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REPORT OF INVESTIGATION

REPORT BY: **b7c**
PERIOD OF REPORT: 20 Jun - 14 Oct 94

FILE NO: 94220D6-S747859
DATE OF REPORT: 20 Oct 94


MATTERS INVESTIGATED: Murder of five; and Attempted Murder of 22 plus

SUBJECT: DEAN ALLEN MELLBERG (DECEASED), Male Born: 23 Jan 74, MI, Civ, SSN: 369-72-5062,
5151 West Stoll Road, Lansing, MI 48906

DECEASED/VICTIM LISTING: Refer to next page.

IMPACT: Six dead (including SUBJECT), 22 wounded.

STATUS: Closed. Referred for Information.


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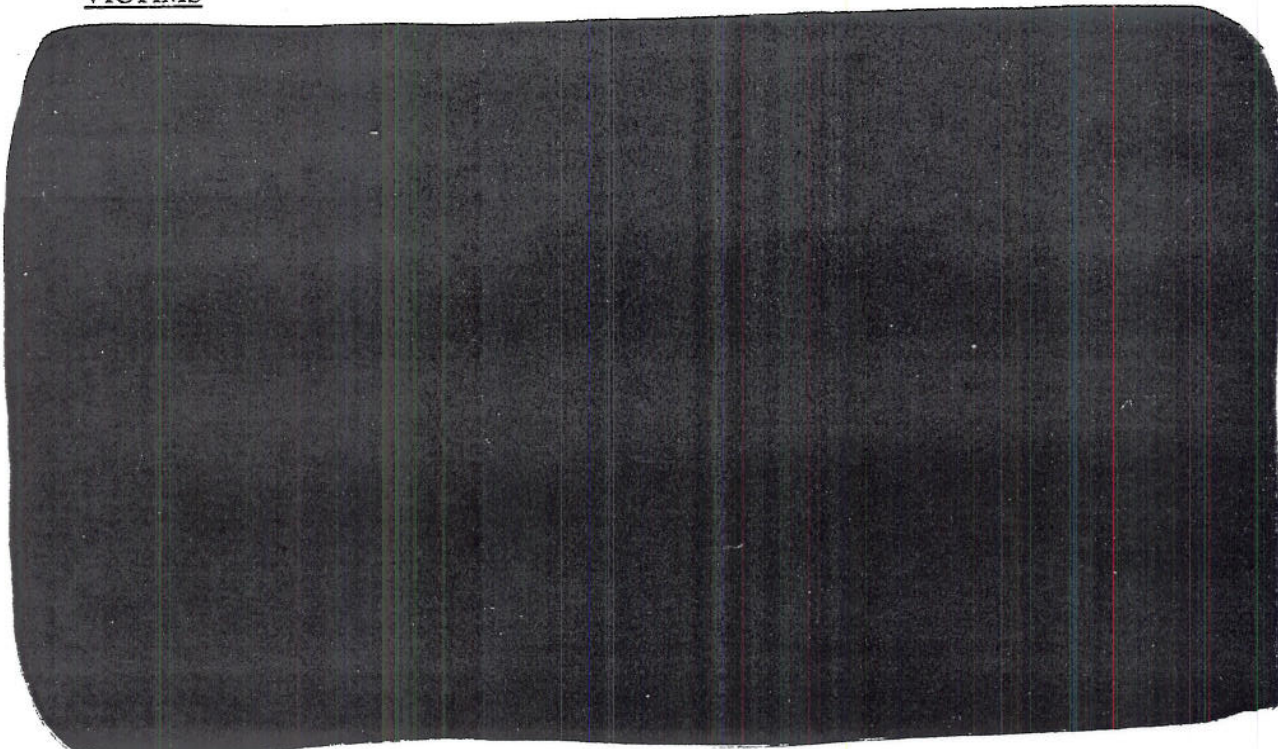
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DECEASED/VICTIM LISTING

DECEASEDS

1. DECEASED: THOMAS ERWIN BRIGHAM, Male Born: 19 Dec 62, AL, Maj, 417-04-4300, 92d Medical Group (ACC), Fairchild AFB WA 99011
2. DECEASED: ALAN WADE LONDON, Male Born: 14 Mar 54, WA, Capt, 516-68-0769, 92d Medical Group (ACC), Fairchild AFB WA 99011
3. DECEASED: CHRISTIN FRANCES MCCARRON, Female Born: 13 Feb 86, WA, Civ, SSN: 553-93-8147, [REDACTED]
4. DECEASED: ANITA LINDNER, Female Born: 22 Sep 54, Civ, SSN: 533-62-9315, [REDACTED]
5. DECEASED: Five month old fetus [REDACTED] Born: 8 Dec 68, WA, Civ. [REDACTED]

VICTIMS



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Continuation of DECEASED/VICTIM Listing:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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Continuation of DECEASED/VICTIM Listing:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

NOTE: On 20 Aug 94, [REDACTED] was removed as a VICTIM based on his claim that he was not injured during the shooting.

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Bldg 9005

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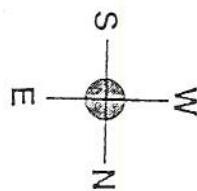
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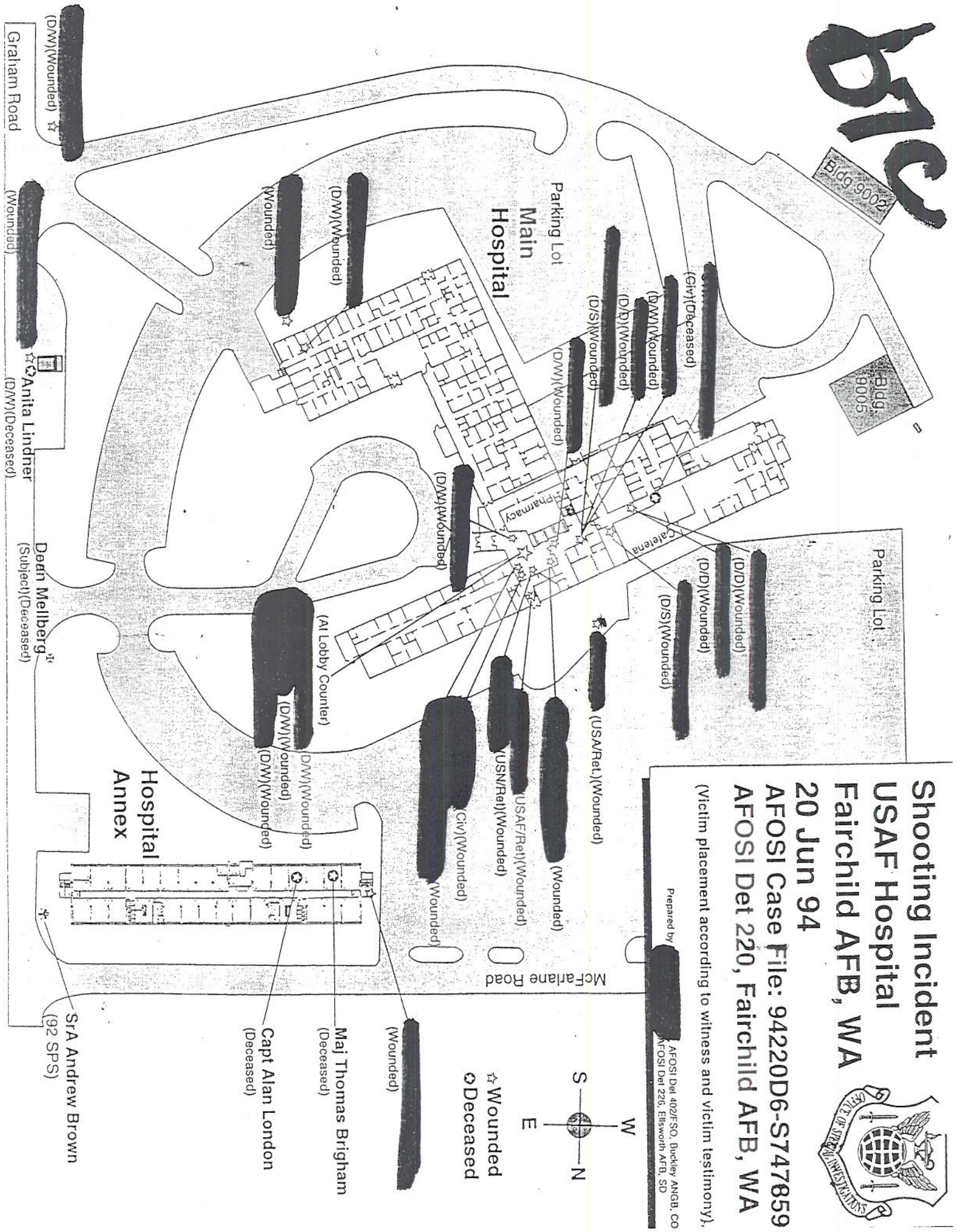


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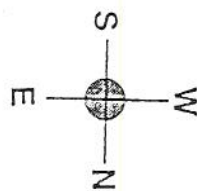
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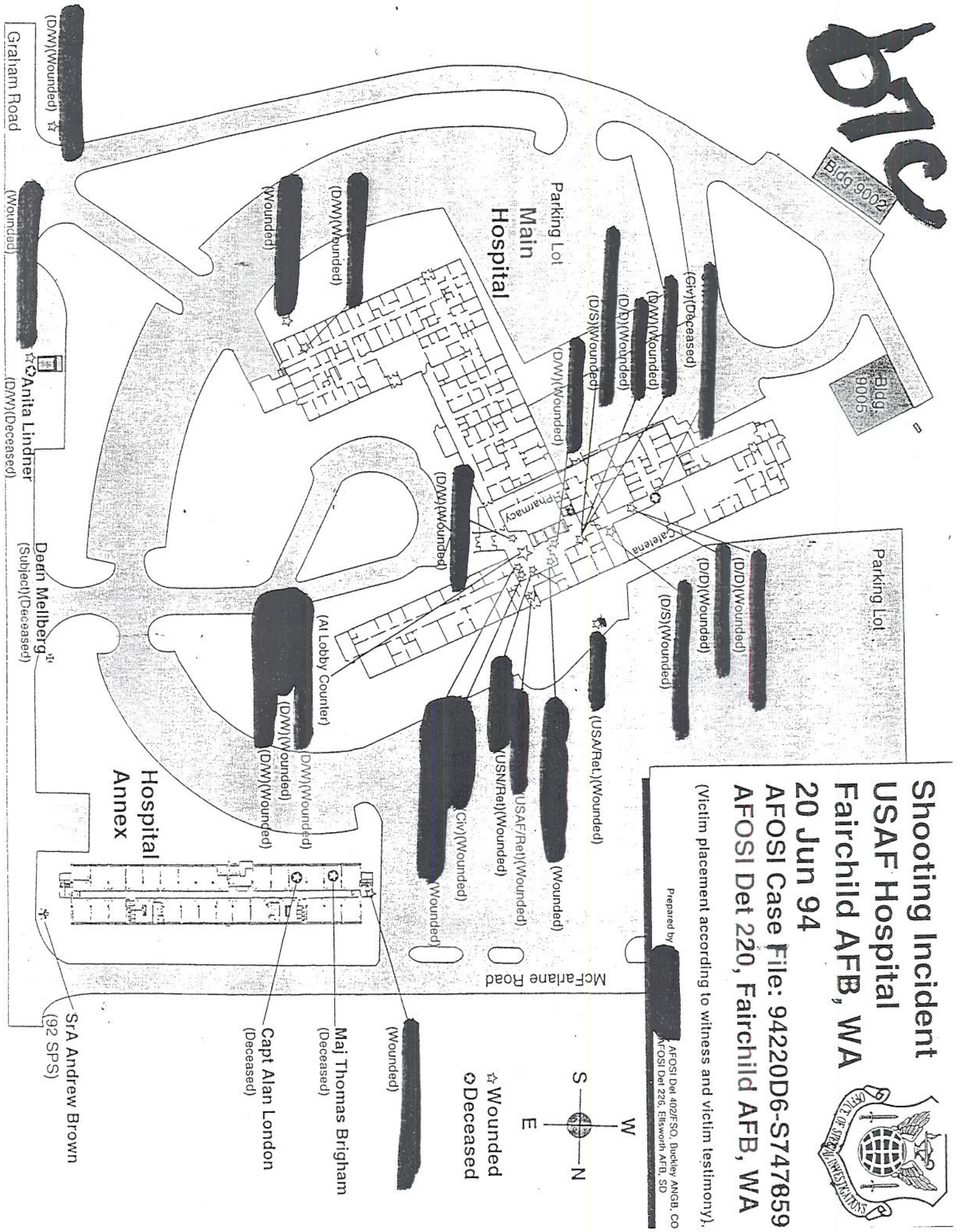


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Summary of Investigation

This joint investigation between the Air Force Office of Special Investigation and the Spokane County Sheriff's Office (SCSO), Spokane, WA was initiated based on SUBJECT's shooting rampage at the Fairchild AFB (FAFB) Hospital on 20 Jun 94, during which he wounded 22 and killed five men, women, and children. Primary investigative responsibility was assumed by the SCSO. However, an AFOSI investigation was initiated in order to provide the facts and circumstances developed by both agencies to the appropriate Air Force Commanders. The investigation developed the following information:

In Jun 92, SUBJECT enlisted in the USAF to be a Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory (PMEL) Apprentice. He was sent to Lackland AFB (LAFB) TX, where he attended Basic Military Training (BMT). In Jul 92, he was recommended for Administrative Discharge based upon his inability to function in the military environment. Records of command approval or disapproval could not be found. In Aug 92, SUBJECT moved to Lowry AFB CO, to attend PMEL training at the Technical Training School. At Lowry AFB, students complained of SUBJECT's strange behavior and comments, such as: SUBJECT telling [REDACTED] that he was going to set his [REDACTED] bed ablaze with lighter fluid; or complaints of frequent acts of masturbation. No record of any action could be located. In Mar 93, SUBJECT was assigned to FAFB as a PMEL technician. [REDACTED] complained about SUBJECT's strange behavior and that he openly masturbated in Jun 93, SUBJECT was referred to the Mental Health Clinic for an evaluation. During this evaluation, SUBJECT expressed the desire, plan and had the means to go back to his school and kill others. He implied [REDACTED] could also be a target and that he (SUBJECT) liked to kill things. SUBJECT was diagnosed with a general anxiety disorder with a paranoid personality disorder. In Sep 93, he was referred to Willford Hall Medical Facility (WHMF), LAFB, for further treatment. In Oct 93, he was diagnosed with a paranoid personality/schizophreniform disorder, and was not recommended for retention in the USAF. It was recommended that he meet a Medical Evaluation Board (MEB) for further disposition. In Nov 93, SUBJECT filed an IG Complaint alleging his rights were being violated. In Dec 93, SUBJECT's diagnosis was changed to Autistic disorder and referred back to the MEB. In Jan 94, the MEB met and medically cleared SUBJECT for return to duty. In Feb 94, SUBJECT was re-assigned to Mt Home AFB (MAFB) ID, but, was diverted to Cannon AFB NM, arriving 1 Mar 94. During Apr 94, SUBJECT was verbally reprimanded for riding his bicycle on the golf course and was referred to mental health for evaluation which recommended he be administratively discharged. On 23 May 94, SUBJECT was honorably discharged from the USAF and was issued a temporary ID card entitling him to the following benefits: 60 days medical treatment (from date of separation) and Base Exchange/Commissary privileges for two years (expiring May 96). On 1 Jun 94, SUBJECT returned to LAFB with over six thousand dollars in his possession, checking into LAFB Billeting. While at LAFB he visited his ex-girlfriend and his doctor from WHMF. SUBJECT told them that he was going to Alaska to "start over from scratch." On 5 Jun 1994, SUBJECT went to Elmendorf AFB AK where he stayed in billeting until 14 Jun 1994. He then went to Spokane, WA and on 14 Jun 94, he checked into a local hotel. On 15 Jun 1994, SUBJECT contacted a USAF Airman assigned to FAFB, regarding buying a gun and was referred to a licensed gun dealer. SUBJECT purchased a MAK-90 assault weapon and three 5 round clips from the gun dealer for \$450.00. On 17/18 Jun 94, he entered a local sporting goods store in Spokane with the rifle and a 75 round drum magazine which he is believed to have purchased the day before from a local surplus store. SUBJECT claimed the weapon would not function properly. The clerk adjusted the weapon for the drum magazine and then showed SUBJECT how to operate it. Interview of dancers at a local adult nightclub disclosed SUBJECT had spent as much as two to three thousand dollars for nude dances on 18-20 Jun 94. One of the dancers reported that during the early morning hours of 20 Jun 94, SUBJECT followed her home and caused a disturbance but left shortly thereafter. At approximately 1410, 20 Jun 1994, SUBJECT was seen checking out of the local hotel and being picked up by a Spokane taxi cab.

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(Refer to the attached diagram for use with the following information):

At approximately 1445, 20 Jun 94, SUBJECT was seen being dropped off by a taxi at the main entrance to the FAFB Hospital. SUBJECT carried a black and gray bag with a white Styrofoam case protruding from it. He entered the main doors of the hospital, walked through the lobby and then exited the hospital through the pharmacy entrance, located on the North side of the hospital.

From there, he proceeded to the hospital annex, entering the first floor through the East side doors. SUBJECT went through the first floor hallway and entered the men's bathroom, where it is believed he assembled his MAK-90 assault weapon in the rear toilet stall. SUBJECT then departed the bathroom. The black and gray carrying bag and the white Styrofoam case containing three 5 round magazines clips for the rifle (one of which was fully loaded) were found in the bathroom. As SUBJECT walked West, down the first floor hallway, he passed two USAF Airmen. While passing the second Airman, the butt of the weapon bumped the wall, causing the barrel to point at the Airman's stomach. SUBJECT momentarily stared directly at the Airmen, then continued down the hallway without harming either Airmen. When SUBJECT reached Captain ALAN LONDON's (DECEASED) office (approximately 1500), he opened the door, stepped inside and fired one round, mortally wounding LONDON. SUBJECT then pointed his weapon at a female patient, momentarily stared at her, but did not fire. He left the room and proceeded to Major THOMAS BRIGHAM's (DECEASED) office where he entered and again fired one shot which killed BRIGHAM. After leaving BRIGHAM's office, SUBJECT fired one round down the hallway at a person who had looked out of her office. SUBJECT then left the annex through the West side doors, where he confronted [REDACTED] (VICTIM). After a momentary stare, SUBJECT shot [REDACTED] in the shoulder. He then went Southwest through the parking lot toward the pharmacy entrance of the main hospital building, firing his rifle several more times and wounding [REDACTED] (VICTIM-Civ.) outside the north door of the hospital.

SUBJECT went into the main lobby area of the hospital, where he began firing randomly at the people in the lobby, wounding the following VICTIMS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] From the lobby, SUBJECT proceeded West down a hallway toward the emergency room and cafeteria wounding the following VICTIMS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] He then attempted to enter the Immunization Clinic, but a USAF Airman, while attempting to knock SUBJECT's weapon away, was able to close the clinic's door. As SUBJECT turned away from the Immunization Clinic, 8-year-old CHRISTEN MCCARRON (DECEASED) was shot as she opened the cafeteria's kitchen door. MCCARRON later died from her wound. SUBJECT then retraced his steps back through the hallway wounding VICTIM [REDACTED]. As he entered the main lobby, SUBJECT shot and wounded VICTIM [REDACTED]. VICTIM [REDACTED] and VICTIM [REDACTED] a second time, fatally wounding [REDACTED] five-month-old unborn child. SUBJECT then walked through the East wing of the building, proceeding through the Family Practice Clinic (FPC). After he reached the clinic, he fired randomly throughout the area. As he proceeded through the FPC, he confronted and wounded VICTIM [REDACTED].

[REDACTED]. He then left the building through the loading dock area located on the Southeast corner of the hospital. Once outside, SUBJECT fired randomly at people and objects, wounding VICTIMS [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] He proceeded east through the parking lot and across the grass toward the far east parking lot of the hospital where he shot and wounded two additional people. One was [REDACTED] (VICTIM) and DECEASED ANITA LINDNER (Civ.), who were hiding behind a vehicle in the east

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parking lot. After initially wounding LINDNER, witnesses reported they observed SUBJECT stand over her and fire three more rounds into her, killing her. SUBJECT then proceeded north along Graham Road, which forms the eastern boundary of the hospital complex. Witnesses observed him firing, at random, toward the hospital as well as into the housing area on the East side of Graham Road.

Throughout the shooting incident, 911 calls were coming in to the Law Enforcement Desk by personnel barricaded in their offices. Security Police patrols were dispatched, but prior to their arrival, SrA ANDREW BROWN, a Security Policeman on bicycle patrol near the hospital, arrived on scene.

BROWN drew his weapon and ordered SUBJECT to drop his weapon. SUBJECT ignored the orders and turned towards BROWN, at which time BROWN fired four shots at a distance of approximately 70 yards. Two rounds struck SUBJECT, one in the left shoulder and one in the head, killing him. Interviews of several witnesses disclosed SUBJECT had turned and possibly fired in the direction of BROWN. An examination of vehicles near BROWN's position at the time he fired at SUBJECT disclosed two vehicles with bullet hole damages, however, neither the bullets or fragments could be found. A subsequent check of SUBJECT's rifle and the drum magazine disclosed 19 rounds still remained. If the drum magazine was fully loaded when SUBJECT began his shooting rampage, 56 rounds would have been fired. However, approximately 43 rounds could be accounted for. Reports from witnesses indicated unidentified individuals had removed brass from the scene.

Initial information from witnesses indicated the possibility of an additional gunman still located on the third floor of the hospital annex. Responding agencies jointly sealed off the annex and began evacuating residents from adjacent homes. In addition, AFOSI agents, security police personnel, and a local law enforcement officer swept the facility in an attempt to locate the alleged second gunman. The search and later interviews of witnesses/victims disclosed that the reports of a second gunman were unfounded. A review of the tape recorded conversations of military police involved and incoming crime stop calls into the 92d Security Police Law Enforcement Desk, FAFB, WA disclosed SUBJECT's rampage lasted less than 10 minutes.

A review of the Spokane County Coroners Autopsy Reports disclosed DECEASED LONDON, BRIGHAM, MCCARRON, and LINDNER died from gunshot wounds from a MAK-90, while SUBJECT died from gunshot wounds from a 9mm.

On 4 Oct 94, [REDACTED] Chief Criminal Deputy, Spokane County Prosecuting Attorney, Spokane, WA advised that after a review of the SCSO Report of Investigation on the shooting, he ruled that the use of deadly force by BROWN was lawful and necessary under the circumstances. According to [REDACTED] BROWN was clearly acting in self-defense and in defense of others as allowed by law.

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