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Ofc. Murphy

Sgt. Gonzalez

C.R.E.S.T. Callout

181 Oak Street, Manchester, CT

I, Ofc. Shane Murphy, have been a Wethersfield Police Officer for more than 8 years. I have been on the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team for more than 5 years.

On Thursday, April 2nd, 2020 I was working evening shift patrol. At approximately, 1955 hours I received a text message for a Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (C.R.E.S.T.) call out at 181 Oak Street, Manchester, CT for a barricaded suspect with a gun. I responded from Wethersfield to the staging area at Nathan Hale School, 160 Spruce Street, Manchester, CT.

After arriving at the staging area I changed out of my patrol uniform and equipment into my C.R.E.S.T. uniform and equipment. I got onto the Bearcat with several other officers and we left the staging area to go to 181 Oak Street. While en-route to 181 Oak Street, I was informed by C.R.E.S.T. team leaders in the Bearcat that the suspect in the house was wanted by CT DOC Parole and had an active Robbery in the First Degree warrant from Manchester PD. I was told that Parole and Manchester PD went to 181 Oak Street in an attempt to serve the Parole and Robbery warrants. My team leaders told me once Parole and Manchester PD went to the house and spoke to the

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suspect's mother, she told them that her son was in the house. Parole and Manchester police heard the suspect yelling from inside the house that he had a gun and would start shooting if anyone came inside. I was told that the mother and other family members had been removed from the house and only the suspect remained inside. I was also told that the C.R.E.S.T. Negotiators were on the phone with the suspect.

Once we arrived at 181 Oak Street, I exited the rear of the Bearcat. The Bearcat was positioned near the house at an angle, facing the front porch. I looked at the house from both sides of the Bearcat and believed that the passenger side of the Bearcat provided me with the best combination of protection and sightline to the front door. The front porch had approximately 3 stairs with an enclosed railing about 2 feet high. The front door of the house exited onto the porch, facing the driveway; however, the stairs to the porch faced the street. The front door of the house was open but there was a storm door that was closed. The storm door was approximately a 50/50 split, with glass on the top allowing visibility and a solid material on the bottom, which you could not see through. I positioned myself by the front passenger side door of the Bearcat. After approximately 15-20 minutes after we positioned ourselves, Command radioed to us that the suspect told the C.R.E.S.T. Negotiators that he was coming out and was going to commit suicide by cop.

After a few minutes Command radioed us again, stating that the suspect was back on the phone with C.R.E.S.T. Negotiators. I returned to the back of the Bearcat and checked the C.R.E.S.T. Slack account as further details were being added to the thread. I saw at approximately 2053 hours a photo of the suspect was uploaded, identifying him as Jose Soto DOB 11/23/1992, as well as pictures of the house. There was also a brief recap of the last few minutes, which stated: "Suspect claimed to be coming out and drawing. Broke contact

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with negotiators." "Negotiators regained contact with the suspect." "Suspect talking about suicide by cop but is not highly agitated."

Once I obtained that information I returned to my position by the front passenger door of the Bearcat. Approximately 20 minutes later Command again radioed that the suspect was going to come out the front door and told C.R.E.S.T. Negotiators that he was sorry. At no point in time did the C.R.E.S.T. Negotiators tell us that the suspect was going to surrender.

The front passenger door of the Bearcat was open in its furthest opening position. C.R.E.S.T. Operator Ofc. Mike Williams of Manchester PD had his left shoulder against the outermost portion of the door, facing the porch. I was positioned slightly back from Ofc. Mike Williams but with my left shoulder touching his right shoulder. I was also facing the porch. The porch was approximately 10 yards away.

I heard one of the C.R.E.S.T. operators call out that they saw movement at the door. The door was lit by a spot light, which allowed me to see slightly into the doorway through the glass. I saw a male quickly look out from behind the glass portion of the storm door; his head quickly moved from his right to left, I believed that he was scanning to see our positions. Several C.R.E.S.T. operators yelled out the suspect's first name, "Jose". The storm door flew open, in a right to left path, away from my position.

Ofc. Mike Williams yelled, "Jose, keep your hands up" at the same time the suspect came running out of the house onto the porch. The suspect brought both of his hands from his waistband, his right hand from his right side and his left hand from his left side and drew them together in front of his chest. He was slightly crouched and punched his arms out, extending his arms in front of his chest in a firing

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position. As the suspect did this I saw what I believed to be a silver muzzle of a handgun in his hands. I feared for my own life, as well as the life of my teammates and fired my patrol rifle at the suspect. I believe I may have fired twice. At the same time I fired, I believed that the suspect also fired at me.

I saw the suspect fall down on the porch, his legs were extended down the stairs, which I had a clear view of. I could see his legs and his lower abdomen as he was lying on his back. I could not see anything above his abdomen, including his arms and hands. Numerous commands were made for the suspect to show us his hands. There was no response but I could see the suspect's lower abdomen moving up and down in a manner consistent with breathing.

I was fearful that the suspect was still a threat to us. A decision was made to utilize a Police K9 to secure the suspect before we approached. Manchester PD Ofc. Rob Johnson arrived at our position with his K9. Ofc. Rob Johnson made several announcements to the suspect to show his hands or to respond verbally to him. After not getting a response and believing the suspect was armed, Ofc. Rob Johnson's K9 pulled the suspect a little further down the stairs. Seeing no reaction we approached the suspect. I covered the now wide open doorway of the house while Ofc. Rob Johnson removed his K9 from the suspect. I was told to fall back to the Bearcat. I returned to the rear of the Bearcat and saw that the suspect was being treated by several of the C.R.E.S.T. Medics.

After several minutes I learned that three other C.R.E.S.T. Operators had also fired at the suspect. The four of us were told to sit in the Bearcat and each of us were accompanied by another C.R.E.S.T. Operator. We then moved to the Wethersfield PD C.R.E.S.T. van and

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were driven to Manchester Fire House #2. After a short time we were then driven to Manchester PD. We all gathered in a large room upstairs and removed our gear/equipment. A few hours later two members of the CT State Police arrived and met with each of us individually. They asked us to put our gear and equipment back on exactly as it was. When it was my turn the State Police took pictures of me and collected all of my gear and equipment except my T-shirt, underwear and socks. After finishing with the State Police we were released and I went home.

Supplement.
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