

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE

Case Number: 20-00146635
Date: 8/23/20
Time Started: 1207
Time Ended: 1210

WITNESS STATEMENT OF Conley, Stephen

I, Stephen Conley date of birth, 8/23/78
of Ambulance Service of Manchester, PO Box 300 town/city of Manchester

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-157.

On April 2, 2020 at approximately 2000hrs, I was activated to stage at Nathan Hale School on Spruce Street in Manchester, Connecticut. This was the staging area for the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T.) for a barricaded suspect with a gun at 181 Oak Street in Manchester, Connecticut. I am a Tactical Medic on C.R.E.S.T., employed by The Ambulance Service of Manchester (ASM). I have been employed by ASM for over 22 years, have been a Paramedic for 18 years, and a Tactical Medic with C.R.E.S.T. for 6 years.

Upon arriving at Nathan Hale School for staging, I donned all of my protective tactical gear and prepared our tactical medical gear. When the Team's Bearcat arrived to the staging area, I was instructed by one of the Team Leaders to drive the Bearcat. At that time I entered the driver's seat, placed my medical bag between the two front seats and awaited further instructions. Team member Bycholski sat in the passenger seat of the Bearcat, and the rest of the emergency action team was in the back of the Bearcat. While preparing the Bearcat and our equipment, I was informed by Team leadership that the suspect was barricaded in the basement of his mother's house with a gun, and was wanted for parole violation of an armed robbery. When given the instruction to move into place, I drove the Bearcat to 181 Oak Street. Upon arrival to the house, a Manchester Police Department (MPD) vehicle was in the front lawn of 181 Oak Street, directly in front of the main entry door to the house, with officers behind the vehicle. When we arrived, that MPD vehicle was moved by a MPD officer, and I then drove the Bearcat on to the front lawn of 181 Oak Street, at the orders of C.R.E.S.T. Team leadership. The front end (hood and front bumper) of the Bearcat was less than 10 feet from the front steps of the house. From my vantage point in the driver's seat, I could clearly see the front entry door of the house. The front screen door (bottom half metal, top half screen) was closed, but the main entry door was open and there was a clear view into a small area of the house. I immediately turned on all four Bearcat spotlights and placed them on the house. One was on the

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Personally appeared the signer of the foregoing statement and made oath before me to the truth of the matters contained therein.

I notarized, endorse here: [Signature] #11131

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front door, one on the two side first floor windows, one on the one side second floor windows, and the last one on the one side first floor windows.

From that point we sat in front of the house receiving orders and updates from C.R.E.S.T. command. I never left or moved from my spot in the driver's seat, and was constantly scanning the windows and front door for movement. We were informed at one point that the suspect was going to be "coming out of the house and drawing," and that contact was broken with the C.R.E.S.T. negotiators. I immediately began watching the front door, but no movement was noticed. We were then informed that negotiators had regained contact with the suspect and he was talking about suicide by cop. We were again notified that the suspect was going to be coming out of the front door, and that he kept saying he was sorry. I then again focused on the front door. I saw the suspect approaching the front door and he then stepped to the right side (handle side) of the door where I could no longer see him. For a very brief second the suspect looked out the screen at us and then ducked back to the right side of the door. Almost immediately after he ducked back, the screen door burst open, almost like it was kicked open. At the same time the door burst open, the suspect exited the house very aggressively and quickly. He was running towards us, down the front porch towards the front steps, very violently with his arms stretched out in front of him in a shooting type stance. He was holding what I believed to be a weapon of some sort in his hands. During that time I truly felt as though the suspect was a threat to the entire Team safety, and I was convinced the suspect was shooting at us. By the time the suspect reached the front steps of the porch, there were numerous shots fired, and the suspect fell backwards on to the front porch. His feet and legs were on the front steps, and his torso was on the front porch right where it meets with the steps, his backside on the porch, his chest and face facing up.

At that point I immediately asked if everyone was okay, to which they said yes. I then contacted ASM dispatch center via telephone and advised them to start Manchester Fire Rescue EMS to the staging area on Spruce Street, and to send them on a hot response (using lights and sirens). I also told ASM dispatch to give the staged ASM ambulance a heads up that we will likely need them to the scene. Team members, after securing the suspect, carried him to behind the Bearcat. This is where myself and the other Team Medics on scene began our assessments and treatment of the suspect. For further patient care information please see ASM patient care reports. Once the scene was secure, I notified C.R.E.S.T. command via radio, to have both the staged ASM ambulance and fire department crews respond to the scene. When they arrived on scene, we turned patient care over to those units.

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I then stayed on scene until I was driven to the fire department headquarters on Center Street in Manchester. I stayed there a very short time, and was then brought to MPD headquarters in Manchester and awaited further instructions.

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