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On April 2nd around 1955 hours, I was notified of the activation of the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team which I am part of. It was reported that a suspect armed with a gun had barricaded himself in a residence located at 181 Oak St. in Manchester. The CREST Team was to report 160 Spruce St. Upon arrival to 160 Spruce St. I reported to Lt. Buonanducci.

It was reported the suspect was identified as Jose Soto. Jose had threatened to shoot two parole officers who were attempting to locate him. Jose also threatened to shoot himself. Jose was last reported to be locked in the basement of the home; no one else was reported to be in the home with Jose. It was believed Jose had a firearm based on his threatened actions, and his family members reports, but no further details could be provided as to the type, make or caliber. Manchester police officers were currently maintaining a perimeter on the residence and Jose was still believed to be in the basement. A negotiator was currently in contact with Jose as well.

I was assigned to go with Sgt. Monge to be part of an immediate action team in the event Jose decided to surrender or engage the patrol officers that were currently holding the perimeter of the home with gun fire. I was with the following members of CREST for this assignment: Sgt. Monge, Sgt. Krom, Ofc. J. Johnson, Ofc. M. Williams, Ofc. Bycholski, and Ofc. Levesque of the Manchester Police Department, Ofc. Murphy, Ofc. DiLoreto from the Wethersfield Police Department, Ofc. Alexander from the Enfield Police Department, Medic S. Conley and Medic Bak from the Ambulance Service of Manchester. We all loaded into the Bearcat armored vehicle to respond to the location. My assignment within this team was to provide coverage from the Bearcat's turret to protect the team.

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Medic S. Conely drove the Bearcat to the suspect's residence and parked on the front lawn, angled off the southwest corner of the home. The final parked position of the Bearcat was around ten yards from the front door to the home. The front door to the home was underneath a covered porch. The front door was facing to the left (west) side of the home, not towards the street, and was set back from the corner of the home. The porch had a half wall that ran two sides, one on the front side and one along the west side of the home, and the stairs came down in the front (south side) of the home attached to the corner where the front door is.

I used the port in the turret to maintain visual of the front door. From the port I could see the entire porch, stairs leading to the sidewalk and the front door. The front door was open but the screen door was closed. The screen door was white and metallic. The bottom half of the door was solid, the upper half of the door was screened material in the middle with white metal frame on the outside of the screen. The front door was only a few steps from the stairs. If someone was to exit the front door, they would step down one step to be on the porch, then turn left and the steps leading to the porch are right there. The lights from the top of the Bearcat were used to illuminate 181 Oak St. I did not see any movement from within the home when we arrived on scene. It was raining at the time of this incident as well.

I saw Ofc. M. Williams and Ofc. Murphy were on the passenger side of the Bearcat, and that they had opened the front passenger side door for better protection. The rest of the team was located towards the rear of the Bearcat and I did not know their exact locations. I saw two other Manchester Police Officers located on the front steps to the home just east of 181 Oak St. I radioed to Lt. Buonanducci that the next set of CREST Snipers locate themselves towards this area to assist with the Manchester Police Officers located there.

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Ofc. R. Johnson was one of the Manchester Police Officers we relieved from their perimeter position. Ofc. R. Johnson advised me the basement door was to the left side of the front door and if it opened up I should be able to see it. I maintained visual of this area and advised Sgt. Monge this is where I would be covering. It was aired over the radio that Jose was still on the phone with negotiators.

While maintaining visual of the front door, a photograph of Jose was sent out to all CREST team members. I viewed this photo and then shared it with the other members of the immediate action team. Other CREST team members, not assigned to the immediate action team, were arriving on scene and relieving other Manchester Police officers from their perimeter positions around 181 Oak St. They were also making contact with other residences in the area to ensure they were sheltered in place. This was radioed in so we all were aware of their actions to protect people in the residences around 181 Oak St. I also heard Ofc. M. Williams yelling for bystanders to get back in their homes and not congregate in the street so they wouldn't be harmed.

It was reported Jose was going to come out and shoot at any police on scene. After a little while of silence we were advised the negotiators were able to reestablish communication with Jose. We were also advised he claimed to be in possession of a firearm and wanted to commit suicide by police.

Not too long after the above radio transmissions it was radioed that Jose was willing to come out and surrender to us. Over the radio we were notified that Jose was provided instructions to come outside slowly and with his hands in the air. After a brief period of time I saw Jose walk slowly across the doorway from the left to right as I looked at it. Jose then tucked in behind the right side of the door frame as if

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to hide himself. This was very unusual compared to other surrenders I have been part of in the past. Suspects usually follow the instructions given and open the door slowly and immediately raise their hands. Even though Jose was directed by negotiators to raise his hands, Jose kept them out of sight. I immediately yelled to the rest of the immediate action team that Jose was at the front door and requested someone to begin giving verbal commands to him. I could just make out Jose from his partially hidden pose against the door frame. Jose had his body perpendicular to the door frame to make his outline smaller. Jose then peaked out from this position, looked at us quickly and returned to his hidden position against the door frame. He did this one more time. While this was happening I could hear verbal commands being given from a police officer on scene for Jose to keep his hands up. With a very quick motion I saw Jose turn his full body towards the door and burst through it. Jose immediately raised his arms to chest level with his hands clasped together pointed straight out towards the Bearcat as he moved through the door. It appeared he had a black firearm in his hands and was pointing it towards my teammates standing on the passenger side of the Bearcat. I looked through the scope on my rifle and fired one shot at Jose. I feared that if I did not shoot Jose he would have shot and killed one of my teammates or the innocent bystanders Ofc. M.Williams was yelling at earlier. I heard other gun fire at the same time I shot but could not distinguish where the other shots came from. At this point I saw that Jose fell face up onto the stairs. His feet were at the bottom of the stairs and his upper body was partially obscured by the enclosed portion of the front porch. Jose was lying on his back and still breathing. I put down my rifle and got on top of the Bearcat and drew my issued pistol. I attempted to gain a better visual of Jose but could not see any better from the elevated position. Jose was not reacting to any verbal commands at this point but was still breathing.

Ofc. R.Johnson gave Jose further verbal commands about the use of his K9 partner. Jose was still breathing, I could tell this as his shirt

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was raised and his exposed stomach was still moving up and down. Jose did not respond and Ofc. R. Johnson released his K9. While the K9 took a hold of Jose's left leg the team moved in to pull Jose from the stairs. I remained on top of the Bearcat to provide cover. Jose was pulled from the stairs and on to the sidewalk. Jose was then taken to the rear of the Bearcat where Medics Conely and Bak began to provide treatment. The rest of the immediate action team entered the residence to ensure there were no other victims or suspects inside.

I briefly covered my rifle while it was on top of the Bearcat with a poncho due to the rain. I got off the top of the Bearcat and saw CPR was being done to Jose. An ambulance was called for and Jose was transported to the hospital. I had retrieved my rifle and closed the turret to the Bearcat to help keep the rain out.

Myself, Sgt. Krom, Ofc. Alexander and Ofc. Murphy were identified as the officers who shot at Jose when he quickly exited the front door with his arms raised and pointing what looked like a black firearm in our direction. We were told to gather our gear and would be headed to the Manchester Fire and Rescue station on Center St. I grabbed my rifle and cleared it safe. This was done by removing the magazine and then ejecting the live round out of the chamber. This ejected round was put back into the magazine. I then got into the CREST van and was transported to the MFRE station. After a short time there we were requested to head to the Manchester Police Department. Once at the police department, we remained in the second floor training room until we were spoken to by the Connecticut State Police. My rifle and uniform (to include pants, boots, shirt, gun belt, helmet and night vision goggles) were turned over to the CSP Detectives. Once this was completed I was relieved for the night.

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