



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION  
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE**



**Victim/Witness Statement**

<b>Date:</b> 03-25-19	<b>Time Started:</b> 0940	<b>Time Ended:</b> 1015	<b>CFS #:</b> 1900085803
<b>Location:</b> 225 Asylum Street, Hartford, CT.			<b>Statement taken by:</b> Det. Duggan #1115

I, Gregory Decarli Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

of 1111 Country Club Road Town/City: Middletown State: CT

I make the following statement, without fear, threat or promise. I have been advised that any statement(s) made herein which I do not believe to be true, and which statement is intended to mislead a public servant in the performance of his / her official function, is a crime under C.G.S. section 53a-157b and is punishable by law

On Wednesday, February 20th 2019, I was in my assigned patrol area as the Resident State Trooper in the Town of Columbia. I was conducting speed enforcement on Baker Hill Road which is located by the Columbia, Lebanon, and Windham town lines. Troop K dispatch put out a broadcast informing patrol of an incident in Norwich where a suspect shot at Norwich Officers, then performed an armed car-jacking on I-395 where the suspect also shot at civilians. It was reported that the suspect was currently being pursued on Route 32 north bound heading towards Route 2 at the Norwich/Franklin town line, driving a white SUV.

At this time TFC Konow #385, the Lebanon Resident Trooper, stated that he and KC31, Lebanon Constable Dolan, would be heading in that direction in case the pursuit headed into Troop K's area. Trooper Henderson, #305, the Windham Heights Trooper, stated that he was going down Route 32 in the direction of the pursuit.

I thought the pursuit might go onto Route 2 Westbound, so I started traveling towards the center of Columbia in order to be closer. Dispatch then stated that the pursuit continued on Route 32 past Illianos Restaurant, past Route 2, and northbound into Franklin. It was around this time Troop K dispatcher broadcasted that we were now patched with Troop E and TFC Konow asked if stop sticks were authorized. Dispatchers from Troop K and Troop E answered "yes".

Dispatch informed us that the pursuit was continuing north bound on Route 32, with speeds over 100 mph. As I approached Cards Mill Road, by the intersection with Route 66 East in Columbia, I activated my emergency lights and audible siren. I drove down Main Street in Willimantic towards Route 32 in Windham in an attempt to intercept the pursuit.

Trooper Henderson advised that he was attempting to deploy stop sticks on Route 32 near Route 207 in Franklin. A short time later, Trooper Henderson advised that the suspect vehicle missed his stop sticks and continued north bound on Route 32 at over 100 miles per hour.

While responding as an emergency vehicle, I observed a Willimantic PD SUV, also responding as an emergency vehicle, just in front me at the Frog Bridge. The Willimantic PD SUV and I traveled southbound on Route 32 while Troop K dispatch updated the location of the pursuit as passing Route 203 in Windham. I then observed the Willimantic PD SUV pull into the north entrance to the Windham IGA and face his vehicle outward. I pulled over onto the right shoulder/right lane of the south bound lane of Route 32 with my emergency lights still activated, directly across from the Willimantic PD SUV. Traffic remained stopped behind me, and the Willimantic Officer signaled for north bound traffic to remain pulled over and stopped. I then started to deploy my stop sticks by laying them out up against the curbing of the north bound lane and into the north bound lane, a few feet behind my cruiser. While I was deploying the stop sticks, Troop K dispatch broadcasted "1090, you're next, heading your way", and I responded that stop sticks would be set up by the Windham IGA. A second Willimantic PD Officer arrived in an SUV and parked behind my cruiser. He then got out of his SUV and charged a long gun.

I went up an embankment behind my cruiser holding on to the handle of the stop sticks so I could adjust their position as needed. A very short time later, I heard the white suspect SUV coming at a high rate of speed. The white suspect SUV then came around a slight left curve in the roadway and I observed the suspect SUV then pitch down as if the brakes were being applied and the front end wiggled back and forth. The operator of the suspect SUV attempted to avoid striking my stop sticks by driving towards the center of the roadway, straddling the double solid yellow lines. When I observed this, I altered the location of the stop sticks by pulling them into the path of travel of the suspect SUV. The suspect SUV ran over the stop sticks which caused the operator to lose control of the vehicle.



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The suspect SUV then ran off the right side of the roadway and down a small embankment and struck a group of trees at a very high rate of speed. I looked over to see the rear end of the white suspect SUV go up in the air and then land back on the ground.

I ran down off the embankment and informed the Troop that the stop sticks were hit and the vehicle had crashed. At this time a CSP Traffic Trooper arrived in a black Dodge Charger that came to a stop just north of my location. I started to head towards the crashed suspect SUV when the Traffic Trooper got out of his cruiser and asked me to turn off his siren. The reason for this was to eliminate that noise, so that we could provide better verbal commands to the suspect in the white SUV. While I was shutting off the sirens, I could hear verbal directives of "show me your hands!, show me your hands!" being yelled to the suspect by the Traffic Trooper and the Willimantic Officers.

After I shut off the siren I observed that the suspect SUV operator had already exited the vehicle. The suspect moved towards the closest house, later identified as 12 Old Plains Road, and he was holding a gun in his right hand, pointed at the direction of the other three police officers. As a result of this I drew my service weapon and prepared to stop the threat. I then heard gun shots and observed the three police officers fire in the direction of the suspect. I saw the suspect fall to the ground, and I heard one officer give him commands telling him to stay down, and "don't move!". The suspect got up and began running in a south eastern direction towards the back yard of 12 Old Plains Road, Windham. While the suspect was running several more shots were fired by other police officers. Based on my training and experience I knew the suspect presented an imminent deadly threat to the public, police officers, and others.

I knew the three police officers (CSP Traffic Trooper and two Willimantic Officers) would be following the path of the suspect and would cover the left side of the residence. As a result, I ran down towards the right side of the residence to cut off the suspect's egress and ended up on the outside of a tall wooden picket fence that had no openings. The fence had two horizontal wood beams and I stepped on the lower beam which allowed me to look up and over the fence. As I looked over the fence, I observed the suspect standing on a small back porch leading to the rear door of the residence. The suspect opened the screen door and was trying to force entry into the residence. I yelled verbal commands to the suspect and instructed him to put his hands up in the air, several times. The suspect looked over and made eye contact with me and I saw he had blood around his mouth area. He then went back to trying to force entry into the residence, and continued to be non-compliant. I then saw glass break by the screen door and the door flexed, as if the suspect was being shot through the screen door. The suspect then exited the porch and started to move in a south eastern direction, towards two civilian males that were by the barn at the rear of the residence. Fearing for their safety and that of the officers, I fired one shot at the suspect as he continued to move in the south eastern direction towards the civilian males. I only fired that one shot because I was concerned about crossfire and the location of the two civilian males.

As the suspect moved towards the civilian males near the barn, the suspect was shot at by other officers. As I saw the suspect fall to the ground, I re-located myself further down the fence line. I began to give the suspect verbal directives to "show us your hands". At this time other officers were in a better position to deal with the suspect so I came off of the fence. Two other Troopers arrived and we pushed down a section of the fence to gain access to the backyard where the suspect had fallen.

We entered the back yard and observed several officers searching and handcuffing the suspect, who was lying in a prone position. With the suspect under the control and scrutiny of several officers, I focused my attention on the two civilian males that were at the rear of the barn. I then asked if they were injured at all and one of the males responded that "no, but I got the shit scared out of me!" Both indicated that they were not injured and that they were not the property owners, they were hired workers. Trooper Henderson called for a medic for the injured suspect.

By affixing my signature to this statement, I acknowledge that I have read it and / or have had it read to me and it is true to the best of my knowledge & belief.

Victim/Witness Name: Trooper DE CARLI #1090	Victim/Witness Signature: <i>[Signature]</i> #1090	Date: 03/25/19
Parent/Guardian Name:	Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:

Personally appeared the signer of the foregoing statement and made oath before me to the truth of the matters contained therein. If notarized, endorse here:

Oath Taken By: Det. Peter Fara *[Signature]* #1117 03/25/2019  
 Name Signature Date Signed

Witness Name: Det. Peter Fara #1117	Witness Signature: <i>[Signature]</i> #1117	Date: 03-25-19
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