



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



Victim/Witness Statement of: Jonathan Lisee

Date: 03-25-19	Time Started: 1450	Time Ended: 1520	CFS #: 1900085803
Location: Willimantic Police Department		Statement taken by: Det. Duggan #1115	

I, Jonathan Lisee Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

of 22 Meadow Street Town/City: Willimantic 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.

[Signature] I have been employed by the Willimantic Police Department since April of 2011. I currently hold the rank of Patrolman First Class and am assigned to the Patrol Division. I am a member of the Willimantic Police SWAT Team and have received advanced firearms and law enforcement related tactical training. I am also one of the Department's Field Training Officers and Firearms/Range instructors.

On February 20, 2019 I was working my regularly scheduled 0700 hours to 1500 hours shift. I was wearing my standard issued patrol uniform with the blue Willimantic Police patch on both sleeves. In addition, my silver badge was embroidered on my outer ballistic vest carrier on the left side. My pants were department issued and included a French blue stripe on both legs. My department issued name tag was embroidered on my outer ballistic vest carrier on the right side as were my department issued SOG pin and FTO pin. I had on my duty belt, including my weapon, handcuffs, a baton, magazines and a taser. The firearm I was carrying on my duty belt was a Glock model 17 with seventeen 9mm rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. I was also carrying two additional magazines, each holding seventeen 9 mm rounds.

At some time between 1030 hours and 1100 hours I was at Willimantic Police Headquarters in the report writing room. Dispatch called me over the police radio and dispatched me to a report of a slip and fall with a reported head injury on the bike path somewhere between Milk Street and Ash Street. I advised dispatch that I would be responding and headed to the area in my department issued and clearly marked Ford Explorer patrol vehicle labeled "Car 15". The vehicle is equipped with emergency police lights located on the vehicle's roof, front grill, side view mirrors and rear window. The vehicle is also equipped with a police siren which, like the emergency lights, was not activated as I responded.

I advised Dispatch that I arrived on scene at the bike path and saw that other police units had arrived before me. Shortly thereafter, Dispatch put out a broadcast advising officers that they had received a transmission over the hotline advising that the State Police and the Norwich Police were in pursuit of a vehicle on Route 32 heading towards Willimantic and that gunshots had been fired. They further advised that the vehicle was a white colored Ford SUV and that it was traveling at a speed reported to be 130 m.p.h.

As soon as I heard the radio transmission, I advised dispatch that I was clearing the call and would be heading to the area of the IGA Food Store located on Route 32. I activated my police vehicle's overhead lights and electronic siren as I headed to the area. I traveled from the bicycle path onto Milk Street and then [Signature]



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turned West onto Union Street. From there I turned South onto Jackson Street and traveled over the Thread City Crossing Bridge (Frog Bridge). I then turned left onto Route 32 and traveled approximately two miles to the parking lot of the IGA.

Upon arrival, I parked my patrol vehicle in the parking lot facing out towards Route 32. As I parked my vehicle I saw Trooper Greg DeCarli arrive and park his cruiser on Route 32 across from my vehicle. I exited my vehicle and asked Trooper DeCarli if he had stop sticks in his vehicle. Trooper DeCarli indicated that he did and went into his patrol vehicle's trunk to retrieve them. As Trooper DeCarli was setting up the stop sticks I attempted to remove the department issued patrol rifle from my vehicle's center console. The driver's side arm rest interfered with my ability to remove the patrol rifle from the vehicle and as I was manipulating the rifle I looked up and saw a white colored Ford SUV traveling at a high rate of speed on Route 32 towards me. I also saw a dark colored Dodge Charger with lights and sirens activated traveling a short distance behind the Ford SUV. I believed the Charger to be an unmarked State Police vehicle.

As the Ford SUV was traveling past me, I saw Trooper DeCarli deploy the stop sticks and almost immediately thereafter heard the sound of popping tires as the Ford SUV traveled over the stop sticks. I saw that the Ford SUV began to move from side to side on the travel portion of the road for a short distance before I lost sight of the vehicle due to residential buildings obstructing my view of the road. After I lost sight of the Ford SUV I could hear the sound of tires skidding and shortly thereafter the sound of a loud crash. I recognized this to be the sound of a motor vehicle crashing. I heard Trooper DeCarli yell to me that the Ford SUV had crashed so I drew my service weapon from my holster and ran approximately 50 yards towards the crash site which was in a wooded area at the intersection of Route 32 and the access road leading to Old Plains Road. When I got to the crash site I saw that the front end of the Ford SUV had struck a tree and sustained heavy front end damage. I could not see any occupants in the vehicle's passenger compartment.

At this time, the State Trooper who was operating the Charger, who I later learned was named Robert Maurice, and I were standing to the rear of the right passenger side of the Ford SUV and had our side arms pointed at it waiting for additional officers to arrive. Trooper Maurice's patrol vehicle's siren was still activated and I recall him asking Trooper DeCarli to turn it off. At this time I saw that Willimantic Officer Keith Edele had arrived on scene and took a position to the left rear driver's side of the vehicle and was pointing his patrol rifle at the vehicle.

Approximately 10 seconds elapsed when I saw the right rear passenger door of the Ford SUV suddenly open and saw a black male who had a red blood-like substance covering his face begin to exit the vehicle. As he exited the vehicle I could clearly see that he was holding a semi-automatic pistol in his right hand. Trooper Maurice and I both began shouting commands at the male to "DROP THE GUN! POLICE. DROP THE GUN!" We shouted these commands multiple times but the male did not comply. I then saw the male turn away from my direction and began to flee. As the male turned away from me, he simultaneously raised his right arm and pointed his weapon at me. I do not recall if the male fired at me but I feared that other officers and I were in imminent risk of serious bodily injury or death. I fired my service



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weapon at the male multiple times while continuing to shout for him to drop his gun. At the time I did not know how many rounds I fired or if any of my rounds struck the male. As I fired, I could hear that Trooper Maurice was firing his service weapon but I do not recall how many rounds he fired or if any of his rounds made contact with the male. I also recall hearing the sound of at least one round being fired from Officer Edele's patrol rifle but do not know if the round made contact with the male.

As we fired, the male ran away from our location while keeping his pistol pointed in our direction. I saw him run towards a residence at the bottom of the access road. Trooper Maurice and I began to pursue the male on foot while continuing to shout commands to drop the gun. Officer Edele maintained a position covering the Ford SUV because we were unsure if there were any other occupants in it.

As the male approached the residence, he ran around the left side of the house towards the rear of the residence. As Trooper Maurice and I ran around the left side of the house I saw the male use his elbow to break the screen door to the residence and attempt to gain entry. At this time the male had his back turned to us and was no longer pointing his pistol in our direction. We shouted commands at the male to "GET ON THE GROUND!" multiple times. The male refused to comply and began to run off the porch and towards the rear of the residence. I took a position of cover between two cars parked in the driveway of the residence and did a tactical reload of my service weapon. I kept the magazine I ejected from my service weapon with me. Trooper Maurice and I then continued to pursue the male and when I got to the rear of the residence I saw the male running a short distance and then saw him suddenly fall to the ground.

The male was lying face down with his arms tucked under him. Trooper Maurice and I were yelling commands at the male for him to show us his hands but he did not comply. We had our service weapons trained on the male as other officers arrived to assist. I recall Sgt. Javier Mercado, Det. Eric Dean and Det. Michael Suplicki arrive in the rear yard to assist. I also recall other Willimantic officers and State Troopers arriving but I do not recall who they were. Officers continued to yell commands at the male to show us his hands but the male did not comply. Det. Dean approached the male and secured the male's left arm and Det. Suplicki secured the male's right arm. Once secured in handcuffs, the male was rolled over and officers began to administer medical aid.

As the male was being rolled over Willimantic Police Lieutenant Paul Hussey approached me and asked me if I fired my weapon and I told him that I did. He told me to secure my weapon in my holster, return to Route 32 and not to speak with anyone about the incident. As I was walking back to Route 32 I saw Trooper Maurice and asked if he was ok and he told me he was. Once on Route 32 I looked back towards the residence and could see officers doing chest compressions on the male.

Sgt. Mercado then contacted me over the police radio and advised me to meet Lt. Hussey. I met Lt. Hussey and he transported me and Officer Edele to Windham Hospital for evaluation. After being released from the hospital I returned to police headquarters and thereafter turned my duty weapon, magazines, duty belt, uniform pants, shirt and outer ballistic carrier over to the State Police.



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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.

Victim/Witness Name: <u>JONATHAN LISEE</u>	Victim/Witness Signature: 	Date: <u>3/25/2019</u>
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: <u>Det. Kevin Ruggieri #1115</u>	Witness Signature: 	Date: <u>03-25-19</u>
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