

PROGRESS REPORT:

CR # CT13-44545
CASE TYPE: Active Shooter
REPORT BY: Investigator Joni Gordanier
ACTION DATE: 12/13/13
DATE TYPED: 12/18/13
SUBJECT: Follow-up Investigation

On 12/13/13 at about 1240 hours, this Investigator responded to Arapahoe High School located at:

2201 East Dry Creek Road
City of Centennial, Arapahoe County, Colorado

on report of an active shooter. Upon arrival, this Investigator was asked to assist with interviews of students that were located near the high school outdoor track. Upon arrival of that location, this Investigator assisted with pat down searches of female students and teachers. At the conclusion of the searches, the initial interviews at that location were completed by other peace officers.

Arapahoe County Lt. DAVE THOMPSON asked this Investigator to respond to Shepherd of the Hills Church to assist with interviews at that location. Upon arrival, this Investigator saw Arapahoe County Sgt. BRUCE PETERSON, Arapahoe County Investigator KRISTIN McCaULEY and outside jurisdiction Investigators assisting with interviews. This Investigator later learned that the suspect in the case is identified as:

PIERSON, KARL HALVERSON
DOB: [REDACTED]

This Investigator later learned that the victim is identified as:

DAVIS, CLAIRE
DOB: [REDACTED]

This Investigator began assisting with interviews.

On 12/13/13 at 1445 hours, this Investigator interviewed a female identified as:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that:

On 12/13/13 sometime during her 5th hour period, she was in a study group in the Study Center.

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She was sitting with other students only known to her as [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

There was also a teacher who was later identified as:

BROCK, CHARLENE
DOB: [REDACTED]

They were talking and getting ready to work on a finals packet.

About 30 minutes into the 5th hour, she heard a shot that sounded really close.

It was loud enough to make her jump which is "hard to do".

She looked up and saw a real tall, real thin guy; he was pale and looked like a shadow.

She thinks he was a white male but is unsure because she only recalls a shadow.

It looked like there was smoke.

A couple of seconds later, there was a second shot and everybody ran into a closet room, which this Investigator later learned is called the EPC closet.

She believes that she was in the closet with Ms. BROCK, Mr. CHAD SAWYER, a girl named [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED] and another girl that she did not know.

[REDACTED] stated that:

Her parents are identified as:

and

She lives at:

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On 12/13/13 at about 1500 hours, this Investigator spoke with another student identified as:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] stated that:

During 5th hour, she was working on a computer in the library and sitting next to a male known to her as [REDACTED]

She thinks she heard three shots and then heard a "guy's" voice say, "Where the fuck is Mr. MURPHY?"

She heard more shots and got up to start running out of the library.

When she ([REDACTED]) got to the west hallway, she ([REDACTED]) saw another female student who was standing with a lot of blood on her head and she ([REDACTED]) saw the injured female student dropping, falling and laying there.

She ([REDACTED]) was in the doorway when she saw the girl with blood on her head fall.

She continued and ran out.

[REDACTED] was visibly upset throughout the interview. [REDACTED] identified her mother as:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

and her father as:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] mother's address is:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 12/13/13 at 1515 hours, this Investigator spoke with a staff member for Arapahoe High School, identified as:

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BROCK, CHARLENE
DOB: [REDACTED]

who stated that:

She is the full time Study Center employee.

She was in the Study Center during 5th hour with a group of students and heard a shot and heard glass breaking.

It was very loud and she almost felt like there was rushing air going past her.

She and the Business Teacher, CHAD SAWYER, starting shuffling students into the EPC closet because it is all concrete.

She believes that she was in the closet with [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The second bang seemed louder and closer.

CHARLENE stated that her address is:

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

On 12/13/13 at about 1545 hours, this Investigator was asked to transport one of the Assistant Principals, later identified as:

MEREDITH, DARRELL
DOB: [REDACTED]

to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office Investigations Section for a recorded interview. Arapahoe County Investigator MICHAEL MCKENZIE was also going to assist and transport a Campus Security employee, identified as:

MAULER, RODNEY
DOB: [REDACTED]

to the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office for a recorded interview. DARRELL and RODNEY both had blood evidence on their clothes due to moving CLAIRE to an area where rescue could treat her.

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The interview with DARRELL was conducted by Investigator McKENZIE and this Investigator in Interview Room 3406. Although the interview was recorded using the Arapahoe County Investigations interview system, the microphone in room 3406 was not working properly and the audio is very faint in the recording. ACSO Investigator Tim EVANS downloaded and booked the recording from the interview room into the ACSO evidence section even though the audio could not be heard. Investigator McKENZIE had his digital recording device, which recording was later downloaded onto a CD and booked into the ACSO evidence section by Investigator EVANS. Information in the interview has been paraphrased as follows:

DARRELL stated the following:

On 12/13/13 at about 1220 hours, he was having lunch and he heard some Spanish and he (DARRELL) thinks it was FABIAN, later identified as:

VIDRIO, FABIAN LLERENAS
DOB: [REDACTED]

because he thinks that when FABIAN got rattled, he began speaking Spanish. (This investigator later learned that FABIAN is a custodian.)

At about 1225 hours to 1230 hours, DARRELL heard, shooter, shooter, lockdown, lockdown; from two different voices.

DARRELL heard FABIAN say, shooter in the building, and heard CAMERON, later identified as a Campus Security employee as:

RUST, CAMERON
DOB: [REDACTED]

saying lockdown.

DARRELL was hearing all the information over the "walkie talkie".

He (DARRELL), ROD, later identified as:

MAULER, RODNEY
DOB: [REDACTED]

and STEVE SISLER ran out of the staff's lounge on the east side of the building.

ROD and DARRELL were running down the north hall.

DARRELL saw smoke and could smell something that wasn't quite right.

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Arapahoe County Deputy JAMES ENGLERT was right in front of ROD and DARRELL.

DARRELL stopped in the cafeteria a little bit because there were kids running and someone trying to get in the kitchen which was already locked.

DARRELL grabbed a couple of kids and took them to the main office and said to get in there.

Then he (DARRELL) got kids out of the west end of the cafeteria and hallway.

DARRELL saw Deputy ENGLERT stop at the library with his (Deputy ENGLERT's) gun drawn.

ROD was in front of DARRELL and DARRELL went to the left.

KEVIN KOLASO (who this investigator later learned is an Assistant Principle) was on the left.

KEVIN stopped at the Language Arts class.

DARRELL went left to get to the south hallway.

They were running and trying to get to the trophy hall which is the west hall and were pulling doors shut.

The school keeps all the fire doors locked so if something like this happens, it sections off the building.

They were working down towards ROD.

ROD and Deputy ENGLERT were saying on the radio, where is the shooter; where is the shooter, on the walkie talkie.

DARRELL heard someone say library on the walkie talkie.

DARRELL started working back towards the north and saw ROD down helping a hurt student who had been shot.

DARRELL got to her and ROD said, "DARRELL, we've got to move her."

They picked up the student, later identified as:

DAVIS, CLAIRE

DOB: [REDACTED]

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up in a two-man carry.

DARRELL was thinking about getting her into a bathroom because it can be locked from the inside.

ROD said no, that they needed to get her out and to take her all the way to the Study Center entrance where the fire rescue can get right to her.

DARRELL and ROD got CLAIRE to the Study Center and put her on the carpet by the entrance.

That is when Deputy ENGLERT had already entered the library.

DARRELL and ROD were waiting for fire and rescue.

DARRELL saw fire and rescue at the east entrance and waived them over.

Rescue loaded CLAIRE and they took her.

The first Deputy showed up at the Study entrance and wanted to know if DARRELL knew who the shooter was.

DARRELL asked Deputy ENGLERT on the walkie talkie if they knew who the shooter was and FABIAN, who was with the librarian, later identified as:

MURPHY, TRACY
DOB: [REDACTED]

must have keyed his mic on the radio and heard TRACY say, it's KARL PIERSON.

Deputy ENGLERT was still securing the library and that's when more Deputies started to show up.

Then the Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office took over.

DARRELL said that he noticed that CLAIRE had a significant head injury.

It seemed like the back of her head was pretty messed up.

When DARRELL saw CLAIRE, she was lying in a fashion that was contorted and the joints didn't look right.

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When asked about KARL PIERSON, DARRELL said that:

KARL had a run-in with TRACY MURPHY at the end of September.

It was a pretty volatile exchange.

KARL was seen that afternoon by another teacher leaving the building with who DARRELL believes was KARL's mother, and KARL was screaming, "I'm gonna get that guy."

Last spring and this semester, KARL had erratic behavior.

Last spring, KARL had a run-in with a Math Teacher where KARL was quoting JULIUS CAESAR, a Shakespeare Play about the Ides of March, and a conspiracy that people are out to get him.

This started when KARL would be blowing up at his classmates, stating that they were all fucking morons and stupid idiots and stuff like that.

The incoherent rambling started when KARL was talking to another Assistant Principal.

DARRELL doesn't know the identity of the victim at this time and if there is a relationship between CLAIRE and KARL.

DARRELL recognized her as a student but not a name.

He just got her out.

He could see a pulse in her neck and that she was seizing.

DARRELL never saw KARL and didn't go past the north hall and the library is north of that.

About two to three weeks ago, Campus Security saw KARL looking at a weapons site on his (KARL's) computer which, besides the volatile outbreaks, is another reason that Security was aware of KARL and keeping an eye out.

KARL was just one of those kids that you kind of get a feeling.

At the conclusion of the interview, DARRELL completed a written statement.

Investigator McKENZIE and this Investigator then interviewed ROD MAULER in Room 3406 and ROD stated the following:

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He works Campus Security at Arapahoe High School and has done that for nearly five years.

On 12/13/13 about 1215 or 1220 hours, it was his lunch time which varies from day to day but on 12/13/13 he had the late lunch.

He was in the teacher's lounge just starting his lunch with Deputy ENGLERT, DARRELL, STEVE SISLER, and he is unsure who else was in the teacher's lounge.

Maybe 10 to 15 minutes after ROD started eating lunch, he heard someone say over the school radio something about a shooter and someone in the building; something about the library.

They all ran out of the door.

Campus Security eats in shifts so fellow Campus Security employees CHRISTINA and CAMERON were out. This investigator later identified CHRISTINA as:

KOLK, CHRISTINA
DOB: [REDACTED]

They started running down the north hallway from the teacher's lounge which is on the east end of the building.

The library is more towards the west end of the building.

Shortly before he got to the library, he heard a pop.

It could have been a gunshot but he really didn't know.

It sounded like it was coming from the library.

Lockdown had been announced and he was saying, lockdown; stay out of sight.

As they got down the hall there was more radio talk that was kind of confusing.

Deputy ENGLERT and ROD went to the library door and saw some kind of fire in a stream as though lighter fluid or something had been lit.

The library is on the north side of the north hall.

The library door is glass and ROD could see the fire towards the back of the library through the glass.

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The stream looked like it had been set and was unusual.

He was unsure who, but either Deputy ENGLERT or him (ROD) cracked the library door a little and said, "is there anybody in here".

ROD yelled a couple of times and no one responded.

Somebody indicated something about something going on around the corner, just past the library as you continue west in the trophy hallway which runs north and south at the end.

ROD got to the end of the trophy hallway with Deputy ENGLERT.

They were still unsure where the shooter was.

They were going that direction for some reported disturbance that way.

As soon as they got around the corner, they saw CLAIRE lying on the ground.

There was a large amount of blood but she was clearly alive.

As ROD got a closer, it looked like she had some kind of firearm exit wound on the left side of her head with a fairly large opening.

Deputy ENGLERT told ROD to stay with CLAIRE and Deputy ENGLERT went looking for the shooter.

ROD stayed and his focus was on CLAIRE.

He was trying to see what was going on with her.

She looked really bad and there was quite a bit of blood.

DARRELL arrived quickly and ROD had said over the radio about the need for rescue.

ROD said he didn't know where the shooter was and told DARRELL to move CLAIRE to the Study Center because ROD believed that was the best place for an ambulance to come.

ROD picked CLAIRE up around her neck; DARRELL grabbed the other side.

She had been lying on her back close to the east wall to the left around where the doors are.

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There was a backpack there.

CLAIRE's head was facing west or northwest.

They picked her up and carried her to the Study Center and awaited rescue.

She was very much alive.

He just tried to make her as comfortable as much as he could.

Rescue showed up pretty soon and transported her.

He had heard different things on the radio that KARL was in the library or dead or shot; a lot of stuff on the radio but he didn't get any more than that.

DARRELL had information that the shooter was KARL PIERSON.

KARL does have a reputation about being troubled and Security was definitely aware of him.

ROD had seen KARL around and been aware of him because he heard KARL gets pretty mad about things and there were people concerned about KARL.

ROD wasn't aware of anything that KARL had advertently done other than he would get upset and be irrational at times or angry.

After rescue left, ROD stayed at the Study Center.

KARL's name had come up in a security meeting recently.

ROD is aware that there was some kid that had an issue with TRACY MURPHY but he wasn't sure if that was KARL.

ROD doesn't know any friends of KARL.

Every time ROD saw KARL, KARL was alone.

ROD indicated that there is an entrance by the library called The Forum which is kind of the tiered classroom area that joins the library.

Once the kids are in for the morning, that door is locked, but if a "kid" knocks, other kids will open the door for them.

There is a West Team entrance that is always unlocked but most of the doors are kept secure.

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At the conclusion of the interview with ROD, he completed a written statement.

Investigator McKENZIE and this Investigator then interviewed Campus Security employee CHRISTINA in Interview Room 3406 which interview has been paraphrased as follows:

She has worked Campus Security at Arapahoe High School for six years consecutively and previously worked there in 2004 as Campus Security.

At the beginning of the school year of 2013, she noticed that KARL was kicked out of the library and had made threats to the Librarian.

She thinks KARL was suspended on that because he was saying things like, "I want you dead."

She is unsure how many days KARL was suspended.

She saw KARL in the lunchroom area on his laptop looking at gun sights and stuff like that.

When she questioned KARL, KARL would say, "Oh, just looking" and would shut his computer down.

She would let coworkers know about what she had seen on the computer.

The other day, KEVIN KOLASO asked her to watch KARL because KARL had left his Spanish class with Ms. LOMBARDI very angrily.

KEVIN and CHRISTINA were both dealing with students.

KEVIN talked to KARL and KARL said that the Spanish Teacher kicked him out.

CAMERON was also there with her on 12/13/13 and at about 1210 to 1215 hours, she was heating up her lunch and she heard a loud pop.

CAMERON and CHRISTINA both went running out of the office which sits off of the cafeteria in the center of the school.

They went running down the north hall and saw smoke and kept hearing pops.

They knew it was gunshots.

She looked down towards the Spanish classroom and kids were running out of the classroom so they were running towards the kids when they saw smoke coming and they turned when they got to the library.

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They went to open the library door.

CAMERON was on her right side.

She was just a little bit past the library door.

CAMERON went to open the door and that's when KARL PIERSON turned and was standing about 15 to 20 feet away from CHRISTINA and CAMERON with his rifle and a bandana wrapped around his face.

He just looked at them.

CAMERON grabbed CHRISTINA and pushed her up the hall and then they just went up and down the 'C' hall.

CAMERON was on his radio yelling, lockdown; lockdown.

She was yelling into the classrooms, there is a shooter in the building; lock your classroom door; shooter in the library.

They were shutting as many doors as they could, yelling at the teachers to get in.

They ran to the PACE kids which are the kids that are in wheelchairs and that are deaf, to help get the kids out of the wheelchairs and onto the floor.

They shut that door and called 911 from that phone.

KARL had been looking right at them.

CHRISTINA heard one pop after they left the library.

KARL had pointed the weapon at them but just looked at them.

CHRISTINA didn't see anyone else in the library.

She said that the library is always crowded at that time but there was nobody there.

At the conclusion of that interview, CHRISTINA completed a written statement.