, HE WAS NOT REAL HAPPY WITH ME, BUT I GAVE HIM HIS TICKET AND WAS GETTING HIM ON HIS WAY, WHEN OVER MY PORTABLE RADIO, I HEARD THE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER, ONE NEAL GARDNER, SAY THAT THERE WAS SHOTS BEING FIRED, AND THEY NEED HELP AT THE SCHOOL. AND THERE WAS MORE PEOPLE DOWN. AND I'M ROUGHLY EIGHT BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE SCHOOL....AND I BELIEVE....IT WAS IN THE SOUTHWEST LOT...SO I GOT ON MY BIKE AND RODE OVER TO CLEMENT....I DECIDED TO RIDE THROUGH CLEMENT PARK, WHICH IS ADJACENT, IT BUTTS RIGHT UP TO THE SCHOOL, PROPERTY TO COME THROUGH THE...HEADED SOUTH...FROM THE NORTH DIRECTION THAT I WAS...GOING SOUTH BY THE BALLFIELDS WHICH I KNEW WOULD DUMP ME OUT RIGHT BEHIND THE SCHOOL. SO AS I WAS RIDING OVER THERE, I HEARD LOUD NOISES WHICH SOUNDS LIKE GUNSHOTS OR BOMBS GOING OFF IN THE DIRECTION OF THE SCHOOL WHICH I CONTINUED TO RIDE. EVERYBODY WAS JUMPING ON THE AIR SAYING THEY

WERE COMING. AT THAT TIME, I HEARD....I WAS RIGHT BEHIND THE FURTHEST SOUTHERN BALLFIELD...AND I HEARD NEAL GARDNER...YELL CODE 33 WHICH IS OUR EMERGENCY CODE FOR "OFFICER NEEDS HELP" AND NOW....THAT HE WAS TAKEN ON FIRE. AS I NEARED THAT BALLFIELD, I OBSERVED A PATROL CAR WAS BEHIND ME...I MADE A DECISION TO...IT SOUNDED LIKE IT WAS WAY OUT OF CONTROL....TO LEAVE MY MOTORCYCLE WHERE IT WAS....DEPUTY SCOTT DOVORSKY WHO WAS RIDING BY HIMSELF AS THE DRIVER OF THIS PATROL CAR...I TOLD HIM.. "LET ME IN AND WE'LL GO OVER THERE WITH A LITTLE BIT MORE COVER THAN A MOTORCYCLE". AT THAT POINT WE ALSO RUN INTO ...I GUESS A GYM TEACHER...THAT HAD HOPPED THE BALL FENCE AND WE FIGURED OUT THAT HE WAS....*INTERRUPTION*.....WE GOT INTEL HE HAD WHICH WAS NOTHING, BUT HE DESCRIBED CHAOS OF KIDS HURT, PEOPLE SHOOTING.....THINGS LIKE THAT. WE LEFT HIM AND PROCEEDED IN THE PATROL CAR AROUND THE BASEBALL FIELD WHICH WE FOUND A MAINTENANCE SHED...A BIG....IT'S WHERE THEY KEEP THEIR SPORTS EQUIPMENT...NICE BIG BUNKER KIND OF THING. WE TOOK UP A POSITION THERE. FROM THERE, GETTING OUT OF THE VEHICLE, IT WAS JUST CHAOS....KIDS RUNNING ALL OVER. THERE WERE PEOPLE EXITING THE NORTH END OF THE BUILDING...KIDS RUNNING...TRYING TO RUN UP TO US. I SAW AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE THAT WERE LAYING THERE BLEEDING...LAYING IN THE GRASS. KIDS RUNNING EVERYWHERE. AT THAT TIME, WE DECIDED WE NEEDED TO GET THESE PEOPLE OUT OF HERE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. AGAIN...THESE BOMBS, GUNSHOTS, WHATEVER THE HELL THEY WERE....WERE GOING OFF. INSIDE THE BUILDING THERE IS A BIG GLASS AREA WHICH IS THE CAFETERIA UNDERNEATHAND THE LIBRARY ON THE TOP. AS THESE BOMBS OR GRENADES WERE GOING OFF, YOU COULD SEE THE WINDOWS JUST FLEXING; INDICATING THERE WAS A BOMB GOING OFF IN THERE. SO WE DECIDED TO MAKE A DECISION TO GET THESE PEOPLE OUT AS QUICKLY AS WE COULD--THE ONES THAT WERE LAYING DOWN, BLEEDING AND WHATNOT--I HAD DEPUTY DOVORSKY DRIVE THE CAR.....*INTERRUPTION*.....I JUST....I HAD DEPUTY DOVORSKY DRIVE THE VEHICLE...WE WERE GOING TO USE THE VEHICLE AS COVER TO GET TO THE TOTALLY INJURED PEOPLE WHO COULDN'T MOVE ON THEIR OWN POWER. THERE WAS ONE IN PARTICULAR LAYING OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF EVERYTHING. I COULD SEE DEPUTY GARDNER....AND I EXPLAINED THIS A LITTLE BIT...I'LL EXPLAIN IT IN MUCH MORE DETAIL...HE WAS OVER IN FRONT FROM WHERE THAT BUNKER WAS TO THE RIGHT, DOWN BEHIND A WHITE BLAZER...HIDING BEHIND A WHITE BLAZER. BECAUSE OF THE GUNFIRE AND THEN THE BOMBS GOING OFF, WE DECIDED THAT WE WERE GOING TO EVAC AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE COULD...THE MOST INJURED- THE OTHERS, WE WERE GOING TO TRY TO GIVE THEM SOME PROTECTION. DEPUTY DOVORSKY DROVE THE CAR...I RAN BEHIND IT AS COVER FOR HIM. WE PARKED THE CAR SIDEWAYS RIGHT IN FRONT OF THE FIRST DOWN PERSON, AND AS WE DID, A

WHOLE SLEW OF KIDS RAN OUT OF THE CAFETERIA. NUMEROUS HAD GUNSHOTS, BLEEDING ALL OVER THE PLACE. PROBABLY THAT FIRST WAVE WE TOOK ON AT LEAST TWENTY KIDS. WE GOT THEM UNDER COVER BEHIND OUR CAR. I COULD STILL SEE AT LEAST FOUR OF THE KIDS CLOSER TO THE EXIT TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CAFETERIA WHICH ALSO GOES INTO THE TEACHERS' LOUNGE - OR REAL CLOSE TO IT - LAYING DOWN BLEEDING. AND THEY WERE JUST...COULDN'T MOVE....WE COULDN'T GET EM TO US...IT WAS UNBELIEVABLE WHAT WAS GOING ON. SO WE FELT IT WAS SAFER TO HOLD OUR PERIMETER...UH...AND GO FROM THERE. DURING THAT TIME, WE WERE GETTING INTEL FROM THE KIDS. A COUPLE OF THE STUDENTS TOLD ME THERE WERE TWO PEOPLE INVOLVED: ONE WAS A YOUNGER KID, KINDA THIN, WHO COULD PASS AS A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT, WEARING A BLACK TRENCH COAT; HAT ON BACKWARDS. THE OTHER KID WAS A TALLER - SIX FOOT KID - LIKE BIG KID...WEIGHED TWO HUNDRED POUNDS, A LITTLE BIT OLDER. AGAIN, BLACK TYPE TRENCH COAT. THE KIDS DESCRIBED THEM AS HAND GRENADES, SHOTGUNS, SOME TYPE OF UZI OR AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.....AND THEY WERE JUST IN THERE RANDOMLY SHOOTING ANYBODY THEY CONFRONTED AT ALL.....*INTERRUPTION*...AND THEN GETTING INTEL FROM THE KIDS THAT RADIO COMMUNICATION WAS WORKING...IT WASN'T GREAT. JUST BECAUSE OF THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT WERE TRYING TO USE IT...WERE ABLE TO AIR A DESCRIPTION, THINGS LIKE THAT.....ALSO GET BACK ADDITIONAL...IT WASN'T ANYTHING DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE THOUGHT WE ALREADY KNEW. I WAS IN COMMUNICATION WITH DEPUTY GARDNER TO MY RIGHT BY YELLING BACK AND FORTH. WE COULD HEAR EACH OTHER FAIRLY WELL. HE AGAIN TOLD ME*INTERRUPTION*.. AS I WAS MENTIONING WITH DEPUTY GARDNER- WE COULD YELL BACK AND FORTH. HE TOLD ME THE DESCRIPTION OF THE KIDS, REITERATED THE DARK JACKETS, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS. THE WHOLE TIME THESE BOMBS ARE GOING OFF, AND GUNSHOTS BECAUSE THE WINDOWS WERE SHATTERING ALONG THE CAFETERIA....*INTERRUPTION*.....SO, WE'RE...BASICALLY WE KNOW FOR A PRETTY MUCH FACT THAT WE GOT TWO SUSPECTS, LOADED FOR BEAR, AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, LONG RIFLES, AT LEAST SHOTGUNS, SOMETHING TO THAT EFFECT. LONG BARRELED GUNS, WEARING DARK CLOTHING, BALL CAPS. DEPUTY GARDNER MENTIONED THAT HE THOUGHT THEY WERE WEARING FLACK JACKETS....DARK FLACK JACKETS....BECAUSE OF THE BULK. AT THAT TIME, WE ARE STILL EVAC'ING KIDS....GETTING THEM OUT OF THERE. WOUNDED FIRST, FOLLOWED BY THE REST. AT THAT TIME, DEPUTY GARDNER YELLS "THERE HE IS".....AND HE'S POINTING RIGHT TO THE DOOR, WHICH IS A LITTLE BIT TO MY LEFT. I HAD TO LOOK OVER THE CROSS OF THE HOOD OF THE PATROL CAR....*INTERRUPTION*....AS I WAS EXPLAINING, HE...NEAL YELLED "THERE HE IS".....THE DOORS...IT WAS A FOUR-WAY YOU KNOW. MAIN EXIT DOOR....ENTRANCE/EXIT DOOR...HAD FOUR DOORS; THEY WERE METAL.

SILVER DOORS WITH GLASS IN THE UPPER HALF WHICH WOULD BE ABOVE YOUR TORSO. ONE OF THOSE WINDOWS IN PARTICULAR, THE THIRD DOOR FROM YOUR LEFT GOING RIGHT, WAS BROKEN OUT... THE GLASS WAS BROKEN OUT...FROM SHOTS OR A BOMB OR WHATEVER HAD BROKEN IT OUT, BUT IT WAS BROKEN OUT. AS HE'S YELLIN' THERE IT IS, I LOOK, I SEE A GUY STANDING THERE...LOOKED LIKE A WHITE MALE WEARING BLACK, PROBABLY A BALL CAP...YOU COULD MAKE OUT HIS WHITE FACE AND THE THING THAT REALLY GOT MY ATTENTION WAS A BLACK BARREL OF SOME TYPE- A LONG GUN COMING STRAIGHT OUT SIMULTANEOUSLY AS I'M LOOKING, I HEAR ONE SHOT, I HEAR ANOTHER SHOT, AND IT WAS NOT FROM A HANDGUN; IT WAS EXTREMELY LOUD. THERE WERE PULSES.....BOOM! BEING IN THAT SITUATION YOU THINK YOU CAN EVEN FEEL THOSE...I DON'T KNOW, MAYBE I DID. AT THAT TIME, I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE TIME TO LOOK AT DEPUTY GARDNER. THE BARREL APPEARED TO BE POINTING IN MY DIRECTION OR DEPUTY GARDNER'S DIRECTION WITH TWO ROUNDS OFF, I RETURNED FIRE, FIRING THREE TO FIVE SHOTS DIRECTLY IN THE DIRECTION OF THE PERSON THAT EMERGED WITH THE LONG BARREL GUN. HE FIRED AT LEAST TWO, THREE MORE AND THEN WENT BACK INTO THE BUILDING. I KNOW SOMEBODY ELSE WAS SHOOTING, I DON'T KNOW IF IT WAS DEPUTY GARDNER OR NOT. THERE WAS A DECENT EXCHANGE OF GUN BATTLE THERE...DEFINITELY. AT THAT TIME, I DUCKED BACK UNDER THE CAR AFTER SEEING HIM DISAPPEAR....I DON'T KNOW IF I HIT HIM OR NOT. IT WAS A PRETTY FAR SHOT. I FELT IT WAS MOST DEFINITELY NEEDED TO BE SHOT. I STILL HAD PEOPLE LAYING IN THE GRASS....KIDS RUNNING, IN DANGER. THIS PERSON POSED TO SHOOT AT ME OR MY PARTNERS OR ANYBODY IN THE AREA. HAD TO CEASE RIGHT THEN AND THERE. IT WAS...THERE WAS NO QUESTION IN MY MIND THAT PERSON NEEDED TO BE STOPPED; AND THE ONLY WAY TO STOP HIM FROM WHERE I WAS WAS WITH BULLETS. THERE WAS NO OTHER OPTION. THE ONLY OPTION WAS TO STOP HIM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE GOT SHOT. AFTER HE DISAPPEARED, EVERYBODY IN OUR AREA WAS OKAY....I DID SEE SOME....AND I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING THEMBEFORE WHEN I WAS TALKING TO DEPUTY GARDNER, BUT I DO REMEMBER SEEING TWO BULLET ROUNDS IN THE WINDSHIELD OF THE WHITE BLAZER HE WAS HIDING BEHIND. SO I ASSUME THOSE ROUNDS CAME FROM THE LONG GUN SHOOTER THAT HAD JUST OPENED FIRE ON US. AFTER EVERYBODY WAS OKAY, WE EVAC'D SOME MORE KIDS...AGAIN- BOMBS ARE GOING OFF...WINDOWS ARE BREAKING...ROUNDS ARE GETTING SHOT OUT BECAUSE OF....IN MY DETERMINATION WINDOWS WERE BREAKING....LIKE ROUNDS WERE COMING OUT CAUSE WE WEREN'T SHOOTING. ABOUT THIS TIME DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT, MEMBERS FROM THEM SHOW UP.....AFTER WE GOT THE COMMUNICATIONS WORKED OUT, THEY TOOK UP SOME POSITIONS WITH THEIR CARS BEHIND DEPUTY DOVORSKY AND I. THEY ALSO EVAC'D.....I

DON'T KNOW HOW MANY KIDS.....CAUSE THEY JUST KEPT COMING OUT THAT DOOR....COMING OUT THAT DOOR, SO WE WERE ABLE TO GET THEM BEHIND COVER AND EVAC THEM AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. I BELIEVE IT WAS OFFICER ROMERO HAD AN AR15....HE CAME UP TO HELP US OUT. ANOTHER OFFICER WITH AN AUTOMATIC WEAPON AND SWAT GEAR AND ANOTHER GUY BEHIND HIM WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPON, FROM DPD, TOOK UP A POSITION....CAUSE WE WERE TRYING TO GET TO THE WOUNDED I DESCRIBED LAYING ON THE SIDEWALK...WHICH WERE WE BELIEVED FOUR OR FIVE PEOPLE. THEY WERE BAD, BAD SHAPE....UH...WITHOUT MEDICAL ATTENTION, THEY WOULDN'T HAVE LASTED VERY LONG AT ALL. SO, BASICALLY, WE HAD A PLAN, WE GOT TWO AMBULANCES TO COME IN. WE PROVIDED COVER FOR THE AMBULANCES. ROMERO AND I FROM DENVER.....

KA: LET ME CLARIFY.....OFFICER ROMERO WAS FROM DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT?

PS: YES.

KA: OKAY, GO AHEAD, I'M SORRY.

PS: YES. OFFICER ROMERO AND I ASSISTED THE TWO GUYS FROM THE DPD...THE SWAT GUYS WITH THEIR AUTO WEAPONS....IN GETTING THESE KIDS OUT. SO, BASICALLY WHAT WE DID IS WE RUSHED THE BUILDING... ON THE WEST SIDE THERE....WHICH IS A BIG BRICK WALL BEFORE IT STEPS DOWN TO THE GLASS LIBRARY WHICH I SPOKE OF....WE PROVIDED COVER FOR THE AMBULANCE DRIVERS WHO DID AN UNBELIEVABLE JOB, AND IT GOT UGLY FOR THEM...AND I'LL EXPLAIN. THEY BROUGHT THEIR AMBULANCES RIGHT IN TO WHERE THESE KIDS WERE....TO JUST GET 'EM AND THROW THEM IN THE BACK OF THE AMBULANCE AND DRAG 'EM. WE GOT, I BELIEVE TWO OF THE CHILDREN LOADED....THE WORST...I MEAN THEY COULDN'T TALK, THEY COULDN'T....BARELY MOVE. WE GOT TWO OF THEM LOADED WHEN SHOTS CAME FROM I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE THE UPPER AREA ABOVE THE LIBRARY....OR ABOVE...I'M SORRY...THE LUNCHROOM WHICH WOULD BE THE LIBRARY...AGAIN, IT'S BIG GLASS WINDOWS. NUMEROUS SHOTS ERUPTED, WINDOWS BREAKING, SHOTS COMING AT US. THE DENVER OFFICERS RETURNED FIRE. I WAS NOT IN A POSITION....I WAS COVERING THE AMBULANCE CREW...I WAS SUCKED UP AGAINST A WALL; I DIDN'T RETURN ANY FIRE AT THAT TIME. I COULDN'T SEE ANYTHING. THE GLASS...THE SUN AT THAT TIME OF DAY YOU....EXTREMELY MIRRORED....PLUS THERE WAS AN UNBELIEVABLE AMOUNT OF SMOKE COMING FROM THE GLASS ARE OF THE BUILDING, ESPECIALLY UNDERNEATH. SO PRETTY MUCH WHAT YOU SAW WAS REFLECTION, BUT THERE WERE ROUNDS COMING OUT OF THOSE GLASS

WINDOWS LIKE YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE. THE GUY MENTIONED....AT LEAST ONE OF THE DENVER GUYS RETURNED SOME SUPPRESSION FIRE...COVER FIRE TO SAVE THE AMBULANCE GUYS. CAUSE IT WAS JUST GETTIN' UGLY...FOR THOSE GUYS, THEY WERE RIGHT THERE RIGHT UNDER THE WINDOW. WE WERE ABLE TO GET THREE OUT OF THE FOUR OR FIVE, I BELIEVE THERE WAS A FIFTH ONE ON THE....AROUND....I'M NOT POSITIVE WHO HE WAS....TO GET THREE OF THE FIVE....ONE OF THE KIDS THAT I DID NOT SEE ANY LIFE IN HIM...HE WAS LAYING UNDER THE STEPS ON THE WAY UP TO THE NORTH PART OF THE PARKING LOT. HE HAD NO SIGNS OF LIFE...THE PARAMEDIC CHECKED HIM...RESPONDED TO ME THAT THERE WERE NO VITAL SIGNS...HE WAS DEAD....AND LOADED UP WHAT HE HAD RIGHT THERE...GOT 'EM OUT OF THERE IN THE AMBULANCE. AT THAT TIME, ROMERO FROM DPD....WE SENT HIM BACK FIRST, I BELIEVE, AND THEN UH....I WENT...TOOK A POSITION WITH THE SWAT GUY THAT WAS GIVING SUPPRESSION FIRE BACK TO THE FIRST CAR...A LITTLE BLUE TOYOTA OR SOMETHING...I RESPONDED BACK WITH HIM CAUSE WE HEARD MORE KIDS IN THERE SCREAMING AND WHATNOT. WE CAME BACK TO THAT...HELD THE POSITION FOR HARDLY ANY LENGTH OF TIME. CAUSE WE WANTED BACK OUT OF THERE WHEN SOME MORE KIDS CAME OUT OF THE LUNCHROOM DOOR. WE HAD AT LEAST EIGHT-TEN KIDS COME BEHIND US. BEHIND THAT BLUE TOYOTA UNTIL WE CAME UP WITH A PLAN TO EVAC THEM. DURING THE WHOLE TIME AGAIN THESE DAMN BOMBS ARE GOING OFF. IT WAS A LITTLE QUIETER, THEY WERE MORE RANDOM, BUT THEY WERE STILL GOING OFF INSIDE THE BUILDING. I SAY THEY WERE BOMBS JUST BECAUSE OF THE LOUD REPORT THEY HAD. WE FINALLY GOT THE KIDS - AGAIN, THESE POOR KIDS DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT WHAT WAS GOING ON, BUT THEY WERE HIDING. SO THEY DIDN'T SEE THE SUSPECTS, DIDN'T KNOW WHERE THEY WERE. SAID THEY JUST UNBELIEVABLY SMOKY DOWNSTAIRS IN THE CAFETERIA. THEY BARELY FOUND THEIR WAY OUT. WE GOT THOSE GUYS SOME....BACK TO A POSITION.....NONE OF THOSE WERE WOUNDED THAT I SAW. WE GOT THEM BACK TO A POSITION AT WHICH TIME THE DPD OFFICER AND I PULLED BACK TO A FURTHER POSITION; AT WHICH TIME I REMAINED THERE IN THE INNER- PERIMETER TILL....I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW LONG...TIL 4:30 OR SOMETHING. DURING THAT TIME WESTILL...KIDS COMING OUT...KIDS COMING OUT...SWAT TEAMS GET THERE AND MOUNTED AN ASSAULT TO THAT DOOR I WAS SPEAKING OF- THE DOOR TO THE LUNCHROOM- BRINGING PEOPLE OUT TO US ON THE INNER-PERIMETER. THERE WAS A.....AFTER WE GOT A BUNCH OF PEOPLE OUT, THERE WAS A GUY STUCK UP IN THE LIBRARY WITH ONE OF THE BROKEN WINDOWS, AND HE STUCK HIS HAND OUT...HE'S BLEEDING ALL OVER AND HE POPPED HIS HEAD OUT...WE TRIED TO GET HIM TO COME DOWN TO THE SAFETY AREA OF THE SWAT GUYS WHO WERE GOING TO LEAP OFF THE ROOF. SOME OF THE SWAT TEAM THAT WAS USING THE ARMORED CAR ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE BUILDING GOT THAT ARMORED CAR TO DRIVE OVER

IN FRONT OF THIS WINDOW AND TWO SWAT GUYS GOT UP AND THIS KID JUMPED TO 'EM. HE WAS IN POOR SHAPE. THEY RETREATED...AGAIN, WE HELD THE INNER-PERIMETER UNTIL EVERYTHING WAS CLEAR. DURING THAT TIME I DISCOVERED A PIPE BOMB WHICH WAS...UHM...FROM THE TOYOTA IT WAS THREE PARKING SPACES AWAY....THERE WAS A BLANK SPOT OR ONE OR TWO....AND THEN THERE WAS A GREEN SUV, AND ONE OF THE PIPE BOMBS.....I OBSERVED...A SILVER PIPE BOMB...OBVIOUSLY FROM THE SUSPECTS. IT APPEARED THAT ONE OF THE END CAPSULES WERE OFF, BUT I DON'T KNOW....WE RETREATED FURTHER BACK DURING THAT TIME...AND I'M JUST GIVING YOU SOME OF MY OBSERVATIONS NOW.....AND THERE WAS ANOTHER PIPE BOMB THAT EXPLODED BETWEEN THE ROWS OF CARS THAT LEFT A DETONATION MARK ON THE CONCRETE - THE ASPHALT ITSELF - WITH ONE OF THE ENDS DOWN HERE AND IT WAS PROBABLY AN INCH PIPE BY SIX INCHES LONG. ANOTHER CAP HERE AND WE FOUND ANOTHER PIPE SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN THOSE.

KA: JUST TO CLARIFY...THESE ARE GALVANIZED PIPE?

PS: CORRECT.

KA: NOT PVC?

PS: NO, GALVANIZED. EVERYTHING THAT I SAW WAS HEAVY DUTY GALVANIZED. THE SILVER ONE I SPOKE OF WAS PROBABLY THREE INCH....THREE AND A HALF INCH DIAMETER METAL END SCREWED OFF.HELD PERIMETER UNTIL RELIEFED....WE STILL EVAC'D OUT AT LEAST...OH...TWO, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY KIDS DURING THAT TIME, WHILE I WAS ON THE PERIMETER AFTER SWAT GOT IN.

KA: OKAY, LET'S GO BACK TO YOUR SHOOTING INCIDENT. HOW FAR AWAY WERE YOU FROM THE SUSPECT?

PS: UHM....IN MY ESTIMATION, PROBABLY BE TWO, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY FEET.

KA: OKAY. IF YOU TAKE THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CAFETERIA ON THE BOTTOM...IS THAT WHAT YOU SAY...?

PS: YES.

KA: AND THEN THE LIBRARY BEING ON THE TOP OF THIS GLASS PORTION OF THE THING...

PS: YES

KA: WAS HE ON THE LIBRARY SECTION OR WAS HE IN THE CAFETERIA SECTION?

PS: HE WOULD BE AT THE HEIGHT OF THE LIBRARY SECTION, WHICH WAS BASICALLY THE SAME HEIGHT AS I WOULD BE AT.

KA: OKAY. IF YOU LOOK AT THE LIBRARY SECTION, MY UNDERSTANDING IS ...HOW YOU ARE DESCRIBING IT, IT'S FULLY GLASSED IN A HALF-MOON CIRCLE, CORRECT...OKAY IF YOU'RE LOOKING AT THAT BUILDING, WOULD HE BE ON THE RIGHT OR THE LEFT?

PS: HE WOULD BE ON THE LEFT OF THE GLASS PORTION.

KA: AND YOU FIRED THREE TO FIVE ROUNDS?

PS: CORRECT.

KA: DID YOU KNOW THE SUSPECT AT ALL?

PS: NOT AT ALL.

KA: HAVE YOU BEEN INVOLVED IN ANY SHOOTINGS PRIOR TO THIS INCIDENT?

PS: I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN SHOOTINGS, BUT NEVER DISCHARGED MY WEAPON.

KA: IN THE LINE OF DUTY- IS WHAT I'M LOOKING AT?

PS: YES.

KA: OKAY. WHO DID YOU TALK TO FOLLOWING THE INCIDENT?

PS: UH....GENERAL CONVERSATION TO OFFICER ROMERO WITH DPD...BECAUSE WE WERE ON THE INNER-PERIMETER TOGETHER. I TALKED TO NEAL GARDNER JUST FOR A LITTLE BIT....SENT HIM ...AFTER CONVERSING...HE KNOWS THE SCHOOL THE BEST....SENT HIM TO THE COMMAND POST SO HE COULD HELP OUT THE SWAT TEAM...FIGURE OUT WHICH WAY TO GO. AND THEN DEPUTY RICK BACHMAN WHO DROVE ME OVER HERE.

KA: OKAY. DID ANYBODY ELSE HANDLE YOUR WEAPON?

PS: NO, NOBODY'S TOUCHED IT.

KA: NOBODY'S TOUCHED YOUR WEAPON SINCE YOU FIRED THE WEAPON AT THIS THING AT COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL?

PS: NO.

KA: OKAY. PAUL, WHY DON'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT YOUR MAGAZINES AND STUFF.

PS: OKAY. AFTER I UH...DID THE EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE, BASICALLY I DID A TACTICAL RELOAD, WHICH ESSENTIALLY IS TAKING THE MAGAZINE OUT OF YOUR GUN AND INSERTING A FRESH MAGAZINE, FULLY LOADED, INTO THE GUN SO IF THERE WAS ANOTHER EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE, I WOULD HAVE MORE ROUNDS.

KA: SO THAT'S THE REASON YOU DID THE TACTICAL RELOAD WHEN YOU RELOADED YOUR WEAPON?

PS: THAT'S CORRECT.

KA: ANY OTHER OFFICERS NEAR YOU THAT FIRED THAT YOU KNOW OF FOR SURE?

PS: THE ONLY....WELL, I KNOW DEFINITELY GARDNER DID...BECAUSE OF THE SOUND COMING FROM THERE...HE WAS THE ONLY OFFICER THERE. SO I THINK...I WOULD ASSUME ANYWAY THAT HE FIRED.

KA: AND THIS IS THE SRO?

PS: YES.

KA: SENIOR RESOURCE OFFICER?

PS: CORRECT.

KA:SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER.....

PS: THERE YOU GO.....ROMERO FROM DPD DID AS....WHEN WE WERE EVAC'ING THOSE KIDS WITH THE PARAMEDICS...THE AMBULANCES...I KNOW HE FIRED; AND THE OTHER DENVER OFFICER THAT I DON'T KNOW WHO HIS NAME IS....HE ALSO FIRED.

KA: OKAY. IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD, PAUL?

PS: NO.

KA: AS IS STANDARD PROCEDURE IN THE JEFFERSON COUNTY SHOOT TEAM, I WILL BE TAKING YOUR WEAPON.

PS: OKAY.

KA: AND WE WILL DO A 'GSR' ON YOUR HANDS, ALSO.

PS: OKAY.

KA: THIS WILL CONCLUDE THE INTERVIEW WITH DEPUTY PAUL SMOKER. IT IS NOW 5:45 PM.

Denver Police Department STATEMENT

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial) TRAN, BINH N.		Making Statement as: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Witness <input type="checkbox"/> Person advised		
Residence Street Address		City	County	State
Residence Phone ()		Business Phone () 937-4444	Social Security No.	
Business Street Address 2100 S. CLAY ST.		City DENVER	County DENVER	State CO
Officer Taking Statement TRAN		Serial No. 91013	Date 4-20-99	Date of Birth / Serial No. 91013
Concerning an incident occurring at: COLUMBINE HIGH 6201 S. PIERCE		Location where statement taken: DISTRICT 4		
Business Street Address		City	County	State
Zip Code		Zip Code		
Time		Hours		

Summary of Statement:

ON 4-20-99, AT ABOUT 1130 HOURS, I RESPONDED TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL TO ASSIST WITH SUSPECTS SHOOTING INSIDE THE SCHOOL. I RESPONDED TO THE WEST SIDE OF THE SCHOOL. UPON ARRIVING, I NOTICE A LARGE GROUP OF STUDENTS PINNED DOWN BY A POLICE UNIT AND A BRICK SHACK. THERE WERE NUMEROUS JUVENILES THAT WERE SHOT. I ASSISTED WITH EXTRACTING THE STUDENTS AND AS WE WERE GETTING THE STUDENTS OUT, WE WERE BEING SHOT AT. WE WERE ABOUT 75 YARDS OF WEST OF THE SCHOOL. I TOOK THE INJURED STUDENTS TO CALEY AND YUKON AND CALLED FOR AMBULANCES ON DISPATCH FOUR. I MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO THAT LOCATION. OFFICER MARTINEZ AND I THEN EXTRACTED NUMEROUS STUDENTS FROM THE SOUTH WEST PARKING LOT. OFFICER MARTINEZ AND I THEN EXTRACTED NUMEROUS STUDENTS FROM INSIDE THE SCHOOL. WE THEN ASSISTED WITH SECURING THE OUTSIDE PERIMETER.

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 ☐ AM
Time Statement Completed 1820 ☒ PM

Binh Tran 91013
Signature of Person Making Statement



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RE: TELEPHONE FOLLOW-UP WITH OFC. BINH TRAN
(D.P.D.) 7.19.99.

INTERVIEW

ON 7-19-99 I TELEPHONED OFC BINH TRAN (D.P.D.) CONCERNING C.H.S. STATEMENT MADE BY HIM. OFC TRAN STATED HE ARRIVED ON THE EAST SIDE OF C.H.S. AT ABOUT 1140HRS AND MOVED TO THE SW CORNER AT ABOUT 1145HRS.

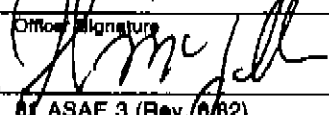
OFC TRAN SAID HE HAD NO IDEA WHERE THE SHOTS CAME FROM THAT WERE BEING FIRED IN HIS DIRECTION. OFC TRAN DID STATE THAT A D.P.D. SGT DID RETURN FIRE WHEN OFFICERS WERE BEING FIRED UPON.

DISPOSITION Case open.

OFC BINH H. TRAN #91013.

AXS: 2100 S CLAY ST DENVER 937 4444.
DENVER POLICE DEPT.

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INVESTIGATION:

ON 042099 AT ABOUT 1230 HRS. I WAS DIRECTED TO RESPOND WITH DEPUTY BAUGHMAN TO PIERCE ST AND WALKER AVE, TO ASSIST OTHER UNITS INVOLVED IN THE SHOOTING INCIDENT AT COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL. AT ABOUT 1300 HRS. DEPUTY SCHWEITERMAN ADVISED OVER THE RADIO THAT THERE WERE THREE MALE PARTIES DRESSED IN BLACK TRENCHCOATS AND CAMO'S, WALKING WEST BOUND IN CLEMENT PARK, FROM THE BACK OF THE SCHOOL'S BACK FIELD. THE DESCRIPTION OF THE MALES MATCHED THAT OF THE MALE SUBJECTS INSIDE OF THE SCHOOL, SO DEPUTY BAUGHMAN AND I RESPONDED.

AT ABOUT 1305 HRS. WE ARRIVED AT THE SOUTH WEST SIDE OF CLEMENT PARK, AND ALONG WITH DEPUTIES SCHWEITERMAN AND E. MILLER, TOOK THE THREE MALES INTO CUSTODY FOR QUESTIONING. WE TRANSPORTED ONE MALE TO THE COMMAND BUS AND MET WITH INVESTIGATOR WOODIN AND INVESTIGATOR'S FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE WHO TOOK CUSTODY OF THE MALE. BEFORE LEAVING I ASSISTED BY PLACING BROWN PAPER BAGS OVER THE MALES' HANDS, TO PRESERVE ANY POSSIBLE EVIDENCE. (SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT END OF REPORT)

AT ABOUT 1400 HRS. SGT. DUNNEBECK REQUESTED THAT DEPUTY BAUGHMAN AND I RESPOND TO 5702 S. ESTES WAY, TO CONTACT (W) MORRIS, CHRIS WHO IS THE FOUNDER OF THE "TRENCH COAT MAFIA". WE ARRIVED AT ABOUT 1405 HRS. AND (W) MORRIS STANDING ON HIS FRONT PORCH WITH TWO OTHER MALES, ALL DRESSED IN BLACK COATS AND CAMO'S, WITH NUMEROUS PATCHES OF UNKNOWN SYMBOLS AND WORDS ON THEM. (W) MORRIS WAS COOPERATIVE WITH US AND ADVISED THAT HE WANTED TO HELP IN ANY WAY HE COULD. I CONDUCTED A CLATTERED BODY SEARCH FOR OUR SAFETY ^{AND} ~~ON~~ ^{AND} AND SECURED HIM IN MY PATROL CAR.

WHILE DEPUTY BAUGHMAN AND I WERE TRANSPORTING HIM TO MEET WITH SGT. DUNNEBECK, (W) MORRIS SPONTANEOUSLY OFFERED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS: HE SAID THAT HE AND (S) KLABOUD AND (S) HARRIS WERE BOWLING THE DAY BEFORE, AND THE TWO MALES SAID THAT THEY WERE GOING TO GO TO COLUMBINE AND KILL THE JOCKS. AT THAT TIME I HAD NOT BEEN ADVISED OF THE NAMES.

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INVESTIGATION CONT.

OF THE SUSPECTS VGT. (N) MORRIS ALSO MENTIONED THE NAMES "KEB" AND "ROBERT PERRY" OF FRIENDS THAT HE BOOLS WITH AND WORKS WITH. (N) MORRIS SAID THAT HE DIDN'T THINK ANYTHING ABOUT THEIR STATEMENTS. (N) MORRIS CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT HE IS THE MANAGER OF THE BLACKJACK PIZZA SHOP, AND THAT THE ABOVE LISTED MALES WORK FOR HIM. (N) MORRIS SAID THAT IN THE PAST TWO WEEKS, (S) KLABOLD OR (S) HARRIS BOUGHT AN AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLE OF ONE OF HIS WORKERS THERE, BUT I WAS UNABLE TO VERIFY WHO SOLD THEM THE GUN, AND WHO EXACTLY BOUGHT IT. (N) MORRIS SAID THAT HE STARTED THE "TRENCHCOAT MAFIA" BECAUSE HE LIKED WEARING A TRENCHCOAT, AND BECAUSE HE LIKED CERTAIN MUSIC. HE SAID THAT RECENTLY (S) KLABOLD AND (S) HARRIS BEGAN PRACTICING CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS OF A "N HEAD" OR SOMEONE FOLLOWING THE HABITS OF ADOLPH HITLER. (N) MORRIS SAID THAT HE HIMSELF DID NOT BELIEVE IN THAT TYPE OF FOLLOWING AND THAT HE HIMSELF DID NOT REPRESENT THE SAME MIND SET.

(N) MORRIS CONTINUED BY SAYING THAT (S) HARRIS AND (S) KLABOLD HATED "JOCKS" SO BAD, THAT THEY WANTED TO KILL THEM ALL, SO THEY WOULD NOT HAVE ANY SPORTS TEAMS AT COLUMBINE.

AT ABOUT 1420 HRS. WE ARRIVED AT THE COMMAND BUS, WHERE SGT. DUNNEBERG AND SGT. WOODIN TOOK CUSTODY OF (N) MORRIS.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

WHILE TRANSPORTING THE MALE (JAMES) FROM CLEMENT PARK TO THE COMMAND CENTER, HE SPONTANEOUSLY UTTERED THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS. HE SAID THAT HE WAS AT HOME IN ARIZONA WHEN HE SAW THE SHOOTING COVERAGE ON THE NEWS. HE SAID THAT HIS SISTER HAD TOLD HIM THAT HER EX-BOYFRIEND (HE COULD NOT REMEMBER HIS NAME) HAD MADE STATEMENTS TO HER ABOUT COMING TO THE SCHOOL AND KILLING ALL OF THE JOCKS.

JAMES SAID THAT WHEN HE SAW THE SHOOTING'S ON TELEVISION,

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HE AND HIS FRIENDS WANTED TO COME DOWN TO SEE IF IT WAS THE EX-BOYFRIEND. JAMES THEN SAID THAT HIS SISTER'S OTHER EX-BOYFRIEND WAS PROBABLY WITH THE OTHER GUY, AND MAYBE ANOTHER OF THEIR FRIENDS.

JAMES SAID SOMETHING ABOUT THEIR CAR BEING PARKED IN THE SOUTH PARKING LOT, BUT WHEN ASKED WHERE HE AND HIS FRIENDS WERE WALKING, WHEN CONTACTED IN THE PARK, JAMES SAID THAT THEY WERE WALKING TO THEIR CAR THAT THEY PARKED ON WADSWORTH SOMEWHERE.

JAMES SAID THAT THEY HAD FRIENDS AT COLUMBINE AND DID NOT WANT TO SEE ANYBODY GET KILLED, BUT WHEN ASKED THE NAMES OF THEIR FRIENDS, HE COULD NOT NAME ANYBODY.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTINUED:

DURING TRANSPORT OF (N) MORRIS, HE SAID THAT (S) HARRIS AND (S) KLABOLD WERE VERY SKILLED IN CONSTRUCTING BOMBS. HE SAID THAT THEY HAD BEEN MAKING PIPE BOMBS WITH DELAYED TIMER MECHANISMS ON THEM, AND THAT THEY WERE VERY POWERFUL. HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THEY CONSTRUCTED THE BOMBS IN THEIR GARAGES AT HOME.

DISPOSITION:

OPEN, FORWARDED TO INVESTIGATIONS

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Reporting Officer A. Walker

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INVESTIGATION:

ON 042099 AT ABOUT 1310 HRS. WHILE TRANSPORTING A MALE PARTY NAMED JAMES FROM CLEMENT PARK TO THE COMMAND POST, HE SAID THAT WHEN HE AND HIS TWO FRIENDS WERE WATCHING TELEVISION IN ARVADA, AND SAW THE SHOOTING'S ON THE NEWS, THEY WANTED TO RESPOND TO COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL. HE SAID THAT THEY HAD SOME FRIENDS THAT ATTENDED COLUMBINE AND WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WERE ALL RIGHT.

I ASKED (W) JAMES WHAT HIS FRIENDS NAMES WERE BUT HE COULD NOT REMEMBER.

DISPOSITION:

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INVESTIGATION:

On 04-20-99, at approximately 1116 hours, dispatch advised of a female party down in the south parking lot of Columbine High School. It started originally as a medical call, and several seconds later, Deputy Neal Gardner advised the party was down due to gunshot wounds. I responded from the area of West Chatfield and South Kipling Street, utilizing my lights and siren. While en route, Deputy Gardner advised that he had shots coming from inside the school on the southwest corner. I arrived at approximately 1129 hours, and responded to the southwest corner of the parking lot. Deputy Gardner advised he was under heavy fire from the suspects. I drove in the parking lot and went to the second or third row of cars on my right, and parked my patrol car, and exited my vehicle with the shotgun. I took a position of cover behind a black Toyota 4-Runner. From inside the school I heard approximately 40 to 50 rounds, rifle fire, and small arms fire, there were approximately six to eight smaller explosions, and two very large explosions, one by the south double door entry which blew out two windows and caused considerable damage. As I was maintaining a perimeter on the south end, shots were still coming from within the cafeteria area. Several minutes later, I had six students exit the south cafeteria doors, running south towards me. As they exited the cafeteria, when the doors were open, I observed a large fireball explosion within the confines of the cafeteria. I secured the six students next to me, ensuring that they were out of line of fire. They were unable to evacuate at that time.

Approximately 45 minutes later, the gunfire and explosions had been continuing sporadically throughout this time. An ambulance, possibly from West Metro, drove into the south lot. I directed them out of the line of fire to respond over to the far west corner to help remove wounded children. Another ambulance pulled into the parking lot, and drove over to assist the first ambulance. They parked directly in front of the cafeteria by the steps going up to the second story. At this time, the four paramedics exited their ambulances, and immediately the second story windows, from what was later determined to be the library, were shot out from the inside by the suspects firing. I assumed at the paramedics and officers that were down below. I heard officers that were on the west side of the building facing the library, return fire. I advised dispatch we were taking fire and returning fire. At that time, I had a clear view of the windows that were being shot out. I utilized my shotgun, firing two rounds of slugs into the window directed at the muzzle flash that I had seen from inside. Several more shots were fired from inside, and then everything was quiet.

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Fifteen minutes or so after exchanging gunfire with the suspects, two Denver PD Officers made their way to the six kids who were next to me. These kids were safely evacuated by these two officers.

I remained on my position until about 1530 or 1545 hours, at which time Lakewood's SWAT team arrived and gave me relief. The Lakewood SWAT team and the other SWAT teams, Denver and Jefferson County, were all inside clearing the building. After the southwest corner was secured, I evacuated one more elderly woman, apparently a faculty member, from that location in my patrol car to the command center.

At that point, I was utilized as a bomb tech with the rest of the bomb squad, and we set up on the west side of the building to begin dealing with the devices that had been left behind. All of the devices that were located were safely dealt with. I had no part in this, other than assisting the other bomb squads, and getting those items disposed of properly.

DISPOSITION: Open.

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JEFFERSON COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Defendant:	Erick Harris	Docket Number:	
Date:	042299	Case Number:	99-70625
Deputy D.A.:		Investigator:	Greg Neal

On April 20, 1999, at approximately 5:00 p.m. R/I interviewed Deputy Kevin Walker of the Jefferson County Sheriffs Department in reference to the shooting that occurred at Columbine High School. The interview was conducted at the Leawood Elementary School.

R/I was assisting with interviews of officers who returned fire (shots) at the suspects.

Prior to getting into the interview Deputy Walker was asked the "standard interview questions" in officer related shootings.

- 1) When did the officer start with the department?
July 15, 1985
- 2) Current shift/assignment and how long there?
Dayshift/January 1999
- 3) Assignment duties
Patrol/EOD/Firearms instructor
- 4) Any specific training for current assignment.
Basic/Firearms and EOD special training (2yrs with EOD)
- 5) What shift/assignment did officer previously work?
June 1998 Swing south
- 6) Where is the officer at in his work days?
3rd day
- 7) When was officers last meal before incident, what did he eat and drink?
BBQ beef, salad and ice tea
- 8) Has officer consumed any alcohol in the previous 24 hrs.

no

9) Has officer taken any drugs in the last 24 hrs?

no

10) How much sleep before coming on shift.

seven and three quarter hours

11) How long working shift before shooting occurred

4-5 hours

12) What type of calls handled prior to incident'

one harassment call with Juveniles had no effect on him.

13) Has officer experienced any recent family problems?

His brothers mother in law passed away funeral was on 041999.

14) Make sure the officer articulates his reason for using deadly physical force.

discussed in the written text

15) Has officer experienced any recent work related problems?

no

16) Does officer normally wear prescription glasses/contacts?

no

17) Has officer experienced any recent medical problems that have been treated or untreated?

none

18) Any physical conditions that were effected by weather at time of incident?

None

19) What type of duty weapon does officer carry?

870 Remington 12 gauge shotgun.

20) How long has officer owned duty weapon?

the shotgun is a optional weapon has carried the weapon on a consistent basis for the last two weeks.

21) Training for duty weapon.

at the range. instructs shotgun firearm training

22) Number of rounds provided officer for duty weapon.

4 slugs

23) Number of rounds carried in duty weapon.

4 slugs

24) How many shots fired during incident being investigated.

fired two rounds

25) Does the officer know the suspect?

no

26) Has officer been directly involved in any prior shooting incidents?

no

27) Who did officer talk to following incident?

no one remained on the perimeter

28) Who handled officers weapon since the incident and why?

no one still in his possession

29) Officers actions following incident.

remained in his position to secure the perimeter.

After completing the "Standard Interview Questions" R/I asked Deputy Walker if he would go through the incident starting at the time he was dispatched.

Deputy Walker advised that he does not recall what time he was dispatch but the call came in as a female down in the parking lot of Columbine High School.

Deputy Walker who was coming from Kipling and Chatfield advised that the SRO (school resource officer) came on the air to advise of shots being fired. The SRO advised that he was at the southwest corner of the school.

Deputy Walker advised that he drove to the south west corner and took a position behind some cars in the student parking lot. Deputy Walker advised that he grabbed his shotgun, and exited the vehicle. When he first arrived and once outside his vehicle he heard shots being fired from inside the school as many as 40-50 rounds. In addition Deputy Walker also heard 6-8 explosions. One explosion took out windows on the south entry doors.

Deputy Walker advised that kids were running out the south doors and heard and saw a fireball from another explosion in a lower level room again in the south west corner of the school.

Deputy Walker advised that he could hear small arms rounds as well as rifle rounds going off inside the school.

Deputy Walker advised that the windows on the 2nd floor were being shot out by the suspects and officers and ambulance personnel were being shot at from the 2nd floor, which later was determined to be the library.

Deputy Walker advised that he observed the muzzle flash from the shooter who was shooting at the officer in the parking lot. Deputy Walker fired two rounds with the shot gun at the window where the shooter was standing. Deputy Walker advised that he did not hit the suspect as the suspect continued to fire. Deputy Walker further advised that his rounds went high and is certain that the holes in the small windows above the big windows are his rounds as they would be consistent with a hole a slug would have created.

Deputy Walker did not fire any additional rounds as the shooting had stopped shortly thereafter.

Walker remained in his position and the only time that he moved from that position was when a elderly female came out who was injured. Deputy Walker placed the female in his patrol car and drove her to the command post for medical assistance. Deputy Walker advised that this would have occurred at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Deputy Walker advised that he drove back to his position and remained there for approximately another 45 minutes.

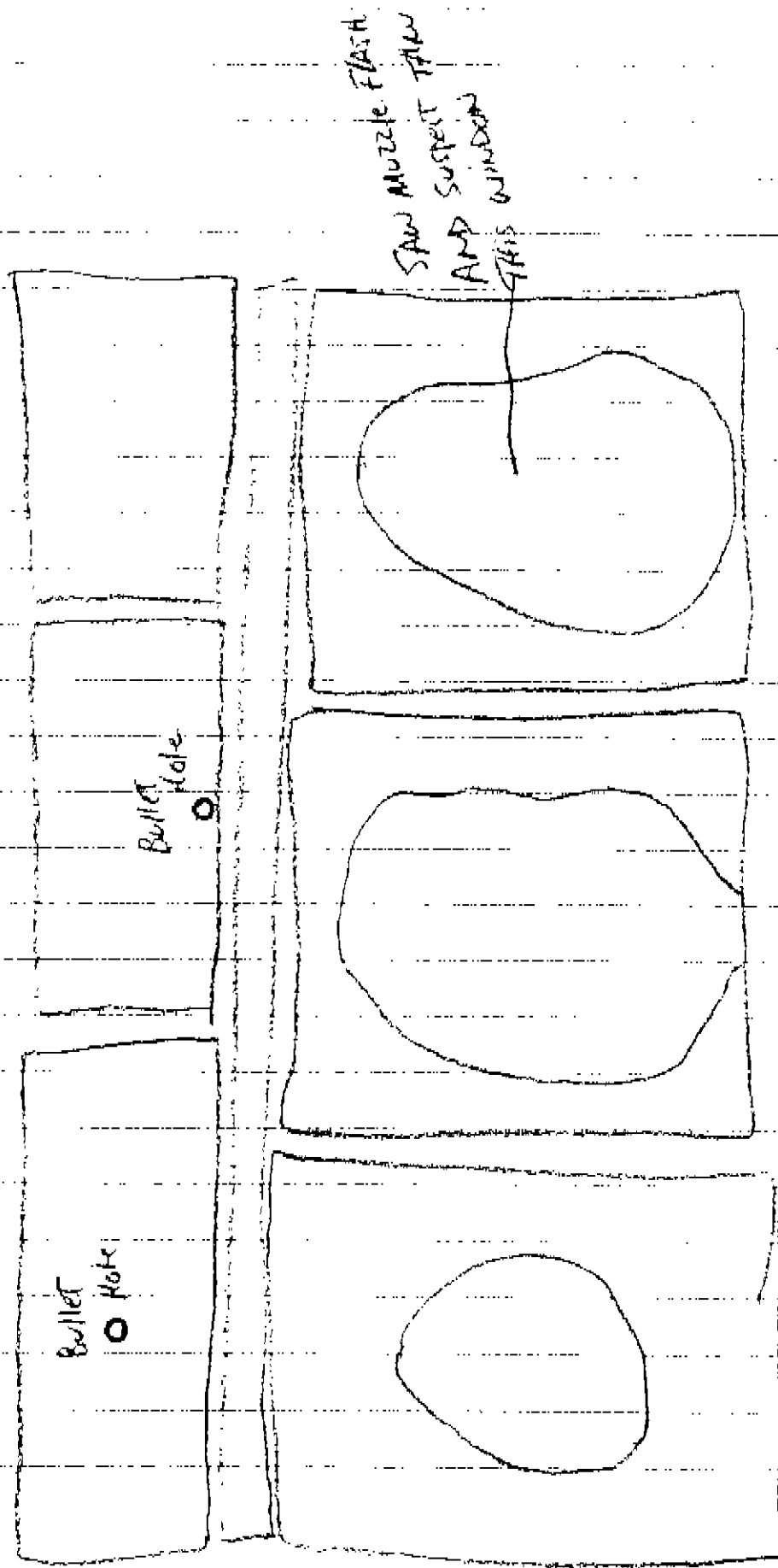
Deputy Walker advised that before he informed his supervisor that he had fired rounds he assisted the EOD units with the disposal of some homemade bombs.

R/I had Deputy Walker draw a picture of the window where he saw the suspect and in the drawing is the approximate location of where his two rounds went. On the back side would be a drawing of the school and the location where he took position.

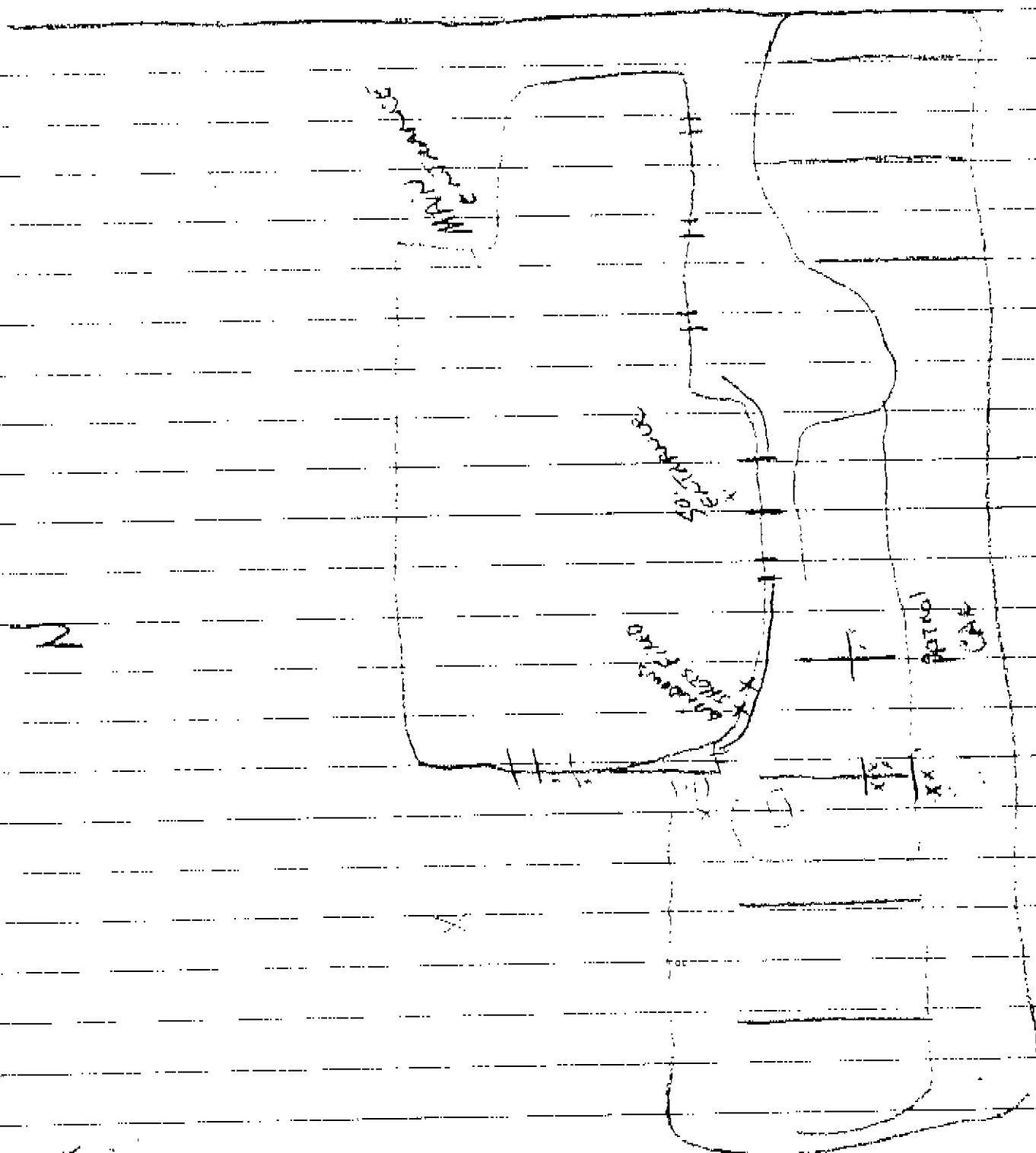
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Greg Neal
Investigator

4-23-99
Date



MY FIELD OF FIRE WAS
APPROXIMATELY A 45° ANGLE



KEVIN WALKER

1535 HRS.

042099

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SUPPLEMENT ☒

Reporting Agency

KCSO

Reporting Officer

K. Walker

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ON APRIL 30, 1999 I WAS INVOLVED IN THE COLUMBINE HIGH SCHOOL INCIDENT. AS ONE OF THE FIRST RESPONDERS I SET UP IN THE SOUTH PARKING LOT. DURING THE SITUATION I UTILIZED A DEPARTMENT ISSUED REMINGTON 12 GAUGE PUMP ACTION SHOTGUN, AND FIRED TWO ROUNDS OF LOOSE SLUGS AT THE SUSPECTS AS THEY WERE FLEEING FROM THE LIBRARY TOWARDS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL.

SEVERAL HOURS LATER I WAS RELIEVED BY THE COLUMBINE S.W.A.T. TEAM. I COLLECTED THE TWO EMPTY SHOTGUN SHELLS AND DROVE OUT OF THE PARKING LOT TO THE COMMAND POST. ONCE AT THE COMMAND POST, I ASKED SUPERVISORY PERSONNEL FROM THE SHERIFFS DEPT., NOT SURE AT THIS TIME WHO PRECISELY THEY WERE, WHAT I NEEDED TO DO WITH THE TWO EMPTY SHELLS THAT I HAD SHOT AND WHAT WAS I TO DO WITH MY SHOTGUN. I WAS ADVISED TO HOLD ONTO THEM. I THEN WENT TO LEANED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND STAYED WITH THE SHOOT TEAM. I DON'T RECALL SPECIFICALLY WHO THAT WAS. I AGAIN INQUIRED ABOUT WHAT I SHOULD DO WITH MY SHOTGUN AND THE EMPTY SHELLS. AGAIN I WAS TOLD TO HOLD ONTO THEM UNTIL THEY WERE NEEDED. AFTER COMPLETING MY INTERVIEW WITH THE SHOOT TEAM I SECURED THE SHOTGUN AND EMPTY SHELLS IN MY PATROL CAR, AND BEGAN MY DUTIES WITH THE BOMB SQUAD. I HAVE MAINTAINED CONTROL OF THE SHOTGUN AND THE TWO EMPTY SHELLS SINCE THE INCIDENT. IN TALKING WITH INVESTIGATION BATTAL WITH THE SHERIFFS DEPT., I TURNED THE EMPTY SHELLS OVER TO THE EVIDENCE UNIT.

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Officer Signature

Unit

Number

Supervisor Initials and Date

Assigned To

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of

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

JCSO# 99-7625
April 21, 1999

Supplemental Report

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

Greg Romero

Denver PD Badge Number 82-67

Weapon: Colt AR-15 A5

Serial Number: LGC-010987

Rounds Fired: Four

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

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

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

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

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

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

No further information was provided.

Lt. Terry Manwaring**Jefferson County Sheriff's Office****Weapon: Colt AR-15 - A3****Serial Number: LBD004810****Rounds Fired: two**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

No further information was provided by Lt. Manwaring.

DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
INTER-DEPARTMENT
CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Sgt. D. Jones

FROM: Detective Jerry Arellano, #75057

DATE: 04-21-99

SUBJECT: Roster of Responding Detectives to Columbine High School assisted with the debriefing of students, witnesses & victims at Leawood Elementary School 6155 W. Leawood Drive & Columbine Library 7706 W. Bowels Avenue.

1. Sgt. Douglas Jones, #70068, District 4 Investigations, 4X10
2. Sgt. Robert Clair, #75032, District 4 Investigations, 4X20
3. Det. A. Keiser, #73132, District 4 Investigations, 4X14
4. Det. J. Arellano, #75057, District 4 Investigations, 4X22
5. Det. M. Staskin, #70033, District 4 Investigations, 4X12
6. Det. N. Rogers, #86037, District 4 Investigations, 4X16
7. Det. D. Wyckoff, #74042, District 4 Investigations, 4X15
8. Det. J. Hess, #77010, District 4 Investigations, 4X23
9. Det. T. Jude, #83033, District 4 Investigations, 4X25
10. Det. D. Archer, #67040, District 4 Investigations, 4X11
11. Det. T. Zalesky, #82014, District 4 Investigations, 4X24
12. Det. M. Cossitt, #70118, Z-41, Vice/Narc
13. Det. A. Conrad, #68029, U-11, CAP
14. Det. R. Kraft, #72012, U-17, CAP
15. Det. R. Galardo, #81006, X-17, Dist. 1 Burg.
16. Sgt. P. Selander, #73101, X-70, Fencing Unit
17. Det. M. Zimmer, #71108, X-82, Bicycle Unit
18. Det. R. Rock, 90003, AIB, T-62
19. Det. D. Anaya, 76007, Pawnshops, X-84
20. Det. G. Lind, #77051, Property Crimes, X-83
21. Det. J. Carol, #72010, Dist. 5 Burg., X-28
22. Det. D. Diehl, #73041, C.V.I.U., V-44
23. Det. G. Regan, #71084, Dist. 2 Burg., X-22
24. Det. G. Teiken, #84044, Dist. 2 Burg., X-25
25. Det. D. Jones, #91076, Dist. 2 Burg., X-25
26. Det. J. Bell, #91009, Vice/Narc, Z-26
27. Det. M. Fountain, #91036, Vice/Narc, Z-25
28. Det. J. Montoya, #91011, Vice/Narc, Z-24
29. Sgt. K. Hon, #78001, Dist. 2 Burg., X-20
30. Det. M. King, #71044, Dist. 6 Property Crimes, X-63
31. Det. K. Bancroft, #88034, CAP, U-37
32. Det. S. Webster, #87007, CAP, U-36
33. Sgt. L. Subia, #75060, Dist. 1, 140
34. Officer D. Wiley, #94002, Dist. 1, 148
35. Officer J. Avendano, #94032, Dist. 1, 147
36. Det. R. Rollins, #72009, Dist 1, X-14

- 37. Det. A. Alonzo, #72091, Intell.
- 38. Det. C. Boyles, #88005, Vice/Narc, Z-36
- 39. Lt. J. Haney, #79014, CAP
- 40. Det. R. Miller, #72076, Checks, X-53
- 41. Det. M. Cisneros, #70166, CAP, Z-41
- 42. Sgt. E. Tuffield, #75008, Checks, X-50
- 43. Det. J.C. Tyus, #65004, Checks, X-51
- 44. Det. T. Brennen, #82087, Checks, X-54
- 45. Det. J. Catalina, #64033, Dist. 6 Burg., X-61
- 46. Det. J. Delmonico, #90034, Auto Theft, V-23
- 47. Det. M. Garcia, #83038, CAP, U-83
- 48. Det. T. Fisher, #73011, Intell., I-12
- 49. Det. D. Grimes, #77028, Robbery, U-42
- 50. Det. R. Estrada, #71079, Robbery,
- 51. Det. R. Polak, #72057, CAP, U-14
- 52. Det. R. Vigil, #74057, Dist. 3 Burg., X-31
- 53. Det. D. Sconce, #84034, Dist. 3 Burg., X-32
- 54. Det. P. Lyda, #69041, Robbery,
- 55. Det. B. Archer, #90033, CAP,
- 56. Det. J. Schnittgrund, #67006, CAP,
- 57. Det. B. Gordon, #92066, Dist. 1 Burg., X-10
- 58. Sgt. M. Scanlon, #70019, Dist. 1 Burg., X-14
- 59. Det. F. Reno, #74053, CAP, U-16
- 60. Det. S. Landin, #78004, CAP, U-16
- 61. Det. P. Palombi, #85013, Robbery, U-49
- 62. Det. M. Woodward, #75066, Robbery, U-47
- 63. Det. F. Ybarra, #89007, Checks, X-55
- 64. Det. M. Pettinger, #89043, Checks, X-56
- 65. Det. G. Meyer, #73001, Dist. 6 Burg., X-64
- 66. Det. K. Delmonico, #59022, ISU, X-85
- 67. Det. G. Salazar, #73110, Auto Theft, V-16
- 68. Det. M. Smith, #76022, Vice/Narc, Z-51
- 69. Det. T. Demmel, #78007, Vice/Narc, Z-54
- 70. Det. C. Terry, #93020, Vice/Narc, Z-83
- 71. Det. N. Henry, #90051, Vice/Narc, Z-81
- 72. Det. J. Baruch, #82003, Crime Lab., Z-81
- 73. Det. J. Bolte, #81013, Vice/Narc, Z-81
- 74. Det. T. Mullin, #82076, Vice/Narc, Z-70
- 75. Det. D. Lucero, #70128, C.V.I.U., V-45
- 76. Det. D. Ollila, #84002, C.V.I.U., V-43
- 77. Det. M. Mullen, #69096, C.V.I.U., V-46
- 78. Det. J. Snow, #73098, Airport Narc, Z-74
- 79. Det. D. Brannan, #84015, Vice/Narc, Z-73
- 80. Det. J. Sewell, #78018, Crime Lab., Y-93
- 81. Det. J. Nash, #78031, Dist. 6 Burg., X-65
- 82. Det. G. Faciane, #77007, DA Office, D-31
- 83. Det. S. Antuna, #71087, DA Office, D-28
- 84. Det. C. Wilson, #75038, CAP, U-35
- 85. Det. C. Erickson, #69020, CAP, U-31
- 86. Sgt. M. Mc Call, #75030, CAP, U-30
- 87. Det. C. Priest, #76013, Recruiting, U-33
- 88. Det. W. Phillips, #73085, Intell., I-17

SHIFT COMMANDER Captain Rudy Sandoval 70017		DISTRICT/UNIT District Four		22-322
LOCATION OF INCIDENT Columbine High School		DATE AND TIME ORIGINATED 4/20/99 AT 1210PM		
TYPE OF SITUATION Shooting (Homicide at Columbine High School)		DATE AND TIME TERMINATED 4/20/99 AT 1815		

DPD PERSONNEL INVOLVED

ASSIGN- MENT	NAME	SERIAL NO.	ARRIVAL TIME	ASSIGN- MENT	NAME	SERIAL NO.	ARRIVAL TIME
400b	Lt. A. Ryan			430	Sgt. W. Orton		
410	Sgt. G. Greer			480	Sgt. M. Drajem		
	see attached reports						

PERSONS INJURED? no IF YES, LIST BELOW.

TOTAL OFFICERS REQUIRED

24

TOTAL MAN-HOURS REQUIRED

144

PERSONS INJURED

OFFICERS

SUSPECTS 2 (expired)

VICTIMS 13 (expired)

CIVILIANS 15 injured

DAMAGED PROPERTY

☐ NONE
None

 DPD EQUIPMENT
None

OTHER CITY PROPERTY

None

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Unknown

ARRESTS

NAME	SEX	DOB	NAME	SEX	DOB
one					

ARREST	ADULT	M	F	JUV.	M	F	TOTAL ARRESTS
RECAP	0						0

TYPE AND QUANTITY OF CHEMICAL AGENTS USED

None

TAPE(S) OF RADIO/TELEPHONE TRANSMISSIONS REQUESTED?

BY Referred to Investigation

DISTRIBUTION

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEP. CHIEF OPS	<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D/C INVESTIGATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> CIVIL LIABILITY
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D/C PATROL	<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> D/C STAFF SERVICES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IAB
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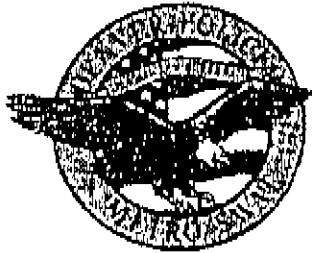
NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT

See Attached Log (Captain Sandoval and Sgt. Pinder)

On 4-20-99, members of the Denver Police Department responded to a Citywide call for help from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. The call came out on the Denver Police Department dispatch system at approximately 1132 HRS. Officers responded to the scene within minutes from most Police and Sheriff's Departments from the Metro area. Denver, Jefferson County S/O, Lakewood, and Arapahoe County Sheriff's Department set up their Command Posts at Leawood Ave & Pierce St. At approximately 1215 HRS, reporting Detective was assigned to act as aid and scribe to Captain Michael O'Neill. Captain O'Neill, known as Patrol one, was designated as the Commander of the Command Post.

Metro/Swat Bureau

550 E. Iliff Avenue, Denver, CO 80210

22 323.**FAX**

Date: _____

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D/C Patrol

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From: _____

Captain Vince DiMannaLt. Frank VessaLt. Patrick PhelanSgt. Anthony IacovattaSgt. Robert OrganSgt. Mark LewisSgt. Randy PennSgt. Jim GoscSgt. Dan O'SheaPhone: (303) 871-8888Fax phone: (303) 698-4919

REMARKS:

☐ Urgent☐ For your review☐ Reply ASAP☐ Please comment

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DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

DATE OF REPORT 042399

Shift Commander: Captain Vince DiManna				District/Unit		Metro/SWAT	
Location of Incident: Columbine High School				Date & Time Originated		042099 1130	
Type of Situation: Hostage Barricade				Date & Time Terminated		042299 1830	
DPD PERSONNEL INVOLVED							
Assignment	Name	Serial No.	Arrival Time	Assignment	Name	Serial No.	Arrival Time
	See Narrative						
Persons Injured? <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES If yes, list below.				Total Officers Required		38	
				Total Man-Hours		304	
DAMAGED PROPERTY							
Officers		None					
Suspects		Eric Harris & Dylan Klebold					
Victims		Unknowns					
Civilians							
DAMAGED PROPERTY							
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None		DPD Equipment					
Other City Property							
Private Property		Jefferson County School Property					
ARRESTS							
Name		Sex	DOB	Name		Sex	DOB
ARREST RECORD							
Adult Males	Adult Females	TOTAL ADULTS	Juv. Males	Juv. Females	TOTAL JUV.	TOTAL ARRESTS	
Type and Quantity of Chemical Agent Used: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None							
Tape(s) of Radio/Telephone Transmissions Requested? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> YES				BY:			
DISTRIBUTION		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager Of Safety		<input type="checkbox"/> District #		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D/C Patrol	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police		<input type="checkbox"/> District #		<input type="checkbox"/> D/C Investigations	
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NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT: Chronology of events from 11:00 to 11:30 AM on 04/20/99

On 04/20/99 at approximately 1130 Hours Jefferson county Sheriffs called via radio for assistance with a shooting, hostage barricade incident at the Columbine High School, located in the area of So. Pierce St. and Bowles St. On duty and off duty personnel from both details responded to the scene. Upon arrival DPD Metro/SWAT Personnel responded with other Police and Sheriff's personnel to evacuate students from the building and to search the building for suspects. During this action some members of the Denver Metro/SWAT Bureau fired their weapons either at suspects or in a suppressive fire mode. An unknown number of persons were located in and around the school and were evacuated. During the search of the building an unknown number of persons who had been injured or killed were also located in and around the building. In addition two suspected suspects were located in the building. These two suspects were determined to be dead from apparent self inflicted wounds. After clearing the building Denver Metro/SWAT personnel turned the scene over to Jefferson County Sheriff's Deputies and responded to make statements of their actions.

Metro/SWAT Personnel Utilized:

Capt. Vince DiManna 72114 - Metro 1

Lt. Frank Vessa M-3 68048	Lt. P. Phelan 80011 M-4
Sgt. R. Organ M-6 75033	Sgt. A. Iacovetta 68003 M-6
Sgt. R. Penn M-7 79061	Sgt. J. J. Goss 78040 M-8
Sgt. D. P. O'Shea M-9 86031	Sgt. M. Lewis 71005 M-10

Tech. D. Tow M-11 70196	Tech. K. Overman 72084 M-12
Tech. D. Brader M-13 72073	Tech. R. Gomez 82033 M-14
Tech. S. Panck 15 77011	Tech. H. Bloodworth 82032 16
Tech. W. Roundtree 17 80035	Tech. A. Ramirez 80006 18
Tech. M. Haney 21 86022	Tech. J. Smith 86044 22
Tech. R. Monahan 24 70025	Tech. F. Vessa 90002 27

King 11: T. O'Neill 71059	King 21: D. Kibel 82036
King 15: P. Westerkamp 86014	Tech. K. Padgett 86038 19
Tech. T. McKibben 34 86042	Tech. T. Lahey 89003 35
Tech. R. Fox 36 87026	Tech. D. Gilworth 89044 37
Tech. D. Dalmonico 23 89029	Tech. J. Sewald 90027 28
Tech. R. Brodes 33 90026	Tech. M. Canino 91041 31
Tech. R. Gray 38 91040	Tech. D. Church 82045 K-14
Prd. S. Steinbach 41 79047	Tech. J. Meyer 39041 K-17
Tech R. Gilmore K-16 86069	

THIS REPORT PREPARED BY:

Sgt. J. J. Goss 78040

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DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

DATE OF REPORT April 21, 1999

Shift Commander: Sgt K. R. Hon		District/Unit		District 2 Property Crimes Unit
Location of Incident: Columbine High School		Date & Time Originated	4/20/99	1130
Type of Situation: Shooting/Hostage situation		Date & Time Terminated	Pending	

DPD PERSONNEL INVOLVED

Assign- ment	Name	Serial No.	Arrival Time	Assign- ment	Name	Serial No.	Arrival Time
X-20	Sgt. Hon, Kirk R.	78001	1400	X-23	Det. Regan, Gary	71084	1150
X-25	Det. Tolken, Gary	84044	1150	X-22	Tech. Jones, Debra	91076	1150
X-66	Det. Nash, James	78031	1150				

Persons Injured? ☐ NO ☒ YES If yes, list below. Total Officers Required 5 Total Man-Hours 33

INJURED

Officers	
Suspects	2 - Deceased
Victims	Approximately 15 deceased and 15 wounded
Civilians	

DAMAGED PROPERTY

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None	DPD Equipment
Other City Property	
Private Property	

ARRESTS

Name	Sex	DOB	Name	Sex	DOB

ARRESTS BY GEAR

Adult Males	Adult Females	TOTAL ADULTS	Juv. Males	Juv. Females	TOTAL JUV.	TOTAL ARRESTS

Type and Quantity of Chemical Agent Used: ☒ NoneTape(s) of Radio/Telephone Transmissions Requested? ☒ NO ☐ YES

BY:

DISTRIBUTION	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manager Of Safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> District # 4	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D/C Patrol	<input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Investigations
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief of Police	<input type="checkbox"/> District #	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D/C Investigations	<input type="checkbox"/> Fleet Management
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deputy Chief of Police	<input type="checkbox"/> Civil Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> D/C Traffic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) CPT. Kilpatrick
	<input type="checkbox"/> I.A.B.	<input type="checkbox"/> D/C Staff Services	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) LT. Smith	

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NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT (Continuation of Report 22-327)

The officers assigned to the District Two Property Crimes Unit responded to the shooting scene by request. Upon arrival, they assisted in debriefing students who escaped from or were evacuated from the school. They conducted these interviews at both the command post triage area and at Leawood Elementary School. They continued this activity until approximately 1830 hours when it was determined all the students available had been interviewed. They were then released from the scene and Captain Leuthauser was notified.

THIS REPORT PREPARED BY:

Kirk R. Hon, Sergeant, District Two Property Crimes Unit

DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

DATE OF REPORT 4/21/99

Shift Commander: Captain Brian Gallagher		District/Unit		Traffic Ops.
Location of Incident: South Bowles & Pierce Street		Date & Time Originated	4/20/99	1145
Type of Situation: Shooting, Traffic Control		Date & Time Terminated	4/20/99	2215

DPD PERSONNEL INVOLVED

Assignment	Name	Serial No.	Arrival Time	Assignment	Name	Serial No.	Arrival Time
CC7	Capt. Brian Gallagher	77042	1215	700	Lt. D. Fink	73050	1215
710	Sgt. B. Dassy	70021	1220	720	Sgt. D. Levy	77053	1220
810	Sgt. R. Damrell	68052	1300	730	Sgt. M. Buckley	68111	1300
823	Off. M. Hobart	88010	1300	811	Off. G. Palazo	74008	1300
831	Off. J. Stewart	73073	1300	861	Off. A. Koger	72053	1300
832	Off. T. Nunn	79048	1300	862	Off. B. Keating	96018	1300

Persons Injured? ☐ NO ☒ YES If yes, list below. Total Officers Required 45 Total Man-Hours 250

INJURED

Officers None

Suspects

Victims

Civilians

DAMAGED PROPERTY

☒ None ☐ DPD Equipment

Other City Property

Private Property

ARRESTS

Name	Sex	DOB	Name	Sex	DOB

ARREST RECAP

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Type and Quantity of Chemical Agent Used: ☒ NoneTape(s) of Radio/Telephone Transmissions Requested? ☒ NO ☐ YES

BY:

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THIS REPORT PREPARED BY:

Lieutenant Don Fink 73050

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DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT AFTER ACTION REPORT

DATE OF REPORT 4/23/99

Shift Commander:	Division Chief Gerald Whitman	District/Unit	Patrol Div.
Location of Incident:	Columbine High School	Date & Time Originated	04/20/99 1210 hrs
Type of Situation:	Shooting	Date & Time Terminated	04/20/99 1815 hrs

DPD PERSONNEL INVOLVED

Assignment	Name	Serial No.	Arrival Time	Assignment	Name	Serial No.	Arrival Time
	See Addendum						
A-9	D/C G. Whitman	82051		Patrol 1	Capt. M. O'Neill	67037	
Patrol 2	Capt. D. O'Hayre	72030		Patrol 3	Lt. S. Cooper	74033	
Patrol 4	Sgt. M. Anderson	73037					

Persons Injured? ☒ NO ☐ YES If yes, list below. Total Officers Required 47 Total Man-Hours 306

INJURED

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Suspects	
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Civilians	

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NARRATIVE OF INCIDENT (Chronological Log - If applicable to be attached)

Denver Police Department Patrol Division officers responded to a city wide call for assistance from the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. Certain officers responded to the location of Columbine High School, while other officers responded to District Four to assist in handling calls for service. Officers who responded to Columbine High School were assigned various duties, including perimeter control, traffic control and transporting victims and witnesses for treatment and interview.

Officers assisting from Patrol Division District Four and the Metro/Swat Bureau are listed on separate After Action Reports.

This report prepared by: Lt. S. Cooper 74033

Officer	Serial Number	Assignment	
J. Hart	92055	Dist. 1	
J. Moheghan	82051	Dist. 1	
L. Subia Sgt.	75060	Dist. 1	Dist. 1 Officers responded to the scene
D. Wiley	94002	Dist. 1	
J. Avendano	94032	Dist. 1	
J. Schnittgrund	91033	Dist. 2	
B. Malpass	93025	Dist. 2	Dist. 2 Officers handled calls in Dist. 4
K. Pfannkuch	95024	Dist. 2	
C. Porter	95094	Dist. 2	
P. Diaz Sgt.	67022	Dist. 3	
D. Fisher Sgt.	86070	Dist. 3	
J. Brake	90037	Dist. 3	Dist. 3 officers responding to the scene
T. Voitel	95057	Dist. 3	
B. Gallegos	94038	Dist. 3	
D. Creason	92013	Dist. 3	
J. Brown	95004	Dist. 3	
M. Simpson	89059	Dist. 3	Dist.3 officers handling calls in Dist. 4
C. Edwards	77006	Dist. 3	
W. Hoffman Sgt.	77040	Dist. 6	
D. Swedlund	78042	Dist. 6	Dist. 6 officers responding to the scene
R. Dennison	96007	Dist. 6	

The below Gang Bureau Officers responded to the scene

G. Leuthauser Capt.	69046	R. Royal	91071
T. Wheeler Lt.	71010	L. Miller	80037
D. Marker Sgt.	84025	D. Sanchez	87022
S. Spenard Sgt.	74005	S. Rickard	70039
J. Goodfellow Sgt.	74066	J. Castro	89033
D. Alverson	72007	C. Steinkc	91003
J. Picratt	72056	A. Sanchez	92047
K. Gallasso	84021		
K. Peterson	87020		
B. Rhodes	89034		
J. Campbell	90039		
P. Baca	82032		
A. Gutierrez	75019		
G. Romero	82067		

Shift Commander: Captain Brian Gallagher		District/Unit		Traffic Ops.
Location of Incident: South Bowles & Pierce Street		Date & Time Originated	4/20/99	1145
Type of Situation: Shooting, Traffic Control		Date & Time Terminated	4/20/99	2215

DPD PERSONNEL INVOLVED

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CC7	Capt. Brian Gallagher	77042	1215	700	Lt. D. Fink	73060	1215
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