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point she was litted onto the stage and guided to the area behind the stage. Once behind the stage she said her and 4 other triends hid among the "props" in the back stage area. She told me while they were finding a place to hide 2 other people came back stage and hid with them. Cusack said they were hiding back stage for at least an hour when officers came in and escorted them to the "tent". Cusack told me she did not see anyone shooting and only heard the shots.

The interview ended at approximately 15,63, at which point I escorted Ms. Ousack back to the open auditorium area, so she could wait for a friend.

WITNESS INTERVIEW-SARAH POWELL:

At approximately 16:05 hours I was asked by Sgt Rodgers to interview 12 year old Sarah Powell. I escorted Ms. Powell to a table where I identified myself and showed her my credentials.

Ms. Powell told me she was with a small group in an upstairs library when she heard what she thought were gunstols, followed immediately by people screaming. Powell told me her father, David Powell, who was in the room with the group left the room to look. She said when he returned he closed and looked the door, turned off the lights and escented the group in the room to a corner where they sat together. She thought there were approximately 4 people in the room with her. Powell said they walted about 45 minutes after the shooting stepped and her father again left the room. She said her father returned a short time later and stated he was told to go back in the room by police. A short time later Powell said officers escorted another temale into their room and told them to stay there. Approximately 10 minutes later officers returned and escorted them from the church to the "tent". Once in the tent she said they were instructed to give statements to officers before leaving.

The interview ended at approximately 16:10 hours, I escorted Powell back to the open seating in the auditorium and instructed her to wait for her father to return.

WITNESS INTERVIEW-BRIAN KRAMER:

At approximately 16:17 hours Sqf Rodgers introduced me to Brian Kramer and instructed me to interview him. I escorted Mr. Kramer and his two youngest children to a table. Once at the table I introduced myself and showed Mr. Kramer my credentials.

Mr. Kramer fold me he was with his wife and 3-children (ages 8, 5 and 3 years) in the second set of stairs west of the east entrance doors. He said he heard the first shot and thought something fell or a balloon popped. After a short delay he heard multiple bangs at which point he realized if was gun fire. Kramer said as soon as he realized it was gunfire he escorted his family upstairs to room 260. Kramer told me room 260 has two small offices inside it. He locked the exterior door and the interior office door where he and his family hid. Mr. Kramer said he stayed in the room with his family until they were escorted out to the tent by SWAT officers at approximately 15:30 hours. He told me they were locked in the room for 2 and a half hours.

I completed my interview with Kramer at 16:24 hours at which time I escorted him and his children back to the open seating in the auditorium. Kramer told me he would wait there until his wife completed her interview.

DETECTIVE STATEMENT (CONTINUED):

After completing my interview with Mr. Kramer I returned to Sgt. Rodgers, who had been assigning detectives witnesses to interview. Sgt. Rodgers told me there were no witnesses to interview at this time, but requested I stand-by for further instructions.

At approximately 19:30 hours I was released from the scene by RAC Velinor.

Nothing further at this time.

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NEW LIFE CHURCH

On 12-09-07, at approximately 0825 hours, 1, Officer J. Wyatt, 32; reported to the New Life Ohurch for Extra Duty, which I had signed up for the previous month. I was the inside officer. My usual duties involve making sure that people are safe, and in the event of emergency to assist in anyway possible. The usual Extra Duty assignments also involve two outside officers, who are in marked police cars and direct traffic out onto New Life Drive. I parked my personal vehicle, a Chevrolet Avalanche, in the north parking lot, approximately 100 to 150 yards from the main entrance of the church.

Larrived on scene and received a security radio from the information desk, and I also spoke briefly with <u>BUCK SNODGRASS</u>, who was on security detail for the church. His primary purpose, along with the other security people, is the security of the pastor, as this is a large church.

I have been working Extra Duty with regularity at New Life Church for the past six to seven month, usually at least twice a month. I know many of the people by sight, and I know most of the security team by first name.

It was at approximately 0.835 hours, that one of the church members, who I know by sight, but unfortunately cannot remember his name, spoke to me and asked if I had heard about the shooting in Denver. He explained that the shooting occurred at a place called Youth with a Mission, and there were four people shot.

I then contacted MIKE PRATT, who runs the Information greeting desk at New Life Church, who got on his computer and checked the Denver Post on-line and learned that four people had been shot at a Youth with a Mission facility in Denver. I also learned that New Life Church has in their World Prayer Center offices for Youth with a Mission. However, I also learned that those offices are closed on the weekend. I walked over to look at the Youth with a Mission offices to make sure that they were, in fact, closed. However, people do use the World Prayer Center. There is a chapel there and other meeting rooms:

I then went back into the main sanctuary and contacted "JEFF," who is on the security team, and he was down in front of the sanctuary, and he had just escorted the pastor up to the podium. If was at that point, that I also learned from Jeff that he was awate of the shooting in Denver. I was also handed a piece of paper that was printed out from MSNBC com. The titled said, "Four Wounded in Christian Center Shooting," dateline 12-09-07. It said, "Denver - A gunman walked into the training center for young Christian missionaries in a Denver suburb early Sunday and opened fire, wounding at least four people." It then said that the shooting occurred at approximately 0030 hours on Sunday, and the gunman was still at large Sunday morning.

I went back out into the lobby area, called the Dispatcher at the Colorado Springs Police Department, and got the number for the Duty Desk at the Falcon Division. I talked to Sergeant Larry Herbert, 388, at 444-7249. I told him I was working Extra Duty at New Life Church inside, and there was a gunman who had shot four people at Youth with a Mission in Denver, and he was at large. I also went on to explain to Sergeant Herbert that they had Youth with a Mission offices at New Life Church that were actually in the World Prayer Center. Sergeant Herbert informed me that he would notify the 0900 people to be aware.

I then spoke with Jeff and other members of the security staff in order to develop a plan. It was decided that someone would stay in the World Prayer Center. I volunteered to take the first hour to hour and a half. There are two services at World at New Life Church on Sunday mornings.

When I went back to the World Prayer Center where the Youth with a Mission offices are located, I also took MIKE STEZOKO with me. I know from past conversations with Stezcko that he is a retired Chicago cop, and he is also ...

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in charge of Security at New Life Church. Stezoko is also a volunteer chaptain with the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and has a marked police car. After a short discussion, we decided that it would be best to park a marked police car. In this case the El Paso County Sheriff's Chaptain's car, in front of the World Prayer Center to create the idea that there was a police presence.

At approximately 1100 hours, TIM PRIEBE (PHONETIC SPELLING), who I also know to be a former police officer and now a practicing afformer and a member of New Life Church is also on the security team. He approached me and said he would be over to relieve me at about 1115 hours, so that I would be able to hear the guest speaker. In this case, the guest speaker was JACK HAYWORTH, who is a well-published pastor and founder of Church of the Way.

It was also approximately during this time, that I heard, via the church radio, that there was a suspicious black Audi in the east parking let. I later learned in conversations with Officer Mark Chacon, 2300, and Officer Alan Roman, 1343, that they had checked out that complaint and were not able to make contact with anybody.

Priebe did relieve me at approximately 1115 to 1120 hours, and I went back to the main building where I spoke briefly with Officers Chacon and Roman. I then went into the main sanctuary to hear the guest speaker; however, since he was just making introductory remarks. I then went back into the liebby area and spoke with Officers Roman Chacon some more. We then went into the usher's room, which has a speaker in it and carries the messages as a simulcast.

It was also approximately within 10 minutes of this time, that there was a report of a suspicious person in Sections 4 and 5. All three Colorado Springs Police Department officers followed Buck Snodgrass and "JEANNE," a female security person to Sections 4 and 5. The usbers at New Life Church had identified a young, white male, who was acting suspicious. They brought him out, and the officers stood at a distance. Jeanne contacted the young, white male, who had a camera around his neck. She explained to him that he was reported as a suspicious person, and she briefly conducted an outside pat-down to make certain that he did not have any weapons. He said at that time that he did appreciate her being concerned with everyone's safety, and he was not offended in anyway.

I also had discussions with the security staff at New Life Church of what we would do in the event that there was an active guarman. I explained to them that we would get into a diamond formation, and I would take the lead point, since I was in uniform. I said that we would move through the building quick and fast and our focus would be to take out the guarman in order to prevent any further damage. I also learned from Buck Snodgrass at this time that his gun was out in his car. I suggested that he get if, because you never know what could occur.

I also explained to the security personnel that is the event that there was an active gunman and Colorado Springs Police Department arrives on scene, they should comply with any orders given by responding police officers. I explained to them that while I knew who they were and I knew of their capabilities, the responding officers did not. I said that if Colorado Springs Police Department arrived in the event of an active gunman and began giving orders for them to stop and put down their guns, they are to stop immediately and put down their guns.

Laiso note from past conversations with the security staff that they train regularly on defensive tactics, and they also shoot together at a range for practice. I also note from past conversations that in the case of Buck Snodgrass, he is a former combat officers and served in Viet Nam. Jeff, the security person, who was down from with the pastor, is approximately 6.6" fall and 260 pounds, and he is retired military. I also know that Jeanne is a former Minneapolis police officer and was a parole officer in Golorado for a number of year. She is now working in the private sector.

Church services let out at approximately 1230 hours, and people were exiting the building. Officers Roman and Chacon took up their posts outside in their marked cars to assist people in exiting the lot. During the next 20 minutes or so, I did speak with Jeanne, and she was mentioning to me that she was interested in joining the Colorade Springs Police Department. She said that she was perhaps a little old, and I said that was not a problem that we have a lot of retired military joining the Police Department, and if she is in good shape, and ...

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obviously with previous experience, she should have no trouble getting on the Police Ibepartment. She also related to me same antidotes of her time as a Minneapolts police officers and encountering rough people in Minneapolts. She then went on to ask me a series of questions about the Colorado Springs Police Department, which divisions saw more action than others, which shifts saw more action than others.

Jeanne also asked me if I was ever involved in a deadly force situation. I speke with her briefly, and said, yes, the only one I was ever involved in occurred on a day shift on a Sunday at church, no less. It also went on to explain that the gentleman that was shot by the Colorado Springs Polloe Department that day had his mind set, explained briefly that we had been called to a suspicious party, who was trying to rob the collection plate at the Church, and we plitmately later shot him as he tried to take out a knife and stab my partner in that case. Officer Bob Benjamin, 40.

At approximately 1300 hours, it appeared that a large part of the congregation had exited. There were still probably 100 to 200 people in the immediate area; however, this is a church that has a membership of 15,000 people. The parking lot was emptying out. I told Buck Snodgrass and Jeanne that I would see them tonight at 1730 hours, as I had signed up to work both shifts. I then went to the usher's closet, recovered my leather colorade Springs Police Department jacket and walked out into the parking lot. On my way out into the parking lot, I called off shift. My call sign on this was "W45."

I then got in my POV, started it, and turned off the police radio. The time was approximately 1300 to 1301 hours. I then exited out onto New Life Drive, waved good-bye to Officer Roman, went onto Highway 63, and then to Interquest Parkway. I was then traveling south down I-25 toward my residence. I noticed that northbound traffic was poing very slowly and was backed up, certainly from interquest Parkway down to Briangate.

Just as I exited off I-25 at Woodmen Road and was proceeding westbound on Rockfirmton Boulevard, I received a telephone call on my personal cell phone from Officer Colby J. Deolittle, 1485. Officer Declittle asked me what I was doing, and I told him I was going home. He said they have an active gunman at New Life Church. I said I would hang up and then turned on my police radio and made an immediate U-turn. I proceeded eastbound on Rockfirmton Boulevard to Woodmen Road in an attempt to get back to New Life. I could clearly hear on the radio that there were reports of shots fired. I also beard Officer Chacon say several times in a clear voice. "I am on the northeast side by the tent, and I have three people with gunshots wounds and I need medical people to get in here."

As I was approaching the intersection of Woodmen Read and Academy Boulevard, I noticed the lights were out, and there was a lot of traffic. I had a great deal of difficulty getting through there. I then turned northbound ento Academy Boulevard and began driving toward Highway 88. It was approximately after I made the turn onto notificend Highway 83 from Academy Boulevard that I heard Officer Chacon call out the third or fourth three that he needed medical people where he was, and he was waving his arms. He also said that he was in the parking lot, and he again refterated in a clear, concise voice that he needed medical where he was and he was waving his arms at them.

Lalso at this point because of the gravity of the situation turned on my 4-way flashers, and I began stopping at the stop lights; however, I drove through the lights in an attempt to get to New Life Church as quickly as possible. I also followed a fire truck, which had red lights and siren going and followed them into the New Life Church parking let. I told the Dispatcher that I was there on scene and where would they like me. I responded to the area by the tent.

When I arrived on scene there was a white, minisan, which had numerous bullet holes in it, and the door was partially open. There were also shell casings spread between that point and going towards the entrance of the main sanctuary, which is on the east side of the church between the tent and the main sanctuary. I also contacted Sergeant Matt Martin, 33. I also spoke with Officer Chacon and asked him if he was doing okay. He said that he was. I also had learned from radio communications that it appeared that the shooter was down, and the threat from him was gone.

There was also some discussion on the radio as to whether there was a Toyota pickup truck that had dropped ...

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the shooter off. There was information aired about that. On my way up to New Life Church on Highway 83. I did not see any vehicles matching that description.

I parked on the northeast side in the main sanctuary lid near the tent and contacted Sergeant Matt Martin and ultimately Officer Chacon and then Officer Steve Fontenot, 2148, on the southeast side of the tent where the minivan was located. After helping Officer Fontenot thank off the area with yellow evidence tape and the cats involved. Sergeant Martin asked my to stay right there by the minivan as that was the primary scene and not allow anybody to disturb it.

The time that I arrived back on scene was approximately f320 to f325 hours at the latest. However, since there was a threat of a possible second gunman, I was more alert fooking for other people rather than playing close attention to the time. More Colorado Springs Police Department officers and El Paso County Sheriff's deputies began arriving at the scene immediately.

It was approximately 1500 hours when an announcement went out over the Colorado Springs Police Department radio that officers were to look for explosive devices as there may have been explosive devices deployed in the area. I would also note at this point Officer Gary Darress, 88, and I had checked cars in the parking lot to see if we could locate which car belonged to the suspect. Officer Darress did locate the vehicle approximately 10 to 20 yards from the white minivan, which was shot up. It was north/portheast from that location. I looked inside the vehicle as did Officer Darress, and he said there were suspicious looking devices in the vehicle. Since that was in the area that was marked off with veilow evidence tape, our focus was to keep people away from that vehicle and away from the white minivan that had been shot up. I would also note that the minivan was running. Some unknown officer asked me if they should shut if off, and I said, "No just leave it as it is." There was also medical equipment laying about - bags, bandages, and baokboards. Those were left in place until I departed at approximately 1830 hours.

Going back to the Golorado Springs Police Department radio announcement that was made attapproximately 1500 to 1520 hours to check for explosive devices I began looking, and I thought it would be prudent and wise to look into the vehicle that was shot up in case the suspect had thrown some type of explosive device in there. I looked in the area behind the front seats and in the backseat of the minioran, and I saw under a blanket what appeared to be the arm of a doll. The arm was pale and unmoving, but it was small. I lifted up the blanket, and discovered it was a deceased white female.

I immediately contacted Sergeant Martin, and apprised him of the situation. I would note despite numerous Golorado-Springs Fire Department personnel on scene, no one had told Sergeant Martin. Officer Fontenot, or me that there was a victim left in the white minivan. There also appeared to be big patches, like medical personnel use to run EKGs and such left on this person. No one from the time of my arrival at approximately 1320 hours until 1520 hours when I discovered this body, had been inside the minivan, and no one had come close to it. I had my eye on the minivan the entire time, and no one had gone inside the minivan, but it did appear from the EKG leads that were there that medical personnel had at least examined this person. It was readily apparent that there were no signs of life, and this person was not breathing. I saw quite a bit of blood and a couple of bullet holes. I immediately covered this body back up out of respect for her and what had occurred.

I also spoke briefly with Detective Rick Gysin, 42, and explained to him that I have worked Extra Duty at the New Life Church and did he need me to stay late and do my supplement or could I do It the next day. Detective Gysin said the next day would be fine.

I also had a brief discussion at some point between 1320 hours and 1830 hours with Sergeant Martin that 10 minutes had only gone by from my departure from New Life Church until when the shooting started. I later had a conversation with Officer Roman inside the tent, and I asked him what had occurred. He said that most of the parking lot had empiled out, and he and Officer Chacon had started back down Highway 83 to go back to the Palcon Division to turn there vehicles in. Officer Roman told me that he had left his radio on just by chance, and he heard the reports of shots fired. He said that he and Officer Chacon immediately made U-turns and responded as fast as they could back to the New Life Church.

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Officer Roman also told me that by the time they got there, most of the shooting was over. He said the gumman was down; however, he and the first responding officers continued to clear the immediate area.

I have nothing further at this time,