



## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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# Press Release

## BRAINTREE REPORTS LOCATED – RELEASED

Contact: David Traub, Norfolk District Attorney's Office

As a result of an internal audit of municipal records ordered by Braintree Mayor Joseph Sullivan over the weekend, today Mayor Sullivan and Braintree Police Officials hand-delivered to the Norfolk District Attorney's Office a substantial body of police reports, previously believed to be missing, relative to the 1986 shooting of Seth Bishop.

These reports have been reviewed by senior staff at the District Attorney's Office, including the Chief of Homicide, the Chief Appellate Attorney and a lieutenant detective of the State Police assigned to the Norfolk District Attorney's Detective Unit.

The District Attorney's Office is also in receipt of the State Police ballistics report relating to the shotgun that was used in the Dec. 6, 1986 shooting.

All of these documents are attached for your review, along with previously released documents.

The analysis of the newly received documents, as well as the previously released March 30, 1987 State Police report indicate that probable cause existed at that time to place Amy Bishop under arrest charged with:

Assault with a Dangerous Weapon, Chap. 265 Sec. 15B  
Carrying a Dangerous Weapon, Chap. 269 Sec. 10, 12D  
Unlawful possession of ammunition, Chap. 269 Ch. 10 (h)

The statute of limitations has run on all of those charges.

The reports supply significant additional details into the incident and the circumstances of the apprehension of Amy Bishop. The reports do not contradict the previously released information regarding the sole eye witness, the victim's mother, who told police at the time that she directly observed the shotgun in her daughter's hands discharge accidentally, striking and killing Seth Bishop.

Even if a Grand Jury were to hear allegations that this incident involved wanton and reckless conduct on the part of Amy Bishop – the lowest standard for Manslaughter in Massachusetts – the statute of limitations has barred indictment on that charge since 1992.

Mayor Sullivan stated: "On Monday, February 15, 2010 after a search of archived records, Chief Frazier located the Braintree Police reports written by officers involved with the incident. The reports were found among other investigative files maintained by a retired Braintree Police Captain." Mayor Sullivan further stated: "A review of Braintree municipal records also revealed that Amy Bishop's mother was one of 240 elected Town Meeting members. She represented Precinct 3 from 1980 to 1993. She served one year (1985) on the Braintree Arts Lottery Council, with her husband. There is no indication in town records that she served on the Personnel Board or any other elected or appointed office."

"I appreciate the work we were able to accomplish with District Attorney Keating throughout this matter and I believe our combined efforts are in the best interest of the town of Braintree," Mayor Sullivan said.

"Although the reports and my statements contain minor discrepancies, I am relieved that we now have the incident reports from the responding officers available to us," Chief Paul Frazier stated.

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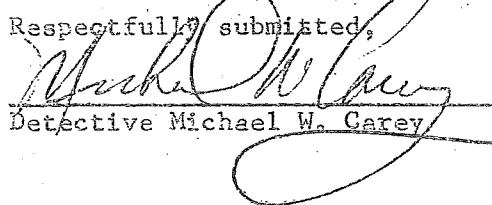
CASE # 864718  
December 17, 1986

INCIDENT: Shooting at 46 Hollis Avenue  
INTERVIEW: Amy Bishop  
LOCATION: 46 Hollis Avenue  
PRESENT: Capt. Theodore Baker, Det. Michael Carey, Tpr. Brian Howe (Ma. State Police)  
DATE: 12/17/86 TIME: 1100 hours

On this date, I spoke to Amy Bishop and she made the following statements: Amy stated that on the morning of the shooting, her mother had gone to the stables and her father went shopping. She added that she did not know where her brother Seth was. She was in her room and thought that she would learn how to load the gun. She got the gun from her parents room. It was on the chest and the bullets were on the bureau. She put the shells in the gun. She then tried to get them out by trying to unscrew the bottom. The gun was on the bed and it just went off. She thought that her bedroom door was open at the time. She further stated that she was beside her bed near the door at the time the gun went off. She could not remember anything coming out of the gun. Amy said that she did not think that she put another bullet in the gun after it went off. She unscrewed the bottom of the shaft and screwed it back together. Amy added that she thinks her mirror got broken and there was a hole in the bedroom wall. She heard her brother come in and went right downstairs to ask Seth to help her unload the gun. She said apparently her mother had been in the kitchen for a while. She went down the front set of stairs, through the dining room to the door by the kitchen. She stated that she asked her brother to unload the gun because she thought it might still be loaded. She added that her mother said something to her, but she did not remember what was said. Amy said she was carrying the gun pointed down beside her leg. Seth told her to point the gun up. Seth was walking across the kitchen between Amy and her mother. Amy said that she had the gun in one hand and started to raise the gun. Amy stated that someone said something and she turned, the gun went off. She remembered her brother saying "Oh god" and her mother scream. She thought she had ruined the kitchen, so she ran out the rear door. She stated that she thought she had dropped the gun when she ran. She was by the dining room door to kitchen when the gun went off. She also added that she did not remember having a jacket on, or running out of the house with the gun. Amy told us that she couldn't remember anything else until she saw her mother at the police station. Amy did say that her brother Seth had verbally told her how to hold the gun, but that she had been afraid of it.

Amy kept repeating that she could not forget their house being broken into and that she had read alot of stories about things that happen when people rob houses. She also stated that she did not cover up the hole in the wall of her bedroom.

Respectfully submitted,

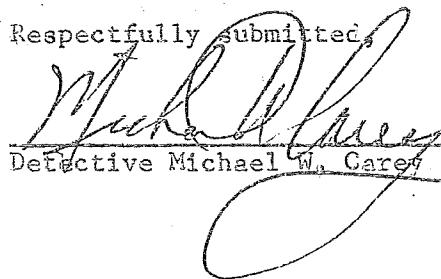
  
Detective Michael W. Carey

CASE# 864718  
December 17, 1986

INCIDENT: Shooting at 46 Hollis Avenue  
INTERVIEW: Samuel Bishop  
LOCATION: 46 Hollis Avenue  
PRESENT: Capt. Theodore Baker, Det. Michael Carey, Tpr. Brian Howe (Ma. State Police)  
DATE: 12/17/86 TIME: 1030 hours

On this date, I spoke to Samuel Bishop and he made the following statements: Sam stated that he was not in the house at the time of the shooting. He said that he had left the house at approximately 11:30 am to go shopping at the South Shore Plaza. He stated that Seth was washing his car, Amy was in the house and his wife, Judy, was due home somewhere between 11am and 12noon. Sam stated that he had a disagreement with Amy before he left about a comment that she had made, she had gone to her room and he left. He said that the police and ambulance were at the house when he arrived home. He told me that he bought the shotgun at Coleman's in Canton approximately one year ago. He stated that his son, Seth and he belonged to the Braintree Rifle Club. He said the gun was unloaded on top of a trunk in a rifle case in his upstairs bedroom. He said the bullets were on the bureau in the bedroom, also. He added that Amy had not been trained in the use of the gun. Mr. Bishop stated that he could not add anything to what he had already said.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Detective Michael W. Carey

Mr. & Mrs. DeWitt  
1000 N. Main Street  
Ogallala, Neb.  
Dear Mr. & Mrs. DeWitt  
I am writing to you to thank you  
for your kind gift of \$100.00  
which I will use for my  
education.

Yours very truly

## POLICE OFFICER'S INCIDENT REPORT

Braintree

Police Department

RECORD # B64713

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Date and Time of Report	Mo. 12	Day 06	Yr. 86	Time 1520
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## OCCURRENCE

ARREST #

Incident Code

63

FROM

TO

REPORTED

Mo. Day Yr. Time Mo. Day Yr. Time

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Offense/Incident

Accidental Shooting

I N C I D E N T

Location of Offense

Address

How incident was reported

Means of attack/point of entry

Weapon/method of entry

V I C T I M

Victim (Last Name, First, M.I.)

Sex

M

W

Date of Birth

04/09/63

Age

18

Soc. Sec. No.

Occupation

Emp.

Bishop, Seth

Victim, Home Address (House No., Street Name, City, State)

46 Hollis Ave. Braintree, Ma.

Home Phone

Victim/suspect relationship

Place of employment/school attended

Business Phone

Prior Victimization

Mo. Day Yr.

WITNESS OTHER THAN VICTIM: I = INVOLVED PARTICIPANT DC = DISCOVERED CRIME RP = REPORTING PARTY W = WITNESS

O T H E R  
W I T N E S S E S

Code	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Sex	RACE NAT.	DATE OF BIRTH Mo.	Day Year	Telephone	Address
W	Bishop, Judy			F	W				46 Hollis Ave Braintree, Ma.

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Suspect No. 1 (Last Name, First, M.I.)	Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Skin	Hair	Eyes	Hand
Bishop, Amy	F	W		20						
Scars, Marks, Tattoos — Clothing										Suspect No. 1 May be located at 46 Hollis Ave. Braintree, Ma.
Suspect No. 2 (Last Name, First, M.I.)	Sex	Race	Date of Birth	Age	Height	Weight	Skin	Hair	Eyes	Hand
Scars, Marks, Tattoos — Clothing										Suspect No. 2 May be located at

V E H I C L E

STATUS <input type="checkbox"/> Stolen <input type="checkbox"/> Suspect <input type="checkbox"/> Victimized <input type="checkbox"/> Recovered	Year	Make/Model	Style	Color (Top/Bottom)	Identifying Characteristics		
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P R O P E R T Y

Type	Mfg. or Trade Name	Material	Size	I.D. or Serial No.	Pres. Value	How Established
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NARRATIVE At Above date and time I was dispatched to 46 Hollis Ave. on a report of a shooting

Upon my arrival I spoke with Mrs. Judy Bishop who directed my attention to the kitchen of  
of the home stating that her son had been shot by her daughter.

I went to the kitchen and saw Officers R. Jordan & T. Murphy giving first aid to a

W/M lying on his back, on the floor in a pool of blood, victim had a large wound in the

I hereby certify that the contents of this report are true and  
correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Reporting Officer *McGinnell J. Brady*  
Second Officer

Badge No.

Badge No.

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 No  
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CASE STATUS

 Active  
 Unfounded  
 Inactive  
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Assignment

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Supervising Officer *McGinnell J. Brady*

## POLICE OFFICER'S REPORT SUPPLEMENT

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INCIDENT		LOCATION			DATE OF THIS REPORT	
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REPORT:  
middle of his chest. At this time Bay State Paramedic Unit arrived, manned by Edward Ranzabach and Karen Paulson. I left Officers Jordan & Murphy to assist in first aid and went to the front porch of the house to speak with the mother of the victim.  
Mrs. Bishop made the following statement. " My daughter Amy came into the kitchen carrying my husband's shotgun. I was at the kitchen sink and Seth was standing by the stove. Amy said to me, I have a shell in the gun and I don't know how to unload it. I told Amy not to point the gun at anybody. Amy turned toward her brother and the gun fired hitting him. Amy then ran out of the house with the shotgun."

I then obtained a description of Amy and assigned Officers Solimini, Finn, and Murphy to look for her. A short time latter Off. Solimini located Amy behind The Village News Agency on Parkway. She still had the shotgun with her, one shell still in the chamber and one in her pocket. She was transported to the station by Off. Solimini and Murphy.

Victim was transported to Quincy City Hospital by Bay State, ambulance driven by Off.

R. Jordan. Victim was pronounced dead at 3:03pm by Dr. Thomas Divinigracia. Initial cause of death, ruptured aorta due to gunshot wound.

Father of victim, Sammual Bishop was transported to hospital by Off. Finn, mother transported to station by myself, Det. James Leshy remained at the scene to protect area. at the station I questioned the mother about a motive. She said both

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REPORT:  
 children got along well and she knew of know reason for Amy to want to harm Seth. Amy was questioned by Capt. D'Amico and Lt. Sullivan, I was not present during the questioning. Det. Cary went to scene to assist Det. Leahy in taking photographs and examining the area.  
 At this time the shooting is still under investigation by detective buerau. I have instructed all officers involved to make reports about thier actions and observations.

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TO: Cpt. Theodore Buker  
FROM: Lt. James R. Sullivan  
SUBJECT: Death of Seth Bishop -Case # 864718  
DATE: December 6, 1986

At approx. 1445 hrs 12/06/86 Off. R. Solimini brought Amy Bishop age 20 of 46 Hollis Ave. Bra. to the police station. Miss Bishop was a suspect in the shooting of her brother Seth Bishop age 18. Seth Bishop was pronounced dead at Quincy City Hospital at 1508 hrs.

Amy Bishop was given her rights by me in the booking room. She said she wished to talk to me. She stated that earlier there had been a family " spat " and she had gone to her room. ( Unknown at this time how much earlier this family " spat " had been ). She stated that she loaded the shotgun because she had been worried about " robbers " coming into the house. Sometime in the past her brother had shown her how to load the shotgun but not how to unload it. After loading the shotgun, she accidentally fired a round in her bedroom, which struck a lamp and the wall. She tried to cover this up so her mother would not see the damage. Sometime later ( again how much later is unknown at this time ) she went downstairs and into the kitchen where she approached her mother and asked her if she knew how to unload the shotgun she was carrying . She said her mother told her not to point it at anybody. At this time she turned and the shotgun went off striking her brother. I asked her if she shot her brother on purpose and she stated no. At this point her mother came into the booking room with Sgt. Brady and mother said she didn't want her to make any further statements or be asked any more questions. Amy then said she wouldn't answer any more questions. I then left the booking area.

After consulting with Cpt. Buker and Cpt. D'Amico it was determined that no charges would be brought against Amy Bishop at this time. With the current information, it would appear to be an accidental shooting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Lt. James R. Sullivan*  
Lt. James R. Sullivan

QUINCY DISTRICT COURT

CASE # 864718

Adult ( ) Juvenile ( )

Hearing Date \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant Bishop Army

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address 46 Hells Ave

Defense Counsel \_\_\_\_\_

Arraignment Date \_\_\_\_\_

Offences

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
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District Court Dispositions

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Complaint Number

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Police Witnesses

1. SGT. BRADY
2. OFF. R. Scrimm
3. OFF. T. MURPHY
4. OFF. R. TORRAN

Telephone Number

Civilian Witnesses

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
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Address, City and State

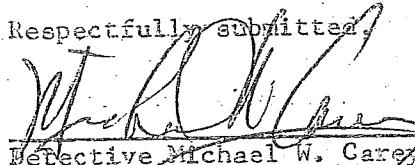
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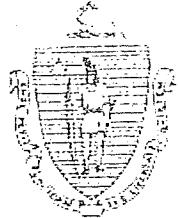
INCIDENT: Shooting at 46 Hollis Avenue  
INTERVIEW: Judy Bishop  
LOCATION: 46 Hollis Avenue  
PRESENT: Capt. Theodore Baker, Det. Michael W. Carey  
DATE: 12/17/86 TIME: 1050 hours

On this date, I spoke to Judy Bishop and she made the following statements; Judy stated that on the day of the shooting, she left the house to go to the stable at around 7:00am. She stated that everyone was in the house when she left. She stated that she returned to the house to see if there was anything for lunch. This was after she left the stables. Seth was home and went to the store because there was not anything for lunch. He brought groceries in and went into the living room to turn on the television. He was on his way back into the kitchen when Amy came downstairs with the gun. Judy stated that Amy came into the kitchen and asked Judy if she could help her unload the gun. Judy stated that she told Amy not to point the gun at anyone. Mrs. Bishop said Amy then turned and the gun went off and hit her son, Seth. Judy said she screamed and Amy ran out of the house. Judy stated that she then called the police and waited at the front door for the police. She added that she knew that Seth could not live.

Judy stated that she did not hear the first shot that went off in the bedroom. She added that the house is very soundproof.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Detective Michael W. Carey



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Department of Public Safety

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE  
STATE POLICE OFFICE  
360 WASHINGTON STREET  
DEDHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

March 30, 1987

TO: FIRST ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY JOHN P. KIVLAN  
FROM: TROOPER BRIAN L. HOWE #1332 *b44*  
SUBJECT: ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING OF SETH BISHOP, WHITE MALE,  
D.O.B. 4/9/68 AT 46 HOLLIS AVENUE, BRAINTREE,  
MASSACHUSETTS ON DECEMBER 6, 1986.  
CASE: #86-112-0910-0185

On December 6, 1986, this officer was directed by Detective Lieutenant James Sharkey to conduct an investigation into the fatal shooting of Seth Bishop at his residence of 46 Hollis Avenue in the Town of Braintree.

This officer contacted Captain Theodore Baker of the Braintree Police Department and was informed by Captain Baker that at approximately 1422 hours on December 6, 1986, the Braintree Police Department had responded to the report of a shooting at 46 Hollis Avenue in their town.

Upon arriving at the location, Officers Jordan and Murphy had observed the decedent lying on his back on the floor in a pool of blood in the kitchen area, with a large chest wound.

Paramedics responded to the scene and after administering preliminary first aid, transported the victim to the Quincy City Hospital where he was subsequently pronounced dead at 1506 hours, by Dr. Thomas Divinigracia. Initial cause of death of the victim was reported to be a ruptured aorta as a result of a gunshot wound to the chest.

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MASS. STATE POLICE	
Year Dist Crime Case	
86-112-0910 - 0185	
Serial # /	
4-1-87 Captain	MM Supervisor

Captain Buker stated that preliminary investigation conducted by Officers Jordan and Murphy indicated that the victim had been shot by his sister, Amy Bishop (age 19), and that apparent cause of the gunshot discharge into the victim had been accidental in nature. Captain Buker further stated that indications were that Amy Bishop had been attempting to manipulate the shotgun and had subsequently brought the gun downstairs in an attempt to gain assistance from her mother in disarming the weapon.

During her attempt to disarm the weapon in the kitchen of her residence, the weapon had apparently accidentally discharged, resulting in the fatal wound inflicted upon her brother.

Captain Buker further stated that at the time the discharge occurred, ~~Jessie~~ Bishop, the mother of both the victim and Amy, had been in the kitchen and had witnessed the entire incident. ~~Jessie~~ Bishop had indicated to the responding officers that the discharge had been accidental in nature and that the discharge had occurred while Amy was attempting to unload the weapon.

Captain Buker also stated that Amy Bishop had fled the residence immediately upon discharging the weapon and had subsequently been located by Braintree Officers and brought to the Braintree Police Department for questioning.

Captain Büker stated that due to the highly emotional state of Amy Bishop, it had generally been impossible to question her while she was at the Braintree Police Department relative to the circumstances of the firearm discharge, and that as a result of these facts, she was thereupon released to the custody of her parents with further investigation to follow at a future time.

This officer therefor determined that due to the inability to question the witnesses at that time as a result of their highly emotional state and their inability to recall specifically the facts relating to this occurrence, as well as the fact that ~~Jessie~~ Bishop stated that she had witnessed the entire affair and the discharge had been accidental in nature, it was determined that additional interviews would be conducted at a later time, allowing the witnesses a sufficient time to stabilize their emotions.

On December 6, 1986, an autopsy was conducted on Seth Bishop at the Quincy City Hospital by Dr. George Katsas with Dr. William Ridder in attendance. The autopsy began at approximately 2000 hours with the cause of death having been determined to be the result of a shotgun discharge to the left chest area.

It should also be noted that a check of firearms identification cards at Braintree Police Department indicated an F.I.D. card issued to Seth Bishop, card #H590682, as well as an F.I.D. card issued to ~~Samuel~~ Bishop, father of Seth, card #H590724.

Captain Buiker had also indicated to this officer that numerous photographs had been taken at the scene of the shooting, as well as at the autopsy conducted on the victim.

The weapon which had been utilized in the death of Seth Bishop had been secured by the Braintree Police Department for further processing by the State Police Ballistics Laboratory.

Arrangements were subsequently made to conduct interviews of all of the members of the Bishop family, and thereupon, on December 17, 1986, this officer, Captain Theodore Buiker and Detective Michael Carey of the Braintree Police Department proceeded to 46 Hollis Avenue in the Town of Braintree.

Individually ~~Samuel~~, Judy and Amy Bishop were interviewed by these officers with the resulting statements taken.

~~Samuel~~ Bishop stated that he had not been in the residence at the time of the shooting. He said that he had left the house at approximately 1130 hours to go shopping at the South Shore Plaza. He stated that at the time he left the residence, his son Seth had been washing his car, Amy was in the house and his wife, Judy, was due to be home at sometime between 1100 and 1200 hours. ~~Samuel~~ stated that he had a disagreement with Amy before he left about a comment that she had made, and that she had gone to her room prior to his departing. He stated that upon his return to the residence, police and ambulance were at the house and that he was advised of the situation relating to the shooting of his son.

When questioned as to the actual possession of the shotgun within his residence, he stated that he had bought the shotgun at Coleman's Sporting Goods in Canton, approximately one year previously, and that he and his son, Seth, had

belonged to the Braintree Rifle Club. He stated that the gun had been unloaded, on top of a trunk in a rifle case in his upstairs bedroom, and that the bullets were on a bureau in the bedroom also. He further stated that Amy had not been trained in the use of the weapon and that the weapon had originally been purchased for family protection as a result of a previous housebreak at their residence.

These officer then interviewed Judy Bishop, the mother of the victim who stated that on the day of the shooting, she had left the house at approximately 0700 hours and that all other family members had been in the house at that time. She stated that she returned to the residence to see if there was anything for lunch, and that at this time, Seth was home and stated that he would go to the store to pick up some food so that they could all have lunch.

Judy further stated that Seth returned from the grocery store, went into the livingroom and turned on television. She stated that he was on his way into the kitchen when Amy came downstairs with the shotgun, came into the kitchen and asked Judy if she could help her unload the gun. Judy stated that she told Amy not to point the gun at anyone, and that Amy then turned, and in doing so, somehow discharged the weapon which subsequently hit her son Seth who was at that time walking into the kitchen from the livingroom.

Judy stated that she screamed and thereupon Amy ran out of the house. Judy stated that she then called the police and waited at the front door for the arrival of the police, but she further added that she knew that Seth could not live as the result of the injury which he had received.

When questioned relative to any prior discharges of the weapon inside the residence on the day in question, Judy stated that she did not hear any other shots fired, in particular, any shots fired in the upstairs bedroom, but she believed that the house was relatively well soundproofed and that such a discharge would not necessarily be heard on another floor of the house.

Judy stated that she did not feel that she had any knowledge of any other relevant facts relating to the investigation to convey to these officers.

These officers then conducted an interview with Amy Bishop who stated that on the morning of the shooting, her mother had gone out and that her father had gone shopping. Amy

stated that she did not know where her brother was during the day but thought that it would be a good idea if she learned how to load the shotgun in the house. Amy stated that she was concerned for her own safety on occasions as a result of the break which had previously occurred at their home, and she often read and heard of stories about things that happened when people break into houses and find other people inside.

Amy stated that she got the gun from her parents' room where she found it on the chest and the bullets were on the bureau. She stated that she put the shells into the gun and then tried to get them out but was unsuccessful in doing this even though she attempted to unscrew the bottom casing of the gun. She stated that while she was attempting to unload the weapon which was on her bed, it discharged in her room, but that she is unsure as whether or not her bedroom door was open at the time. She stated that she was beside her bed near the door at the time that the gun discharged, but that she could not specifically recall seeing anything coming out of the gun.

Amy further stated that she does not recall putting any additional bullets into the gun after it discharged, and that she then unscrewed the bottom of the shaft in an attempt to empty the weapon, and when being unable to empty the weapon this way, she stated that she then screwed the bottom of the shaft back on.

Amy stated that she then heard her brother come into the house downstairs and she went right downstairs to ask Seth to help her unload the gun. She said apparently her mother had been in the kitchen for awhile and that Amy went down the front set of stairs, through the diningroom, to the door by the kitchen. She stated that she asked her brother to unload the weapon because she thought it might still be loaded and she added that her mother said something to her but she does not specifically recall what it was.

Amy said that she was carrying the gun pointed beside her leg, and that Seth told her to point the gun up. Amy stated that Seth was walking across the kitchen between Amy and her mother and that Amy had the gun in one hand and started to raise it. Amy further stated that someone said something to her and she turned and the gun went off. She stated that she remembered her brother saying, "Oh God," and her mother screaming, and that Amy thought that she had ruined the kitchen but was not aware of the fact that she had struck her brother with the shotgun discharge.

Amy stated that she then immediately ran out the rear door of the kitchen and thought that she had dropped the gun as she ran away. She stated that at the time the gun went off, she was by the diningroom door to the kitchen. Amy also said that she does not recall putting on a jacket prior to running out of the house or leaving the house with the gun, and that she cannot recall anything else until she subsequently saw her mother at the police station.

Amy did tell these officers that her brother Seth had verbally told her previously how to hold the gun but that she had always previously been afraid of it. Amy concluded the investigation by saying that she had previously made no attempt to cover up the hole in her bedroom wall which apparently, according to her, was the result of the previous discharge in her bedroom.

Amy stated that she was not aware of any additional facts which could assist these officers in their investigation into the death of her brother, and she reiterated adamantly that the discharge had been accidental and that she was still having a very difficult time dealing with what had occurred and was currently under medication with a doctor's care.

As a result of these foregoing facts, a meeting was conducted between this officer, Captain Baker and Detective Carey. It was determined that due to the testimony of the members of the Bishop family and, in particular, the testimony of Judy Bishop relevant to the facts concerning the death of Seth Bishop that no further investigation into the death of Seth Bishop was warranted.

It was therefor determined that the cause of death of Seth Bishop would be listed as the accidental discharge of a firearm in the possession of his sister, Amy Bishop, and that the investigation would be concluded.

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# BRAINTREE POLICE DEPARTMENT



## NEWS RELEASE

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All of the charges contained in this news release are merely accusations and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty in a court of law.

### Comments from Chief Paul Frazier Regarding Amy Bishop

Good afternoon,

"The members of the Braintree Police Department extend their thoughts and prayers to the victims in the shooting incident which occurred at the University of Alabama, in Huntsville, Alabama as well as to their families and the members of the Huntsville Police Department who responded to and are investigating the incident."

"I have been in contact with the Huntsville Police Department to confirm that the suspect in their shooting had been involved in a shooting incident in Braintree 24 years ago. Their investigators will be back in touch with us within a couple of days."

"The suspect in the Huntsville shooting, Amy Bishop had been involved in a shooting incident in Braintree, Massachusetts in December of 1986. I located the Day Log from December of 1986 and found that the incident had occurred on December 6<sup>th</sup>. After finding the report number I looked in our archived files for the report. I was unable to locate the report."

"Officer Ronald Solimini informed me that he wrote the report and said that I wouldn't find it as it has been missing from the files for over 20 years. He said that former Police Chief Edward Flynn had looked for the report and that it was missing. He believes this was in 1988."

Officer Solimini recalled the incident as follows: He said he remembers that Ms. Bishop fired a round from a pump action shotgun into the wall of her bedroom. She had a fight with her brother and shot him, which caused his death. She fired a third round from the shotgun into the ceiling as she exited the home. She fled down the street with the shotgun in her hand. At one point she allegedly pointed the shotgun at a motor vehicle in an attempt to get the driver to stop. Officer Solimini found her behind a business on Washington Street. Officer Timothy Murphy was able to take control of the suspect at gunpoint and seized the shotgun. Ms. Bishop was subsequently

handcuffed and transported to the police station "under arrest."

"Officer Solimini informed me that before the booking process was completed Ms. Bishop was released from custody without being charged."

"I (Chief Frazier) spoke with the retired Deputy Chief who was then a Lieutenant and was responsible for booking Ms. Bishop. He said he had started the process when he received a phone call he believes was from then Police Chief John Polio or possibly from a captain on Chief Polio's behalf. He was instructed to stop the booking process. At some point Ms. Bishop was turned over to her mother and they left the building via a rear exit."

Braintree Police Lieutenant Karen MacAleese was a high school classmate and confirmed from photographs that the suspect is the same Amy Bishop who lived in Braintree.

"I was not on duty at the time of the incident, but I recall how frustrated the members of the department were over the release of Ms. Bishop. It was a difficult time for the department as there had been three (3) shooting incidents within a short timeframe. The release of Ms. Bishop did not sit well with the police officers and I can assure you that this would not happen in this day and age."

"It is troubling that this incident has come to light. I can assure you that the members of the Braintree Police Department maintain the highest of integrity. Since it was discovered this morning that the report is missing, I have been in contact with Mayor Joseph Sullivan. Mayor Sullivan and I have spoken with District Attorney William Keating and we will be meeting with him next week to discuss this situation. The Mayor supports a full review of this matter and agrees that we want to know where the records are."

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INCIDENT <i>Shooting</i>		LOCATION <i>46 Hollis Ave</i>	DATE OF THIS REPORT <i>2/16/00</i>			
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST FIRST INITIAL <i>O'Brien M</i>		ADDRESS <i>base</i>	PHONE			
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REPORT:

*Sir:*

On this date at approximately 1435 hours Lt. James Sullivan contacted me at home requesting me to report to work right away. Lt. Sullivan informed me that I was needed to assist Det. Leahy at 46 Hollis Ave to assist in the investigation of a shooting. I reported to the station and was informed by Lt. Sullivan that Det. Leahy was requesting that I take photographs of the scene. I arrived at the scene at 1520 hours and took 24 photographs of the scene.

While at the scene, I found a spent shotgun shell in an upstairs bedroom directly across from the others. The shell was on the floor between the bed and wall by a night table. On the table was a

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INCIDENT	Shooting			LOCATION	46 Wells Ave	DATE OF THIS REPORT
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REPORT: Broke mirror and lamp, upon inspection I discovered a hole in the wall concealed by a book cover and a tin Bend-Cid Roof. The scene was secured until the State Police were notified by Off. Soleimani Brian Howe from the State Police contacted the station and spoke with Capt. Baker. Trooper Howe informed Capt. Baker that the State Police would not respond. I returned to the scene and obtained the following evidence and returned it to the station and labeled it:

- 1-roll of film 24 exposure
- 1-spent shell found on floor beside bed in upstairs bedroom directly across from others
- 1-box of 4 shot shells containing 21 shells on the bed in upstairs bedroom directly across from others

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INCIDENT	LOCATION	DATE OF THIS REPORT				
Shooting	46 Holts Ave	2/26/78				
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL	ADDRESS	PHONE				
D Bishop, Seth						
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REPORT:  
4-color photographs of scene  
taken by Off. Richard Jordan

Off Solimini and I cleared the scene, leaving the house in the care of a neighbor.

At the station, I checked our files and discovered that there were two F.T.-S. cards issued to this address.

#4590682 - Seth M. Bishop

#4590724 - Samuel J. Bishop

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INCIDENT	LOCATION			DATE OF THIS REPORT		
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL <i>Bishop, Amy</i>			ADDRESS		PHONE	
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## REPORT:

at approx 1630 searching the area of Dinger Ford auto body I spoke to two persons. Thomas Pettigrew, 20 Alrik Rd., Quincy, 471 6949, and Jeff Doyle, 30 Mayflower Ln., Marshfield, So Shore Auto, 843 8837. They stated Jeff first saw a person walk from the shop to another, he told Thomas and they went to investigate. He heard someone walking down stairs and opened the door. Standing in front of them was a girl holding a shotgun. She pointed the gun at them and said she wanted a car and a set of keys right away. She told them to step back while keeping the gun on them. As they stepped back she went outside and headed up toward wash. It was off Murphy parked her.

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INCIDENT <u>Accidental Shooting</u>	LOCATION 46 Hollis Ave	DATE OF THIS REPORT 12/6/86				
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL <u>Bishop, Amy</u>	ADDRESS 46 Hollis Ave.	PHONE				
PROPERTY-TYPE	MFG. OR TRADE NAME	MATERIAL	SIZE	I.D. OR SERIAL NO.	PRES. VALUE	HOW ESTABLISHED
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REPORT:

Sir. At Apprx 14:22 Hrs on Dec 6, 86, I was detailed from the station to 46 Hollis Ave with off Murphy 813, off Finn - 814, Sgt Brady 817; on a report of a shooting. Upon my arrival at the scene, Sgt Brady gave me a description of the suspect (miss Amy Bishop). Description was as follows Blue jacket, Grey pants, white sneakers and ran out of the house carrying a shot gun. As I was checking out the area of Braintree Square I spotted miss Bishop at the end of Parkway Dr. AT this time I radioed the station that I spotted her. (near the rear of Village News). I then swung my cruiser around to the other side of Parkway Dr and spotted miss Bishop again. I also observed her carrying the shot gun. I then observed the workers of the Village news getting + staying clear of the building. I then exited my cruiser (Apprx 30 ft away from the building + Miss Bishop) and approached Miss Bishop with caution, with my gun out of my holster but to the side of my body without Miss Bishop seeing it. Miss Bishop seemed, <sup>kept</sup> frightened, disoriented, and confused but she <sup>had both</sup> her hands on the shot gun at all times. As I was talking to her trying to get her to drop the gun, and reason with her, shot

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INCIDENT Accidental Shooting				LOCATION 46 Hollis Ave	DATE OF THIS REPORT 12/6/86	
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL Bishop Amy				ADDRESS	PHONE	
PROPERTY-TYPE	MFG. OR TRADE NAME	MATERIAL	SIZE	I.D. OR SERIAL NO.	PRES. VALUE \$	HOW ESTABLISHED
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REPORT:  
but she wouldn't drop the gun at this time. I then observed officer Murphy coming around the other side of the building trying to get a good position on her. As I was keeping her attention towards me officer Murphy then was able to surprise her from behind + order her to drop the weapon again. At this time she did + officer T. Murphy then grabbed the gun + I grabbed Miss Bishop + I then placed the handcuffs on her for her safe keeping and ours. I then placed her in my cruiser + transported her back to the station with off T. Murphy upon transporting her back to the station we found another 12 Gage Field Load number 4 shell in her jacket pocket. I then went back to the scene of the shooting + tried to find the empty shot gun shell, but was unable to locate it.  
Incident Under Investigation.

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INCIDENT <i>Accidental Shooting</i>	LOCATION <i>46 Hollis Ave</i>	DATE OF THIS REPORT				
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL	ADDRESS	PHONE				
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REPORT:  
 Sir, while transporting Miss Bishop back to the station after giving her her miranda rights, Miss Bishop stated that she had an argument with her father earlier. (Prior to the shooting she stated.) This statement was said in the presence of Off Murphy and Myself.

~~ST~~ *R. R. Stevens*

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INCIDENT	Shooting - Autopsy			LOCATION	46 Hollis Ave	
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL	(v) BISHOP, SETA			ADDRESS	12/16/86	
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REPORT:

Sir On this date at approximately 1900 hrs  
 J. Sullivan notified me that Capt Baker  
 requested my presence at the autopsy of  
 the above victim. The autopsy was to  
 commence at 2000 hrs at Quincy City  
 Hospital

I arrived at Quincy Hospital -  
 Dr. Katsis performed the autopsy assisted  
 by Dr. William Pitter. The autopsy began  
 at 2000 hours and ended at 2045 hours.  
 Dr. Katsis took photographs before beginning.  
 He showed me the wound, pointing out that  
 there was no spread which would indicate the  
 shot was fired from very close range. The  
 shot also went straight back. The wound also  
 contained numerous pellets. Dr. Pitter turned  
 over a plastic container ~~that had~~  
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INCIDENT	Shooting - Autopsy			LOCATION	416 Hollis Ave		DATE OF THIS REPORT
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST INITIAL	(D) Bishop, Seth			ADDRESS			PHONE
PROPERTY-TYPE	MFG. OR TRADE NAME	MATERIAL	SIZE	I.D. OR SERIAL NO.	PRES. VALUE	HOW ESTABLISHED	\$
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## REPORT:

containing several pellets and one welding taken from the victim's chest area and organs.

Time of death was recorded at 3:08 pm at Quincy City Hospital due to shotgun wound to left chest. Dr. Riddle informed me that the cause of death was accidental pending police investigation. He also requested that he be kept informed of any developments to the contrary.

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INCIDENT		LOCATION			DATE OF THIS REPORT	
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL <i>Bishop Seth</i>		ADDRESS			PHONE	
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## REPORT:

At approx 1422 on Dec 6 I was dispatched to a shooting at 46 Hollis Ave. Upon arrival I found Seth Bishop lying on his left side face down in a pool of blood off T. Murphy and myself turned Victim over to open the airway and check wound. The wound was below and to the right of his left chest approx 1 1/2 " round. Blood and air was gushing out he breathes Bay State arrived and took over soon upon entering the ambulance his vital signs were weak to point according to attendant I drove amb. to Hospital. Upon arrived at hospital attendants were doing C.P.R. Dr arrived at emergency room attending doctors opened his chest and worked on him for some time but at approx 1508 pronounced him Dead. I asked Doctor cause and he showed me wound and stated liver was destroyed and aorta ruptured.

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INCIDENT <i>Accidental Shooting</i>	LOCATION 46 Halls Ave	DATE OF THIS REPORT 12/6/86				
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST-FIRST-INITIAL <i>Bishop S. M.</i>	ADDRESS Same	PHONE				
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## REPORT:

On December 6, 1986 I received a phone call via the 911 line. A woman stated that her daughter had just shot her son. Myself and officer Richard Jordan, left the station for 46 Halls Ave. Baystate Ambulance and several other crews, including 917 Sgt Brady who was dispatched to the area. Officer Jordan and myself arrived first. Entering the house a lady, later known as Mrs Bishop, stated her son was on the kitchen floor.

Upon entering the kitchen I noticed a male lying on the kitchen floor face down. Under his body and the immediate area was a large pool of blood. Myself and officer Jordan turned the body over and noticed his shirt and started to treat the boy.

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INCIDENT	Accidental Shooting			LOCATION	46 Hollis Ave	DATE OF THIS REPORT	12/6/86
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL	Bishop, Amy			ADDRESS	S Anna	PHONE	
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REPORT: Bay state ambulance, attendants arrived. At that point I along with Sgt. Brady went to the front porch to talk to Mrs. Bishop. She stated her daughter was asking her how to unload the gun? She had just a shell made, the gun went off, her son entered the room, as Amy fired and it hit him.

Amy left the house carrying the gun, running towards Brainerd Avenue. She was wearing gray pants, white sweater, a denim-type shirt with a short brown hair. I gave this information to John Mahoney by radio transmission and he broadcast to all units.

Sgt. Brady ordered all cars, except Ric Jordan to search for Amy.

Amy was found behind Village

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INCIDENT:	Accidental Shooting			LOCATION	Ko Holler Ave	DATE OF THIS REPORT	12/20/86
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL	Bishop Amy			ADDRESS	S. Ave.	PHONE	
PROPERTY-TYPE	MFG. OR TRADE NAME	MATERIAL	SIZE	I.D. OR SERIAL NO.	PRES. VALUE	HOW ESTABLISHED	
ITEM TYPE	MFG. OR TRADE NAME	MATERIAL	SIZE	I.D. OR SERIAL NO.	PRES. VALUE	HOW ESTABLISHED	

## REPORT:

News 2 Parkway Brackets. By officers Tim Murphy and Ron Salzman. I arrived associated plowboy Amy in the house. She and the wagon when transported to the station by R. Salzman and T. Murphy. I returned to the house. Mr. Bishop was now home. I transported him to Jimmy City Hospital; waited and returned to the station with Mr. Bishop.

Dr. Dunnington pronounced Seth Bishop dead at 3:08pm this date.

At Mrs and Mrs request I visited Peck funeral home and Dr. Sidel of Atlanta.

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INCIDENT			LOCATION	DATE OF THIS REPORT		
ACCIDENTAL Shooting			46 Hollis Ave	12-6-86		
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL			ADDRESS	PHONE		
Bishop Seth			Same			
PROPERTY-TYPE	MFG. OR TRADE NAME	MATERIAL	SIZE	I.D. OR SERIAL NO.	PRES. VALUE	HOW ESTABLISHED
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## REPORT:

Sir At APPx. 1422 Dec 6, 1986 a phone call

Came in on the 911 line, A woman called said her son was just shot. AND that she lived at 46 Hollis Ave OFF JORDAN, OFF Finn OFF Solimini AND MY SELF were first on scene, also Sgt. Bendt and Bay State Ambulance.

Upon arrival MR Bishop was lying on his LEFT SIDE face down in a pool of blood, we turned him over

AND attempted to make a air way. AS we started

Bay State arrived AND took over, SGT Brady got a description of MR Bishop, Sister Amy, who shot him

AND ran out the door, with the shot gun, She was

wearing a <sup>Blue</sup> ~~gray~~ jacket, Gray Pant's and white sneakers. We

Started the search on Hollis Ave, across the street

From the Bishop Home. It ended shot distance away

in the rear of Village New's, one parking way. The

Bishop Girl was hiding Behind, a parked car, Holding the shot gun at waist level, Youth's From the village

New's were Yelling there's a girl with a gun

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INCIDENT		LOCATION		DATE OF THIS REPORT	
ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING		46 Hollis Ave. BSA		12-6-86	
PRINCIPAL PARTY'S (OR FIRM'S) NAME - LAST, FIRST, INITIAL		ADDRESS		PHONE	
SAME					
PROPERTY-TYPE	MFG. OR TRADE NAME	MATERIAL	SIZE	I.D. OR SERIAL NO.	PRES. VALUE
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## REPORT:

When I first observed Miss Bishop, I was about fifteen feet away from her. Between her and me, was a Globe truck and piles of sanding paper's. I jumped up on the back of the truck, off. Solimini was trying to reason with her, asking her to drop the rifle, and come over to his cruiser. She refused. At that time, I managed to get closer to her approximately 5 ft away. I drew my service revolver and yelled three times, drop the rifle. After the third time she did. When she finally did, I jumped down off the paper's and grabbed the rifle, off. Solimini grabbed Miss Bishop and hand cuffed her for our safety as well as hers. Off Solimini and myself transported Miss Bishop and the rifle to the station. Capt. Danica examined the rifle, and found it was loaded with a 12 Gage Field Load number 4. make of rifle moss Berg 12 Gage Pump. Incident under investigation.

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