

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF STATE POLICE

Case Number: 20-00146635
Date: 5/7/20
Time Started: 1207
Time Ended: 1210

WITNESS STATEMENT OF Rasmussen, Jeffrey

I, Jeffrey Rasmussen date of birth, 4/24/77
of Ambulance Svc. 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 2nd, 2020, I was activated at 19:58 with the Capitol Region Emergency Services Team to respond to 181 Oak St in Manchester CT for a barricaded suspect. I have been assigned as a Tactical Medic for C.R.E.S.T. since November of 2018. I have been employed in good standing at the Ambulance Service of Manchester since August of 2010 and have been a CT licensed paramedic with that company for 5 ½ years. The staging point for this incident was Nathan Hale School on Spruce St.

I, along with four other C.R.E.S.T. operators, were the second group of team members to proceed to the scene in the Wethersfield team van. Their objective was to relieve the patrol officers on the perimeter. Our vehicle was positioned on the south side of 153 Oak St approximately 70-80 yards from the target house. I remained in the vehicle while the four operators I was tasked with moved up to the target house. From my vantage point I had a clear view of the east side of the house where the front door was located. The Manchester bearcat was parked just in front of the house off to the right from my vantage point but did not obstruct my view. The information that was passed along to team members was that negotiators were talking with the suspect and they were trying to convince him to leave the house. The suspect had initially told negotiator that he was going to come out of his house drawing before breaking off communications with negotiators. After several minutes, communications were reestablished with the suspect and negotiations resumed. The suspect again stated he would be coming out of the house and asked police to relay that he was sorry. I watched as the suspect exited the house through the front door in an aggressive manner. I could not see what the suspect had in his hands but when he came down the front steps of his porch he brought both hands together and raised his arms in front of him as if he were about open fire on the Bearcat and the operators assigned to it. I heard several guns shots and watched the suspect fall down onto the ground. From that point on I no longer had a view on the suspect.

By affixing my signature to this statement, I acknowledge that I have read it or have had it read to me and it is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witness: [Signature] Signature: Jeffrey Rasmussen
Witness: _____

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] #1431

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After several minutes I received a radio transmission from Sgt. Gonzalez to move the Wethersfield van up to the scene. While the operators were securing the scene the suspect was moved by C.R.E.S.T. operators to the rear of the bearcat and the medics exited our vehicles to begin rendering aid. Myself, and the two other C.R.E.S.T. medics on scene Stephen Conley and Jason Bak began our assessment and treatment. For further information regarding medical care given please refer to ASM patient care report.

Manchester Fire Department and ASM were called up from their staging area to take over patient care. The suspect was placed on a longboard and placed on ASM 518 stretcher and loaded into the back of their ambulance. For further information regarding patient care during transport see MFRE and ASMs respective patient care reports.

After the suspect was transported away from the scene, I remained behind awaiting transport to Manchester Fire Department station 2 on Center St to meet up with the rest of the team. I was then taken along with the two other C.R.E.S.T. medics to Manchester Police Department for further debriefing.

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Witness: *[Signature]*

Signature: *Jeffrey Rasmussen*

Witness: _____

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