

**NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE
CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU - ALBUQUERQUE**

**SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT #21
BY AGENT P. VARGAS**



CASE #: 17-23-3-0357/ 2017-28418

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OFFENSE(S): ACTIVE SHOOTER MURDER/ SUICIDE

SUSPECT(S): WILLIAM ATCHISON

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ORIGINAL OFFENSE DATE	12/07/2017	SUPPLEMENTAL DATE	12/18/2017	CASE NUMBER	17-23-3-0357		
M.O. EVENT CODES: (AGENCY OPTIONAL USE) Supplemental report 21 by NMSP Agent Philip Vargas IB Case # 17-23-3-0357.				TOTAL VALUE STOLEN	TOTAL VALUE REC.		
<p>SYNOPSIS</p> <p>The following report documents my involvement with a mutliple homicide investigation at Aztec High School in which a male subject shot and killed himself, after shooting and killing one male high school student and one female high school student.</p>							

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NARRATIVE

On Thursday, December 7, 2017 at approximately 9:30 a.m. I, New Mexico State Police/Investigations Bureau (NMSP/IB) Agent Philip Vargas was assigned by NMSP/IB Sergeant (Sgt.) Tom Christian to assist the San Juan County Sheriff's Office (SJCSO) with a multiple homicide investigation that occurred in Aztec, New Mexico. I was informed that a shooting had occurred at Aztec High School.

I arrived at Aztec High School gymnasium at approximately 12:30 p.m. Upon arrival, I met with NMSP/IB Lieutenant (Lt.) Carolyn Lucero and several NMSP/IB Agents. I observed personnel from local and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies, as well. I was informed that the investigation was a joint investigation between the NMSP and the SJCSO. I was informed that Agent Janice Madrid was the Case Agent for NMSP.

I was informed by Agent Madrid that a male subject came on to school property at approximately 8:00 a.m., entered one of the school buildings and shot and killed one female and one male student. I was also told that the male shooter fatally shot himself. I was informed that local Law Enforcement arrived at the school, made entry into the building where the suspect was and observed the two deceased students and the deceased suspect. I was informed that Lt. Gonzales with Aztec Police Department (APD) was the first on scene. I was told that Lt. Gonzales shot two rounds through a door window to gain entry into one of the buildings. At approximately 12:50 p.m. the male shooter had not been identified. I was told that the Detective Jarrod Slindee was the Case Agent for SJCSO.

At approximately 1:15 p.m. I met with NMSP/IB Crime Scene Team Lt., Shayne Arthur. Lt. Arthur said that the suspect possibly walked from Jemez Street, onto East Zia Street and onto the parking lot, south of 400/500 and 800/900 buildings. Lt. Arthur said a Janitor by the name of Thomas Emery Hill saw the suspect shoot a student, put the school in lockdown, and called in the incident. Lt. Arthur said the suspect shot and killed two students. The suspect attempted to enter multiple rooms. Lt. Arthur said Law Enforcement arrived on scene and shot out a glass window to a door, to gain entry into one of the buildings. Lt. Arthur said it appeared that the suspect shot and killed himself. Lt. Arthur described the suspect as a male, with a dark grey or black hoodie sweatshirt, black pants, a tan belt, grey tennis shoes with sunglasses.

NMSP/IB Agent Tony Detavis and I were assigned by Agent Madrid to observe surveillance video from Aztec High School and obtain all video footage from Aztec High School. At approximately 1:50 p.m. Agent Detavis and I arrived at 206 North Rio Grande Aztec, NM to view video footage. I met with Maintenance Supervisor, Grant Banish, who pulled up the surveillance video footage from Aztec High School. I asked Mr. Banish to pull up video footage from 7:00 a.m. through 10:00 a.m. Mr. Banish informed me that Aztec High School had twenty-nine cameras. Agent Detavis and I viewed the cameras that showed a male subject which matched the description of the suspect, walking along the west and south side of the school, enter the school grounds and the 800/900 building. I also observed video footage which possibly showed the suspect walking along the breezeway of the catwalk which connected the 400/500 building and the 800/900 building. I observed video footage from school cameras that showed Law Enforcement arriving on scene and making their way into the 400/500 building.

The following is a description of the video footage and cameras associated with the incident:

Video Camera (AH Staff Parking) - first see possible suspect walking south along Jemez

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Street, come in to view at approximately, 8:02:56 a.m. Possible suspect out of view at approximately, 8:04:16 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 800) - first see possible suspect walking south along Jemez Street, come in to view at approximately, 8:03:09. Possible suspect out of view at approximately, 8:04:29 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - first see possible suspect come in to view at approximately, 8:04:47 a.m. walk toward 800/900 building, enter the building and out of view at approximately, 8:04:51 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - observed a male student exit 400/500 building and run north through the "Commons" area at approximately, 8:12:26 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - observed possible suspect on the breezeway of the catwalk, walk east from 800/900 building to 400/500 building at approximately, 8:12:58 a.m. and out of view at approximately, 8:13:01 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - observed another subject on the breezeway of the catwalk, walk east from 800/900 building to 400/500 building at approximately, 8:14:36 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - observed a subject on the breezeway of the catwalk run west from 400/500 building to 800/900 building at approximately, 8:15:18 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - observed Lt. Gonzales with APD arrive at the "Commons" area, north of the 400/500 and 800/900 buildings, run south, toward those buildings at approximately, 8:15:17 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - observed a subject walk east onto the breezeway of the catwalk from the 800/900 building and attempt to get Lt. Gonzales' attention, by waving their arms and pointing toward the 400/500 building at approximately, 8:15:50 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - observed Lt. Gonzales was running with his rifle in hand. Lt. Gonzales ran west behind northeast corner of building, north of 800/900 building, and out of view at approximately, 8:15:55 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - observed Lt. Gonzales run toward 400/500 building at approximately, 8:16:09 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - observed another Law Enforcement Officer, later identified as Captain Troy Morris, with APD, arrive at the southwest corner of the 800/900 building at approximately, 8:16:11 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 700 Front) - observed Lt. Gonzales and Captain Morris approached the lower level, north exterior double doors of the 400/500 building at approximately, 8:16:23 a.m.

Video Camera (AH 400) - observed Lt. Gonzales and Captain Morris make contact with each other near the lower level, north exterior double doors of 400/500 building at approximately, 8:16:26. I observed Captain Morris with his handgun at the "low ready."

Video Camera (AH 400) - observed Lt. Gonzales fire two shots with his rifle at a glass

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window on one of the lower level, north double doors. I observed Captain Morris enter the lower level of 400/500 building through the shattered window, and open the door for Lt. Gonzales. I observed Lt. Gonzales and Captain Morris make their way up the stairs of the 400/500 building.

At approximately 4:30 p.m., I met with IT (what does IT stand for) Matt Palulis, at the Aztec Municipal Schools Administrative building, located at 1118 West Aztec Blvd. Aztec, NM. I asked Mr. Palulis to copy all video footage from Aztec High School for this date between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. onto my terabyte portable hard drive. My portable hard drive was a "My Passport Ultra." Mr. Palulis said it would be available for me to pick up on Friday, December 8, 2017 at approximately 11:00 a.m.

Agent Detavis and I arrived at Aztec Municipal Schools Administrative building on Friday, at approximately, 10:15 a.m. and spoke with Matt Palulis. I asked Mr. Palulis to create a separate folder with the video footage which captures the possible suspect's route of travel and first responding Law Enforcement Officer's movements, only. Mr. Palulis said all the videos will be completely transferred to my portable hard drive at approximately, 12:00 p.m.

At approximately, 12:15 p.m., Agent Detavis and I picked up my portable hard drive from Mr. Palulis. Agent Detavis and I viewed and confirmed the video footage of the possible suspects route of travel and first responding Law Enforcement's movements were transferred successfully to my portable hard drive.

I retained possession of my portable hard drive. Three copies of the videos were made onto three separate portable hard drives. All three portable hard drives were "My Passport for Mac" terabyte drives. One copy was placed into an evidence locker at the NMSP District 5 office at 2501 Carlisle Blvd. N.E. Albuquerque, NM. The two-other portable hard drives were given to Agent Madrid.

Evidence:

VC 1 - My Passport for Mac terabyte portable hard drive with video footage from Aztec High School.

This concludes my involvement with this case. If further information becomes available, a supplemental report will be generated.

CASE STATUS: OPEN/ACTIVE

