



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



Statement

Date: 2/7/2020	Time Started: <i>1000</i>	Time Ended: <i>1007</i>	CFS #: 2000031110
Location: 628 Hebron Avenue, Suite 212 Glastonbury, CT			Statement taken by: Detective Lindsey Valcourt #962

I, Officer Ronald Tompkins Date of Birth: 5/14/1965
of 255 East Main Street Town/City: Waterbury State: CT

I make the following statement, without fear, threat or promise, knowing that it may be used against me in court. I have been advised of my right to remain silent, that I have a right to consult with an attorney prior to any questioning and to have the attorney present during the questioning; that, if I do talk to the police, I can terminate the questioning at any time; and that if I cannot afford an attorney, one will be appointed for me by the court. I understand the above rights and, at this time, waive them. I have also 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.

RT I have been employed by the Waterbury Police Department for 30 years. On 1/20/2020 I was assigned to patrol unit Charlie 3. At approximately 12:17 pm Officer Stanton and I were dispatched to 81 Craigie Avenue on a wellbeing check. Dispatch advised us there was a request to check on a party due to a neighbor finding a bullet hole in an adjoining wall of a duplex residence.

Upon arrival I spoke to the caller, resident of 83 Craigie Avenue, who showed me a wall inside their residence that had damage from what did appear to be a bullet hole. They stated they believed it came from the home at 81 Craigie, which was the other side of the same duplex dwelling, but he did not hear any gunshots. I asked if his neighbor was home and he stated he believed he was. Upon approaching the door at 81 Craigie Avenue I noticed the interior door was open and the glass screen door was closed. I advised dispatch the door was open. I looked inside and as I knocked on the door, I was motioned inside by a male sitting in a recliner to my right side. He said "Come in" and waved for me to come inside with his right hand.

I entered the home and I identified myself as Officer Tompkins and asked him how he was doing today. He replied "Shitty, the Marshal's served me with eviction papers earlier. Is that who called you?" I told him there was some concern about a hole in a wall that looked that it came from a bullet as I pointed to the hole in the wall. He said it was a bullet hole and explained that he was moving some boxes yesterday and the gun went off. This explanation did not seem possible.

I asked him where the gun was now. He pointed behind me to my left side and said it was over there. I then asked him how did the gun go off if it was in a box. He said a second time it's right over there as he pointed in the same direction again. He said it was no longer loaded and for me to go and get it apparently trying to get me to turn around. He then took both hands from his lap and raised them chest level with palms out and said, I have nothing on me I'm sitting in a chair. I told him I would get the gun in a minute but needed him to explain to me how it went off.

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He then abruptly stated "You're dead" as he quickly took his right hand to the area of his right hip, still sitting in the chair. Believing he was going to shoot me I immediately charged at the man and saw his right hand coming up holding a pistol. I reached for the pistol with my left hand and grabbed the slide hoping to prevent it from discharging. I squeezed as hard as I could and pushed it back down to the outer part of his right leg so if it discharged it wouldn't hit either of us. I told him to drop the gun while trying to free the gun from his grasp. I continued to try to break his grip while continuing to tell him to drop the gun.

He took his left hand and struck me on the right side of my face. He then took his left hand and reached across his body between the two of us and had both hands on his weapon. I took my right elbow and tried to strike him in the chest to stun him hoping to free his gun from his grasp. The man stated "I killed you." The man now had both hands on his weapon and tried to pull it up and into my body. I then removed my service weapon and had a conscious thought to index my finger and punch him in the middle of his chest with the barrel of my gun, still not wanting to use deadly force. I told him to stop and I said don't make me shoot you, I will help you with your eviction.

The man replied "You're already dead." He continued to pull the gun into my body. Unable to disarm him and afraid that he would kill me I discharged my firearm, I believe striking him once in the left side of his chest. As soon as I fired my weapon he pulled even harder on his gun towards my body and I discharged my firearm a second time striking him in the chest. I then came back away from his body and heard a woman shouting "He tried to kill you officer." I radioed dispatch shots fired, shots fired. I told her to stay where she was and to sit down. I did not know that the woman was there until I heard her shout.

Officer Stanton then came through the front door asking if I was okay and I said yes and Officer Stanton asked what happened. I said the man pulled a gun out on me, I had to shoot. Officer Stanton then said is that his gun, put it down. I then looked at my left hand and saw that I was holding his firearm. I turned around and took the clip out of the weapon and put it down away from the man. I radioed dispatch shots fired, suspect down, start an ambulance and a supervisor. I told Officer Stanton to hurry up and get his medical kit so we could render first aid. Ofc. Stanton began giving first aid as additional officers arrived on scene and officers escorted me out of the house. I was transported to Waterbury Hospital by Sgt D'Agostino per protocol and upon release went to the union office where I cooperated with State Police investigators.

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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.

Name of Person making Statement: Officer Ronald Tompkins	Signature of Person making Statement: <i>Ronald Tompkins</i>	Date: 2-7-20
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: _____
Name Signature Date Signed

Witness Name: Detective Kevin Duggan #1115	Witness Signature: <i>Det. Kevin Duggan #1115</i>	Date: 5/7/2020 - <i>2/7/20</i>
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