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SYNOPSIS:

Between Friday, December 13, 2013, and Friday, December 20, 2013, Colorado Bureau of Investigation agents assisted Arapahoe Sheriff's Department investigators with their criminal investigation of the Arapahoe High School shooting that transpired at 1:33 PM on Friday, December 13, 2013.

ACTION TAKEN:

On Friday, December 13, 2013, at approximately 2:00 PM, I learned that there had been a shooting at the Arapahoe High School, located at 2201 East Dry Creek Road, Centennial, Arapahoe County, Colorado 80122. Initial reports indicated that the gunman had injured at least one student prior to taking his own life. On Friday, December 13, 2013, at approximately 2:30 PM, I received a call from Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Agent-in- Charge (AIC) CHRIS ANDRIST, requesting that I respond to Arapahoe High School to assist the Arapahoe Sheriff's Department with their investigation.

I arrived on scene at approximately 4:00 PM and stood by at the Arapahoe Sheriff's Department mobile command post, while the school was secured by police tactical teams. Once the school was declared secure, I assisted with the creation of the initial crime scene log and subsequently turned over a hand written crime scene log to Arapahoe Sheriff's Department investigators. I then stood by for further assignment until I was ultimately released by Arapahoe Sheriff's staff at approximately 9:30 PM on Friday, December 13, 2013.

On Tuesday, December 17, 2013, at 3:00 PM, I responded	I to the Arapahoe	Sheriff's Department
headquarters and participated in an investigation update brie	fing. During the b	ricfing I learned that
Arapahoe Sheriffs investigators believed the deceased suspec-	t in the Arapahoe H	ligh School shooting.
KARL PIERSON, specifically targeted the second are	nd possibly	81
the school. Investigators indicated that PIERSON had write	ten E	on his forearm and
advised that the where he committed suicide had been	n	. Arapahoc
Sheriff's Department command staff then requested assi	stance from the	Colorado Bureau of
Investigation (CBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation witnesses.	ı (FBI) regarding i	nterviewing possible

On Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at 7:30 AM, I responded to Arapahoe High School and participated in a briefing led by Arapahoe Sheriff's Department investigators. During the briefing I learned that the Arapahoe High School teaching and administrative staff were scheduled to meet at the school between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. I also learned that school officials and teaching staff were upset that law enforcement personnel were on scene at the school.

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After the initial briefing, it was determined that law enforcement personnel would not actively contact school staff. Instead, law enforcement personnel were asked to stand by in the school auditorium and the school staff were reportedly asked to check in with law enforcement prior to leaving for the day. I then stood by in the auditorium from 9:00 AM until approximately 1:30 PM. However, during that time not one Arapahoe High School staff member attempted to contact law enforcement and investigators ultimately left the school without conducting any staff interviews.

On Thursday, December 19, 2013, at 7:30 AM, I again responded to Arapahoe High Scl participated in a briefing led by Arapahoe Sheriff's Department investigators. During the b learned that the junior and senior classes of Arapahoe High School were scheduled to return school between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM, to meet with their teachers and gather personal belonger.	oriefing I m to the ngings. I
also learned that law enforcement personnel would be deployed to that corre	
with I was then assigned to classroom	
and asked to identify possible witnesses.	
I subsequently responded to along with other members of both the CBI and contacted the teacher responsible for that classroom, agents wished to speak with the students that had been present in his classroom on Friday, D 13, 2013, at the time of the shooting. Agents informed that both he and the were under no obligation to speak to law enforcement. It stated that he would applicable students to contact agents, but requested that all law enforcement personnel wait of the classroom, so as not to disturb the students.	med that December students I ask the
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). Prior to interviewing each student, they were made aware that law enforcen	nent was
attempting to identify witnesses and advised that they were under no obligation to speak v	with law
enforcement personnel. I also provided each juvenile that I contacted with a CBI business of	card that
contained my name and contact information.	

Student interviews

stated that he had been in advised that there had not been anything out of the ordinary about that day and said that he first knew there was a problem at the school when he heard four gun shots. reported hearing one initial gun shot, followed by three more shots in rapid succession. The school then initiated the campus lockdown procedure and said he hid inside of with his classmates and until they were rescued by police SWAT teams after approximately forty five minutes. reported that he had not been friends with KARL PIERSON and described PIERSON as very argumentative and extremely left-wing politically.
confirmed that she had been present in on Friday, December 13, 2013, at the time of the shooting and confirmed essentially the same account of events given by stated that she had not been friends with PIERSON and provided no further relevant information.
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stated that she had been in on Friday, December 13, 2013, at the time of the shooting and confirmed the general account of events given by her classmates also advised that she had been friends with PIERSON and PIERSON's close friend, said that she had both PIERSON and in her class and had frequently had interactions with them in class described PIERSON as generally being humorous and fun, but also stated that he had a bad temper and liked to win arguments said that she knew PIERSON liked guns, but claimed that she had not been aware that PIERSON owned a firearm also claimed that she had never associated with PIERSON outside of school and classes.
told me that on the date of the shooting both PIERSON and missing from her class. advised that approximately fifteen minutes before the shooting transpired, she spoke with by phone and he told her that he was sick from being out in the cold the previous night attending a Broncos football game. told me that she did not think about PIERSON and missing class until later when the shooting happened and she ultimately learned PIERSON was the shooter. However, was adamant that she did not believe had any prior knowledge of PIERSON's plans.
After completing my witness interviews on Thursday, December 19, 2013, I participated in a debriefing led by Arapahoc Sheriff's Department investigators. During the debriefing, I conveyed all relevant information acquired during the student interviews and specifically provided the name (assignments as a possible investigative lead. During the debriefing, agents were also given additional assignments and asked to locate and interview members of the Arapahoe High School debate team. CBI Agent TAMMY LEE and I were then assigned the following three students for follow-up:

On Thursday,	December 19	, 2013, at approximately 2:	00 PM, I accompanie	ed Agent LEE	to
					scene, agents
contacted		and his mother,	an an	d his mother	were informed
that agents we	ere attempting	g to locate witnesses and b	oth were informed t	hat	was under no
obligation to speak to agents. Both and his mother communicated that they understood an					
both invited a	gents into the	ir residence to speak furthe	r. For further inform	nation regard	ing The same
interview, see	Agent LEE's	supplemental report.			
After conclud	ing our conta	ct with Agent LE	E and I received inf	ormation that	the Arapahoe
High School	debate team v	vas holding a holiday party	at the Shepherd of	the Hills Chu	rch, located at
7691 South U	Jniversity Bo	oulevard, in the City of Co	entennial, Arapahoe	County, Col	orado 80122.
Agent LEE an	d I then proce	eeded to the Shepherd of the	: Hills Church to atte	mpt to locate	and interview
	and		. However, both		, and
//////		failed to attend the debate	e team holiday party	<i>'</i> .	was
ultimately into	erviewed by	Agent LEE by phone and t	to date		had not been
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Teacher interview

(GINGER GLODOWSKE)

GLODOWSKE informed me that she was a substitute teacher in the Littleton School District and had also served as the Arapahoe High School assistant debate team coach for two years. GLODOWSKE advised that she had frequent contact in the past with PIERSON; but stated that she had been suffering from health issues recently and had not seen PIERSON in over six weeks. GLODOWSKE described PIERSON as a talented and passionate debate team member. GLODOWSKE stated that PIERSON had never acted inappropriately in her presence. However, GLODOWSKE did say that she had been aware that PIERSON and the head debate team coach, Mr. MURPHY, did not get along.

assistant debate team coach, GINGER GLODOWSKE (Date of Birth: 02-16-1965).

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GLODOWSKE advised that she knew Mr. MURPHY had removed PIERSON from his position as debate team captain in September 2013. GLODOWSKE told me that she had no firsthand knowledge of events, but stated that she heard PIERSON threatened to harm Mr. MURPHY in September 2013, after he lost his team captain status. GLODOWSKE said that it was her understanding that PIERSON was never suspended for threatening Mr. MURPHY, even though the school administration was aware of the threats. GLODOWSKE stated that she was very shocked and saddened by what PIERSON had done and provided no further information of investigative value.

On Friday, December 20, 2013, at 7:30 AM, I again responded to Arapahoe High School and participated in a briefing led by Arapahoe Sheriff's Department investigators. During the briefing I learned that the freshman and sophomore classes of Arapahoe High School were scheduled to return to the school between 8:00 AM and 1:00 PM, to meet with their teachers and gather personal belongings.
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at the time of the shooting on Friday, December 13, 2013,
I subsequently responded to along with other members of both the CBI and FBI and contacted was informed that agents wished to speak with the students that had been present in her classroom on Friday, December 13, 2013, at the time of the shooting. Agents informed that both she and the students were under no obligation to speak to law enforcement and advised that agents would wait outside of for students to contact them.
Between 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM on Friday, December 20, 2013, I was only personally contacted outside of by while additional agents contacted the other applicable students. Prior to speaking with 1 informed him that law enforcement was attempting to identify witnesses and advised him that he was under no obligation to speak with me. I also provided with my CBI business card that contained my name and contact information.

Student interview

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. also	advised that PIERSON had been kicked out of Mrs.
LOMBARDI's class two days before the sh	ooting for losing his temper after he was accidentally
locked out of the classroom. provided	d not further relevant information.
• • •	iday, December 20, 2013, I participated in a cumulative

investigation debriefing led by Arapahoe Sheriff's Department investigators. During the debriefing, I provided Arapahoe Sheriff's Department investigators with all relevant details that I had learned during my witness interviews.

This concludes my involvement in this case, nothing further at this time.