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Pennsylvania Instant Check System (PICS) Shutdown: Lessons Learned

On August 31 Pennsylvania gun dealers and the Allegheny County sportsmen's league brought an action for injunctive relief in Commonwealth Court seeking to block the Pennsylvania State Police from shutting down the PICS system. The necessity for this action was crystallized by the inaction of the Rendell administration through the Pennsylvania State Police to abide by Pennsylvania law which provided a clear bypass procedure for the legal sale of firearms should the PICS system become unavailable due to malfunction or other condition.

Ironically, the Pennsylvania State Police filed a brief with Commonwealth Court that included an astounding assertion that Commonwealth Court did not even have jurisdiction over a state agency. While you absorb this creative interpretation of our form of government and accountability of it to the people through the courts, the state Police brief, unlike their public statements, **NOW actually agrees** with **our position** that there is a bypass procedure built into the law regarding the sale of firearms when the instant check system becomes unavailable. The judge confirmed this during the hearing as well. What makes the PSP statements in their brief surprising is that in the ad hoc committee meeting just days prior to the trial the Pennsylvania State Police representatives disagreed with our interpretation of the law (a view shared by most legislators and even staff counsel) on the issue of the bypass procedure. Interestingly it seems that while the state Police have no compunctions about manipulating the truth with the elected leaders of the people their knees soften when faced with the reality of filing court documents that could hold them accountable.

While the outcome of the trial was far less than we had hoped for it is important to realize what has been gained by following through with this action. There are four distinct areas benefit gun owners:

- *The firearms sales bypass procedure of 48 hours (state law) and 72 hours (federal law) in the event of computer unavailability is legitimate and binding on the PICS operation.*

- *There was NO NEED to shut the system down for '5' days or even '3' days to perform this upgrade as it was completed in 31 hours as gun owner computer experts testified to in Commonwealth Court.*

- *The NEED for the Permanent Brady Alternative option to allow Concealed Carry of Firearms permit holders to be exempt from the requirement for PICS checks when buying a firearm.*

- *Legislators are questioning the need for PICS altogether and are more aware of the benefits of transferring these duties to NICS (National Instant Check System).*

We now know that the Pennsylvania State Police believe they are unaccountable to at least one level of a statewide court and that they REALLY DO know what the law means irrespective of their rhetoric in the public domain. In fact considering the above one could legitimately question the credibility of the PA State Police administrators with legislators and how susceptible the PSP is to bending to political manipulation.

It is important to keep in perspective the fact that this is the very same agency (the PSP) that claims that retaining records on law-abiding citizens in violation of federal law and state law is only applicable if the records are complete (?) and that the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in federal court can be ignored because the PSP doesn't agree with

what Judge Sanchez said their obligations were concerning notification of gun owners and purchasers as to the voluntary nature of the submission of their Social Security Numbers when purchasing a firearm or applying for concealed carry permit.

When one considers the totality of the lapses in truth and the arrogance in their conduct of operations, the costs associated with their operation of the instant check system (well over \$60 million today) it appears clear to us that this agency cannot be trusted to properly manage the responsibilities in these areas or to resist political manipulation.

Pennsylvania is currently a 'Point of Contact' state with the National Instant Check System (NICS) which means that while the NICS system is responsible for overall control of the Instant Check process, PA and the PSP are inserted as middle men, essentially, to the background check process. This not only adds numerous unnecessary layers of complexity to the process it also adds duplicative administrative functions. Currently 38 states have vested in the national instant check system the responsibility for performing firearms checks perhaps it is time that Pennsylvania explore this option.

3 Township Gun Bans Stopped

14 years ago Pennsylvania gunowners fought a pitched battle over the issue of statewide preemption of firearms laws. It was established then and continues to this day to be the law of the land and can be found contained within Title 18 Section 6120 of the Pennsylvania crimes code. Violation of this section of law carries a punishment of a misdemeanor one and would forever deny an individual the right to bear arms. This is the gravity of the violation that Township managers, Councilman and supervisors face when they attempt to play politics with individual liberties.

Geographically, **Ellwood city, Peters Township and Upper St. Clair** share little in common except for the fact that each one of them violated Pennsylvania law when they enacted various firearms restrictions. Leaving aside for the moment the argument that criminals will not abide by any laws that are on the books, the myopic nature of these restrictions is completely baffling.

Due to gun owner involvement every one of these communities that enacted firearms restrictions in violation of Pennsylvania law have rescinded, with much embarrassment those illegal ordinances.

We thank everyone that provided input and volunteered their personal time to re-educate these misinformed legislators and representatives!

England Suffering Gun Violence Crisis

Once the darling of anti-gun organizations, England (which has banned virtually every firearm) continues to suffer a spiraling out-of-control gun violence crisis. Despite all the protests and denials from the British Parliament and the British prime minister the figures go from bad to worse year after year after year. Now comes [open discussions in the media](#) of the 'failure of gun control' and the intimation of it as a possible causal factor in the violent crime increase that is sweeping the countryside.

The most recent episode in this never ending story comes on the heels of a heinous crime wherein a small child was killed by an illegal firearm wielded by a recidivism criminal who, believe it or not, ignored the country's gun laws. Now the home office is making excuses rather than offering solutions to the violent crime that plagues English society. Of course we have the obligatory parade of hand wringing bureaucrats pledging (angrily and sometimes tearfully) to do "get to the bottom of it" regarding violent crime. The incontrovertible facts are that the ban on guns has failed miserably and, in fact, has precipitated the sharpest rise in gun violence crime in British history. The pervasive and permissive attitude of the justice system that on one harshly condemns self-defense efforts on the part of law-abiding citizens (even ones using self defense sprays) while at the same time failing to prosecute career recidivist violent criminals has led England and Scotland to the dubious distinction of being the most violent industrialized nations on the planet according to the United Nations.

Ironically the same cosmopolitan revisionist concepts that led to the virtual gun ban in the United Kingdom continues to play in discussions regarding violent crime in America. When one sits down and examines the parallels between the United Kingdom and America the attitudes represented in the justice system regarding violent criminals in excusing away reprehensible conduct and responsibility for ones actions the similarities are shocking and it is clear that these very same revisionist concepts permeate American jurisprudence in the most crime-ridden urban centers (D.C., New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.) in America. This leads one to the inescapable conclusion that the unwillingness or inability of the justice system to hold those who commit the most heinous crimes responsible is a much more active component of the crime paradigm than the mere presence of a firearm.

Philadelphia 'Chief of Detectives' Joe Fox had it right, we've GOT the laws so WHY aren't we using them instead of making new ones? The VICTIMIZED would like to know!!!!!!!!!!!!

British Violent Crime Soars Despite Labor Party Gun Ban

by Dave Workman Senior Editor, Gun Week

Despite strict restrictions on gun ownership and a virtual ban on handguns in Great Britain-or perhaps because of it-

that nation appears to be in the midst of a violent crime epidemic that has brought charges by Conservative Leader David Cameron that the ruling Labor Party is "in denial" on gun crime.

The nation that many in the American gun control movement frequently cite as the example of what can be accomplished with a handgun ban and restrictions on long guns has seen a sharp rise in gun crimes over the 10 years that the Labor Party has been in power, according to *The London Telegraph*. That newspaper, quoting data released by the conservative Tories, suggests an increase in gun-related crime of more than 400% since Labor came to power in 1998-99.

According to The Telegraph report, Tories were claiming that "deaths and injuries from gun attacks in England and Wales had risen from 864 in 1998-99 to 3,821 last year."

And Newsmax.com, quoting *The Sunday Times* of London, noted, "Gun crimes in England have almost doubled since 1997, when a ban on firearms began." That article said that there were 4,671 gun-related crimes reported during the 2005-06 time frame.

Ironically, the British press reported this crime surge at the same time that anti-gunners here in the US were staging protests around the country, demanding stricter gun controls. Those protests were organized by Rev. Jesse Jackson and his Rainbow PUSH Coalition and the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

The British Broadcasting Company (BBC), quoting figures provided by the Home Office, pointed to an increase of 18% in the number of firearm-related homicides in 2006-2007 over figures from the previous year.

Adding to the mayhem is a serious increase in the number of knife-related crimes. The BBC, quoting figures from the Centre for Crime and Justice Studies at King's College London, revealed that two-thirds of the violent deaths among teens since the beginning of this year have been the result of stabbings. The Centre also reportedly concluded that "between 22,000 and 57,900 young people could have been victims of knife crime in 2004."

While crime involving firearms and knives remains a fraction of crime statistics in the United States, British politicians and that country's press are alarmed at the [steady increase in violent crime](#) and lately the press has been making much of it.

Youngster Slain

The catalyst for this new-found angst was the Aug. 22 slaying of an 11-year-old Liverpool youngster named Rhys Jones, who was shot to death while playing soccer. Someone riding a bicycle allegedly fired the fatal shots. At least nine teens were arrested in connection with that homicide.

Public reaction to the murder has been intense, and Cameron has seized on the issue, offering many of the same arguments that have been heard here in the US about the cause of violent crime and how to prevent it. He was quoted by icWales, the "official website of Wales" as declaring the United Kingdom to be in a state of anarchy.

Cameron, quoted by the BBC, said violent video games need to be regulated, early prison releases should be curtailed, and other steps need to be taken.

Yet even the British media seemed to be at odds with its own reporting. The BBC reported late last month that "overall firearm offenses fell 13% in 006-07 to 9,608 incidents-the lowest number in seven years: Firearms robberies, handgun offenses and serious injuries from firearms are also down," the BBC claimed.

However, two paragraphs later in the same story, the BBC reported that the Metropolitan Police in London had reported a 3.5% increase in firearms offenses during the 12 months leading up to July of this year.

The BBC also reported that in recent years, the number of fatal knife attacks has outpaced firearm killings almost 4 to 1.

The icWales website noted Aug. 26 that "Crimes of violence in the UK have doubled to 1.2 million a year over the past decade, a knife crime is committed every eight minutes and in Britain's big cities a gun can be bought for just 50 pounds" (about \$100 US). That website also cited a national newspaper poll taken in late August that showed "half of British people were afraid to venture out at night because of gangs of 'feral' teenagers."

Eerie Similarities

There are curious, almost eerie, similarities between what is happening in the UK and here in the US, at least according to the descriptions offered 'by the icWales website. In an analysis of the British crime wave, journalist Matt Withers noted in the *Wales on Sunday* newspaper that past Tory leader Iain Duncan Smith had recently observed that, "Juvenile delinquents are growing up without any true father figures. Instead, they live with a string of unreliable and violent 'stepfathers' in which drug taking, alcohol abuse and violence is the norm."

Smith also observed that "A further consequence of breakdown in the family is that boys have no male role models to display the traditional virtues of stability, fidelity and the work ethic."

Withers also wrote, about Cameron, that the conservative leader has "raised the influence of the media and rap music, attacking magazines that glorified 'getting wasted' and music firms which 'grew fat on the profits of exploiting black youth.' "

The BBC reported that almost 20% of all crimes committed by youths under age 18 are violent, and second only to theft as the most prevalent crime. The report said that "the number of violent crimes has risen consecutively for four years."

But then the BBC report noted, "The vast majority (of youth crimes) are minor assaults - frightening for the victim but usually dealt with by warnings from the police."

The BBC said that last year, 39,000 offenses were committed by young men and another 15,000 were reportedly committed by young women.

[Newsmax.com](#) quoted David Davis, the "shadow home secretary," who told the Telegraph newspaper, "The government's policy has failed with the group most

responsible for this increase in crime. It is long past time the government stopped believing its own propaganda, and took measures to get a grip." [The New GUN WEEK](#), September 15, 2007

Brady Gang/Jackson Antigun Protest a Bust, Media Complicit

The Aug. 28 anti-gun protest effort by Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow PUSH Coalition that was originally aimed at 25 cities, shrank to less than 20 and failed to pull big crowds in any of the venues where only handfuls of protesters showed up.

Only about 60 protesters showed up at a rally in District Heights, MD, and a crowd estimated at about 200 seemed to be the biggest, at a rally in Barrington, IL, outside of a firearms manufacturing plant in that city. Turnouts were small in other cities as well, and protest organizers, including the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, ultimately were able to mount such efforts in 16 or 17 cities, depending upon which report one read.

One talk radio announcer, Kirby Wilbur at Seattle's KVI 870, reported that only two people actually showed up to observe a protest in that city. That was confirmed by an account published on The Seattle Post-Intelligencer's weblog by night editor Angelo Bruscas.

What was not reported were counter-protests, including the one in Maryland. The Associated Press reported that "about 100 people" showed up for a rally outside of Realco Guns in District Heights, but according to one local activist who was there, the crowd actually included about 30 pro-gun counter-demonstrators.

In White Plains, NY, only about 40 protesters showed up for a "lie-in" sponsored by the Westchester chapter of New Yorkers Against Gun Violence, according to a report in The Journal News. However, the Brady Campaign issued a press release claiming that the protests drew "huge crowds," and occurred in "more than 25 cities." Their statement named only 17 cities.

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms studied reports for the 24 hours following the protests, and concluded that Brady Campaign claims of "huge" public turnouts were "both false and misleading."

"Careful analysis of news coverage, or the lack of it in the 24 hours following the Tuesday protests, confirm that these events were pretty much a bust," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb.

Kristen Fyfe, writing for News Busters, blasted media coverage, asserting that the anti-gunners got a pass on their demonstration failure.

"Anti-gun activists were counting on good coverage if they had big turnouts, and no negative coverage if they didn't," she wrote. "It's the flip side of how the media cover pro-life rallies, downplaying enormous crowds and playing up the handful of counter demonstrators. In this case, the networks chose to look benignly in the other direction. The gun grabbers know that liberal journalists don't like guns. Or, rather, they don't like private citizens owning guns and taking personal responsibility

for their own safety and that of their families and property." [The New GUN WEEK](#), September 15, 2007

ATF's Sullivan Does it Again; Corrects MAIG on Gun Tracing

Law enforcement agencies can access gun trace data for the purpose of investigating specific crimes and conducting bona fide on-going criminal investigations, the acting director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has assured, once again correcting a common misconception.

ATF Director Michael J. Sullivan told reporters that gun trace data is available to local police agencies, contrary to arguments by anti-gunners that a law, barring, public access to trace data will prevent them from accessing it. According to Associated Press (AP), Sullivan told reporters, "My biggest concern is we have law enforcement departments out there that believe that they can't get access to trace information, so they're not even asking for it. And it's undermining their ability to advance their investigations."

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his Mayors Against Illegal Guns (MAIG) coalition, supported by anti-gun organizations, campaigned to repeal a law that prevents access to the trace data for purposes other than on-going criminal investigations. Gun rights organizations contend that Bloomberg and other mayors will abuse their data access to mount lawsuits against gun dealers.

MAIG argues that the data is not available to local police under the existing legislation, but Sullivan's pronouncement last month refutes that claim. Earlier this year, Sullivan in a rare move for someone in his position-wrote an Op-Ed piece that also explained that such claims were bogus.

The ATF and Fraternal Order of Police opposed Bloomberg's effort, contending that opening up the trace data for his desired level of access could jeopardize ongoing investigations. AP reported that last year, local police agencies sought ATF assistance in tracking some 284,000 firearms. About 6,000 police departments annually ask for ATF assistance on at least one, gun trace.

hate last month, ATF released a break-, down of law enforcement requests for gun trace assistance, on a state-by-state basis. Guns recovered at crime scenes are generalized as "crime guns" but they are not necessarily involved in the actual commission of a crime. Anti-gun groups have long given the impression that "crime guns" are all involved in crimes. In truth, however, many firearms traced by ATF at the request of local police agencies may be recovered evidence in burglary investigations, for example, or have been turned in to police departments as found property.

Sullivan promised that ATF will once again start reporting 'generic gun trace information in its annual reports.

Some police agencies can already investigate gun sale information using a technology called "e-trace." [The New GUN WEEK](#), September 15, 2007

Children And Youth Suicides Take Troubling Turn

Recently released statistics show that suicides among young people continue to rise while other age groups experienced drops. Even more troubling is the apparent shift in methods all of completing this tragic choice is now hanging as the number one cause of death. It has long been our position that to focus on the instrument rather than the cause is an unconscionable dereliction of responsibility to examine the underlying causes of these tragic events so that preventive measures can be implemented at the critical time. The fact that firearms are no longer the number one choice for an increasing number of youth suicides is of little solace to those of us who believe we should be attending to the problems that contribute to suicide and not the instrumentality of the act itself.

Researchers are concerned because suicide is already the third-most common cause of death among people younger than 25, trailing only automobile crashes and homicides.

The rate among older boys and girls also increased substantially, driving the overall suicide rate among 10- to 24-year-olds to an 8% increase in 2004, the largest jump in 15 years, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's latest Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. The rate had declined 28% between 1990 and 2003 before the unexpected jump to 4,599 suicides in 2004.

The number of unsuccessful suicide attempts is several times greater than the number of suicides, but no good figures are available. A previous CDC survey found that 17% of ninth-through 12th-graders had "seriously considered" suicide, 13% had created a suicide plan, and 8% had attempted it. In 2004, the CDC said, 161,000 youths and young adults received treatment at emergency rooms for self-inflicted injuries. The new study used data from the CDC's National Vital Statistics System. The team chose 1990 as a starting year, Arias said, because the data before that time were not as good. The net increase in suicide rates was driven by increases in three groups:

* Among 10- to 14-year-old girls, the rate increased from 0.54 suicides per 100,000 girls in 2003 to 0.95 in 2004.

* Among 15- to 19-year-old girls, the rate increased from 2.66 to 3.52 per 100,000.

* Among 15- to 19-year-old males, the rate increased from 11.61 to 12.65 per 100,000.

Suicide rates declined only among 10- to 14-year-old boys, and the drop was small -- 0.02 per 100,000.

In 1990, the researchers found, the majority of boys and girls used firearms to commit suicide. Firearms still predominated among boys in 2004, but 71.4% of girls relied on hanging or suffocation.

"It is possible that hanging and suffocation are more easily available," said Ileana Arias, director of the CDC's National Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

Firearms Accidents Continue Downward Trend

A newly released report from the National Safety Council shows that accidental firearms-related fatalities remain at record lows, and that firearms-related accidents involving youths continue to decline significantly.

The report says these downward trends are occurring even as firearms ownership continues to rise in the United States. Statistics in the NSC's 2007 "Injury Facts" report show a **40 percent decrease** in accidental firearms-related fatalities during a 10-year period ending in 2005. The report also shows firearms-related accidents involving children ages 14 and under declined 69 percent between 1995 and 2003. Downward trends also are being reported by other sources, such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. For more information, visit www.nsc.org.

NEWS RELEASES

CCRKBA BACKS SEN. COBURN'S OPPOSITION TO TENETS OF H.R. 327

BELLEVUE, WA – The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) today agreed with Oklahoma Sen. Tom Coburn that there is a serious flaw in H.R. 327 – the so-called Joshua Omvig Veterans' Suicide Prevention Act – that could ultimately prevent military veterans from exercising the Second Amendment rights they have fought to defend.

The problem, as pointed out by Sen. Coburn, a doctor by profession, is that "it preconditions health care for veterans on mental health screening." That is, a veteran seeking treatment for any condition, including a common cold or flu, must first undergo a comprehensive mental health screening.

"Senator Coburn thinks that's absurd, and so do we," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. "Nobody should be subjected to that kind of humiliation. Right now, there is a huge debate over legislation to improve the National Instant Check System records that would ostensibly allow some 80,000 veterans, whose private medical records were arbitrarily shared with the Justice Department by the Clinton Administration in 1999, to get relief from that gun rights 'disability.' Senator Coburn recalled in an open letter on Sept. 5 that this records sharing was 'an effort to prohibit the purchasing of firearms by veterans who had been diagnosed as having mental health concerns at one point in their lives.' Anybody who's ever seen combat might have had some stressful moments, but that's no reason to deny them their constitutional rights."

Added CCRKBA Executive Director Mark A. Taff: "Senator Coburn properly believes there should be an 'opt-out' provision in this legislation allowing veterans to forego such screenings. Going through a screening ought to be up to the individual and his or her family, not some bureaucrat, and certainly not a one-size-fits-all legislative mandate."

"Democrats have criticized Senator Coburn over his stubbornness," Gottlieb noted, "which suggests that once again, they're trying to push a back-door scheme to deny an ever-increasing number of Americans their firearm civil rights. Democrats simply cannot overcome their party's well-established gun control agenda."

"Democrats insist they support gun rights," Gottlieb concluded. "Deleting this mental health screening requirement would be a sensible first step toward proving it."

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News Briefs:

I Got What I Deserved"

From the "Honesty in Crime" file comes the story out of El Dorado, AR, about a 24-year-old wounded would-be robber identified as Douglas B. Williams Jr.

It seems Williams selected as his intended victim an elderly gentleman named Willie Lee Hill, and it nearly became his biggest and last mistake on this planet. Williams, according to Associated Press, beat the 93-year-old Hill into unconsciousness with a soda can, but the older man was not down for the count.

Instead, Hill regained consciousness and composure, pulled out a .38 Special handgun and plugged his attacker in the throat. When the cops showed up, it was all Williams could do to acknowledge, "I got what I deserved."

The report said Hill was struck at least 50 times, and all the thief apparently took was a Craftsman drill bit set, two hearing aids, three pocket knives and some other items. Williams was sent to the Louisiana State University Medical Center in critical condition. He will be facing charges of second-degree battery, residential burglary and theft of property. [The New GUN WEEK, September 15, 2007](#)

'Judge Not, Lest Ye Be Judged'

From the "Blind—And Kind of Dumb and Stupid-Justice" file comes the story out of Detroit, MI, about Chief Judge Sylvia James of the 22nd District Court in Inkster who got popped by airport security for having a pistol in her purse.

James better hope she doesn't wind up in front of Judge Judy over this one, because according to [The Detroit Free Press](#), she told authorities that she had carefully made certain there were no liquids or gels in her purse, but she forgot that little gat down at the bottom of her handbag.

"It had not occurred to me that it was there," said the embarrassed jurist. "The gun was at the bottom of the purse."

James said she carries a pistol because of threats against her life, which is good reason for any citizen to be heeled, but not when you're going through a security check at an airport. While the judge is licensed to carry in Michigan, having a pistol at the bottom of a purse filled with other things, including liquids and gels, doesn't appear to promise much in case of danger.

Reports were submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office., Nobody was taking odds on whether any charges would be filed against a sitting chief judge, however. [The New GUN WEEK, September 15, 2007](#)

This Guy No Longer Hiring

Thank the Georgia authorities, and maybe all the gods in the heavens for nipping in the bud what appears to have been a new low in labor negotiations.

They have arrested the owner of a car dealership in East Point for killing two of his employees because they asked for pay raises, according to Associated Press.

Accused in the bizarre story, which was reported by CNN, was Rolandas Milinavicius. He is alleged to have shot Inga Contreras, 25,

and Martynas Simokaitis, 28. All three were reported to have come from Lithuania to live in the Atlanta area.

According to the published report, Milinavicius told the cops he was having financial troubles, and when the employees approached him, he just plugged them.

You don't s u p p o s e they wanted health insurance benefits, too? [The New GUN WEEK, September 15, 2007](#)

Robber Comes Up Short

A quick-thinking bank teller in New Hudson, MI, fast-talked a would be robber into such a fluster that the knucklehead left without his loot. According to [The Detroit News](#) and Associated Press, this fool strolled into a Chase Bank branch on Aug. 6, wearing what has almost become required garb: a hooded sweat shirt, sunglasses and gloves.

In his hand was a note that said "Give me your money." Evidently, this guy was on a short timetable because he told the teller to hurry things up. Instead, the bank teller asked the robber if he had a bag to put the money in, and he beat feet without a penny. It is not as though this guy was a first-timer. Michigan cops figure him to be the same fellow who pulled three bank robberies in Oakland County earlier in the Summer, and a bank robbery later the same day in Macomb County. [The New GUN WEEK, September 15, 2007](#)

Cup of Cash Not Enough

Contrary to the line in "Wall Street," greed really isn't good, and apparently bearing witness to that is a man identified by [The Dallas Morning News](#) as Charlie Andrew Myers III.

The newspaper reported that 79-year-old Amor Kerboua had driven into the parking lot of his apartment building only to be confronted by Myers, who allegedly pulled a handgun and aimed it at Kerboua's face. He demanded cash.

Kerboua reportedly thought the incident to be a joke, but that impression faded fast so the older gentleman opened the back door of his home and quickly handed the gunman a cup containing \$242.50, the newspaper explained.

But being an ingrate, it is then alleged that Myers aimed his handgun at Kerboua's mid-section and told him, "I'm going to shoot you" and finished the sentence with an expletive.

Well, it must have been the gunman's foul language, because at that point, Kerboua had obviously had enough. Before his assailant could utter an apology, Kerboua pulled a .38-Special Smith & Wesson out of his pocket and cut loose.

Hit in the throat, Myers crumpled to the ground, but because he still had his gun aimed at Kerboua, the older man shot him twice more in the shoulder, the newspaper said. [The New GUN WEEK, September 1, 2007](#)

Two Aspirin No Cure

From the "You Got Some 'Splainin' To Do" file comes the story of Port St. Lucie, FL, resident April Moylan, who has told police that she "accidentally" shot her 45-year-old husband, Michael, in the head behind his right ear as he slept, June 26.

According to the Reuters news agency, [Fort Pierce Tribune](#) and [TCPalm](#), Moylan drove himself to the hospital thinking he had suffered an aneurism. But you can't fool those emergency room nurses and doctors, who quickly determined that his severe headache

probably had something to do with that bullet hole in his noggin. Once that cat was out of the bag, April beat feet from the hospital, but St. Lucie County Sheriff's deputies quickly found her back at home, with a handgun and some bloody rags.

That's when she Tessed up to the accidental shooting.

And now, as Paul Harvey would say, we get "the rest of the story." April is in trouble for more than just plugging her hubby. She is a convicted felon, and cannot legally possess a firearm, so she's busted. And Michael, according to *The TCPalm*, also has a criminal history dating back to the late 1980s. His problems include hit and run, driving under the influence, marijuana possession and battery arrests. [The New GUN WEEK](#), September 1, 2007

Brit Fined for Fighting Back

Things go from bad to worse in Great Britain; it's like a Gilbert and Sullivan comic opera.

A shopkeeper has been fined £250 (almost \$500 US) and given a criminal record because he fought back when he was attacked by shoplifters.

Jacob Smyth chased three youths out of his hardware shop in Penzance, Cornwall, when he was set upon. When he was kicked in the groin by one of the hooded youths who had stolen cans of spray paint, Smyth hit back, *The Times of London* reported.

Police issued fixed penalty tickets to the shoplifters but charged Smyth and a colleague with assault.

On June 29 he pleaded guilty to assault at Truro Magistrates' Court. He claimed after the hearing that he had been advised to plead guilty because otherwise he could have faced a six-month prison sentence.

Speaking outside court, Smyth said: "I did nothing wrong. I was getting a good beating from this lad. I had no choice but to defend myself." [The New GUN WEEK](#), September 1, 2007

It's all in the Family

From the "All in the Family" file comes the story of two brothers, both of whom are in big trouble with the law, and one of whom has a bullet hole to prove it.

According to *The Augusta (GA) Chronicle*, Darion Antonio McNair is facing charges in the July 9 murder of a man at the Club Super C's Lounge, and he remains in jail.

Good thing he had an alibi, because his younger brother, Derrell Lamar McNair, is allegedly the teen who attempted to pull an armed robbery, burglary and aggravated assault against Raheim Michael Badger at Badger's clothing store July 30. But the 14-year-old suspect only came away with a bullet wound, because Badger spent the night in his store following a string of recent burglaries, and apparently caught the kid in the act.

The newspaper said that at about 4 am on the 30th, Badger was awakened by a crash at the front of the business, and he confronted the teenager, who was stealing clothes. The suspect fired a shot from a handgun, but Badger's aim with his own gun was a little better. The teen turned up later at University Hospital.

According to the newspaper, the McNairs have a mutual friend, and the cops were looking hard for him. He is identified as Jordash Tanksley, 23, who was believed to have not only been involved in the burglary at Badger's place, but also involved in the July 9 killing of Stedmund Fryer. [The New GUN WEEK](#), September 1, 2007

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CALIFORNIA MISCHIEF . . . Voting to ban ammunition and require microstamping of firearms sold in the state, the California Legislature was hard at work last week. [Full Story](#)
D.C. UPDATE . . . The District of Columbia last week filed its [brief in support](#) of its cert petition to the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a [lower-court ruling](#) that struck down the city's 30-year-old ban on private handgun ownership. Should the Supreme Court take the case, D.C. v. Heller, it could lead to the first direct ruling by the high court on the Second Amendment since 1939. The likelihood of the Supreme Court granting review of the case is high because there is a split among the federal appellate courts and even between the federal and district courts of appeal within the District of Columbia, as to whether the Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights provides an individual right to keep and bear arms or some type of collective right belonging to state governments. "We look forward to the Supreme Court accepting this case so the court can put to rest false interpretation of the Second Amendment that would deny Americans a civil liberty of equal importance to a free society as the First Amendment is," commented NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel Lawrence G. Keane.

PRESS BRIEFING ON NEW REPORT . . . The Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation will hold a press briefing event Sept. 26 in Washington, D.C., on a new report based on the results of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's 2006 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife Associated Recreation. Though early accounts in the news media about the USFWS report have focused on a downward trend in hunting and fishing numbers, the CSF report, titled "America's Hunters and Anglers: A Force As Big As All Outdoors," focuses on the economic powerhouse of hunters and anglers and how they compare to other sectors of the economy. The press event, which will be taped by Versus, will be held at 1 p.m. at the House Agriculture Committee, 1300 Longworth House Office Building. Industry leaders, including NSSF President Doug Painter, and government officials will speak at the event.

GUN SALES UP AFTER MISSOURI GUN LAW CHANGE . . . Missouri gun shop owners and salespeople say sales are up at least 20 percent after a new law took effect eliminating a time-consuming permit process, the [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#) reports.
GUN DEALER SENTENCED FOR FEDERAL FIREARMS CONVICTION . . . One of Connecticut's largest firearms retailers has been [sentenced](#) to 42 months in prison for violating federal firearms laws. Earlier this year Frank D'Andrea, owner of Guns & Safes Unlimited in Milford, pleaded guilty to one count of a 12-count indictment brought against him by federal prosecutors for possessing an unregistered shotgun.

REP. LOWEY ATTEMPTS TO INTRODUCE ANTI-HUNTING POLICY . . . The [U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance](#) reports that Rep. Nita Lowey of New York, chair of the House Foreign Appropriations Subcommittee, added a statement to the committee report for the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Bill that originated with the Humane Society of

the United States. The additional language expressed concern about USAID to Africa that directly and indirectly supports hunting in its assistance programs and directed USAID "to provide no funds to programs that support or promote recreational, sport, or trophy hunting as a conservation tool."

FOREST SERVICE EASES RECREATIONAL SHOOTING PROHIBITION . . . The [Second Amendment Foundation reports](#) that the U.S. Forest Service has issued a memorandum to clarify the intent of an obscure regulation that the agency's personnel have been misinterpreting, thus prohibiting recreational shooting near forest roads.

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DAILY NEWS . . . While Bullet Points provides a weekly source of news on shooting-, hunting- and industry-related issues, NSSF's Web site provides a daily update for those looking to stay informed all week long. Visit www.nssf.org for "Scanning the News."

NATIONAL PUBLIC RADIO ON AMMO . . . National Public Radio, in response to newspaper reports across the country suggesting that police departments could be affected by a nationwide ammo shortage, featured its own version of the story on today's "Morning Edition." The report included comments from NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel Lawrence G. Keane. [Listen](#).

NAME THAT RIFLE . . . Tom Gresham, host of the Gun Talk Radio Show, posted a [poll](#) on his Web site last week asking visitors to help decide on a term that more accurately describes AR-15 platform rifles. The term "assault rifle," which was coined by the anti-gun crowd to confuse the American public, is too commonly used by the media. Help Tom and our industry in putting a more accurate tag on these popular guns.

AMMO MAKER MOVING TO MONTANA . . . Ammunition maker A-Square announced last week it will [move its manufacturing facility](#) from Kentucky to an industrial district outside Butte, Mont., where it will occupy an 8,000-square-foot building.

STATE RANGES TEMPORARILY CLOSED IN SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA . . . Due to a program to remove lead from state-run shooting ranges, recreational shooters and hunters hoping to sight their guns at ranges in southwestern Pennsylvania will find all but one of them closed until the end of September, the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports](#). **'BLINDNESS DOESN'T STOP TARGET PRACTICE' . . .** When he became blind seven years ago, Lonnie Hill refused to let the naysayers prevent him from what he loves: target shooting, [reports The Edmond \(Okla.\) Sun](#).

News Links:

07/08/30 A cop involved in the infamous shooting death of Amadou Diallo isn't entitled to get his gun back, a federal judge has ruled.

Kenneth Boss, acquitted of criminal charges and cleared of wrongdoing by the NYPD Firearms Discharge Review Board, said in his Manhattan federal court suit that being deprived of a gun has led to his being "regarded as a pariah" and "forced to

endure regular taunts because of his duty status," including "the mocking moniker 'Kenny No-Gun.'"

Judge Sidney Stein disagreed, noting the commissioner has the power to prevent ordinary citizens from carrying guns and therefore can prevent one of his employees from being armed. http://www.nypost.com/seven/08302007/news/regionalnews/diallo_cop_shot_down_again_in_.htm

07/08/30 Cops hunt wolfpack that broke man's bones

Jersey City police say they have launched a "full court press" to capture the teens that severely beat a 60-year-old man as he was walking home from shopping Saturday morning, officials said. "We hope with the resources we have here and the citizens coming aboard, we will come to a successful conclusion," said Police Capt. Hugh Donaghue of the push to catch the teens who attacked Robert Wilkinson on Bramhall Avenue at Seidler Street. "This crime was caused because, unfortunately, there are some people, no matter how many activities are available, who would rather see some violent act instead of being productive. There is no excuse for what these punks did, and we know their behavior does not represent the typical young adult of Jersey City," said Police Capt. Hugh Donaghue <http://www.nj.com/news/jjournal/index.ssf?/base/news-4/1188457412269670.xml&coll=3>

07/08/30 More Washington Corruption: DOJ Joins Efforts To Kill Dragon Skin

The Department of Justice (DOJ) has now joined the Army acquisition mafia in attempting to deny America's Grunts an honest chance for determining just what is the "best-available" body armor. In a flagrant abuse of discretionary authority, the DOJ's Office of Justice Programs has intervened in an unprecedented way to promote and support the obstructionism of the Army's acquisition mafia -- the common objective being to prevent Pinnacle Armor's Dragon Skin body armor from receiving a full and fair technical assessment. <http://www.defensereview.com/modules.php?name=News&file=article&sid=1042>

07/08/30 Gun ban lifted in Peters; council session questioned

Peters Council on Monday rescinded a controversial and unpopular ordinance banning firearms from most township-owned buildings and parks, but not before getting an earful from angry residents and gun rights activists. <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/07242/813209-55.stm>

07/08/30 Price of ammunition skyrockets CAPITAL REGION

-- Around lunchtime each Wednesday, the Watervliet Fish and Game Protective Association's gun range is busy as members take turns shooting clay targets. And doing what they do for fun has gotten more expensive.

http://www.capitalnews9.com/content/top_stories/default.asp?ArticleID=219535

07/08/30 Store owner fights back against would-be robber - KTRK/HOUSTON

A store owner at a metal scrap business tried to turn the tables on a man who held him at gunpoint overnight. But as the victim fought back, he was shot. Police say it happened around 7:30pm yesterday on Frick near Woodington when a teen walked into the business and demanded money from the owner.

<http://abclocal.go.com/ktrk/story?section=local&id=5618327>

07/08/29 JOHN LOTT: MORE GUNS, NOT LESS, WOULD PREVENT SHOOTING MASSACRES

Few tragedies make their victims feel more helpless than multiple-victim shootings. Imagine the terror: Unable to escape, simply waiting for the killer. With school starting, the April 16 attack at Virginia Tech that left 32 dead is still on many people's minds. Some are looking for guarantees that such an attack won't happen again. But Virginia Tech's just released report on how to stop future tragedies was pretty disappointing, and this coming week's Virginia Governor's task force report isn't likely to be any better.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,294954,00.html>

07/08/29 Jury acquits murder suspect; man killed in self-defense

A Jacksonville man facing a life sentence in prison was found innocent Wednesday of murdering a man during a struggle outside his girlfriend's apartment. Shedrick Cosby, 34, was arrested in December after the shooting death of Shelly Banks. Police charged that Cosby shot in a jealous rage after seeing two men leaving his girlfriend's apartment on Old Kings Road South in the Southside. http://www.jacksonville.com/online/stories/082907/met_195622472.shtml

07/08/28 U.S. most armed country with 90 guns per 100 people

The United States has 90 guns for every 100 citizens, making it the most heavily armed society in the world, a report released on Tuesday said. U.S. citizens own 270 million of the world's 875 million known firearms, according to the Small Arms Survey 2007 by the Geneva-based Graduate Institute of International Studies.

http://today.reuters.com/news/articlenews.aspx?type=topNews&storyid=2007-08-28T174254Z_01_L28348938_RTRUKOC_0_US-WORLD-FIREARMS.xml&src=rss&rpc=22&sp=true

07/08/28 Pharmacist and police give details of shooting - The Wichita Eagle

When the man pulled out a handgun in Salyer Pharmacy and demanded drugs Saturday, pharmacist Tom Lundberg bolted for a back room. He didn't go there to hide. He went to grab his shotgun. "I didn't know what was going to happen," Lundberg said Monday. When the intruder pointed his gun at Lundberg and his pharmacy co-owner, Lundberg didn't hesitate.

<http://www.kansas.com/213/story/159523.html>

07/08/27 Fielding more calls, city EMTs often attacked, injured

One had his nose broken four times. Another was attacked with cinder blocks dropped off the roof of a housing project. Others have been stabbed with drug-filled syringes, chased by dogs, and

strafed by gunfire after arriving at crime scenes before the shooting stopped

http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2007/08/29/fielding_more_calls_city_emts_often_attacked_injured/

07/08/27 Media Aim at Gun Rights with 'Loaded Coverage,' Report Says - CNSNews.com

The Culture and Media Institute issued a report on media coverage of the gun control issue. Not surprisingly, the mainstream media proved to be hostile to Second Amendment rights.

<http://www.cnsnews.com/ViewCulture.asp?Page=/Culture/archive/200708/CUL20070827a.html>

07/08/26 Store Guard Shoots, Kills Teen Robber A teen robber was shot and killed by a grocery store security guard after an attempted robbery turned into a gunfight Saturday, Stockton police said.

http://www.news10.net/display_story.aspx?storyid=32054

07/08/25 Gun dealers file suit over planned sales freeze - CentreDaily.com

Facing a four-day freeze on gun sales, two dozen gun dealers and a state lawmaker have filed suit, seeking to block a planned four-day freeze on gun sales to allow an upgrade of the state's computerized background check system.

The gun shops and Rep. Timothy Solobay, D-Washington, say the system upgrade could be completed without shutting down the system or by performing the work after normal business hours. <http://www.centredaily.com/news/local/story/189207.html>

07/08/24 The Guns of Britain - Reason.com

"Following the 1996 Dunblane school massacre, in which seventeen people were killed by a man armed with two 9mm pistols, Britain passed a law outlawing the ownership of most handguns, despite researchers finding "no link between high levels of gun crime and areas where there were still high levels of lawful gun possession." It's a law so severe that the Britain's Olympic shooting team is forced to train abroad, lest one of its members try to shoot up a grammar school. So how effective has the law been? A doubling in gun-related crimes since the ban, naturally."

<http://reason.com/blog/show/122163.html>

07/08/24 Rendell Reconsiders Gun Check Shutdown - Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Angry sportsmen and hunters fired a warning shot, and Gov. Ed Rendell heard it. Mr. Rendell said that because of objections from hunters, sportsmen's groups, gun dealers and some state legislators, the Pennsylvania Instant Check System may not be shut down Sept. 2-6 as originally planned.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/07236/811786-85.stm>

07/08/24 Man Dies After Police Use Taser On Him - ThePittsburghChannel.Com

A man died Thursday after an incident on the Parkway West. Police said they responded to a man they first believed was lying in front of the inbound side of the Fort Pitt tunnels. When they

arrived, police said the man was being combative, and police used a Taser gun on him. What happened after that is unclear, officials said. The victim was pronounced dead at Mercy Hospital just after 9 p.m., officials said.

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/20418484/>

07/08/23 Conspiracy, Idiocy Or Just Plain Political Opportunity? - Philadelphia Inquirer

When it comes to the issue of guns in Pennsylvania, the answer depends on geography - or so suggests the latest flap over Gov. Rendell's decision to shut down the state's instant background check system for gun purchases between Sept. 2 and 6.

http://www.philly.com/inquirer/local/20070823_Uproar_over_Pa_plan_for_guns.html

07/08/22 Better Communications By Police Could Have Reduced Gun-Sales Disruptions -

Up-to-date data is the key to making sure that the instant background check system keeps guns out of the hands that shouldn't have them. The plan to do this has gun dealers and buyers understandably unhappy.

<http://www.mcall.com/news/opinion/all-editorial2.6005701aug22,0.6532975.story>

07/08/22 Liberal Views, Black Victims - Townhall.com

Last year, among the nation's 10 largest cities, Philadelphia had the highest murder rate with 406 victims, writes Walter E. Williams. This year could easily top last year's with 240 murders so far. Liberals and their political allies say the problem is the easy accessibility of guns and greater gun control is the solution. That has to be nonsense. Guns do not commit crimes; people do.

http://www.townhall.com/Columnists/WalterEWilliams/2007/08/22/liberal_views_black_victims

07/08/22 Labor Day gun sales suspension irks Western Pa. dealers.

Gun sales will be suspended statewide and law enforcement agencies won't be able to complete criminal background checks for four days as the Pennsylvania State Police upgrades a computer database, angering firearms dealers and sportsmen. It is illegal under state law for police to stop gun sales for such an extended period, according to Gergely and Kim Stolfer, legislative committee chairman of the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League, which plans to join the legal challenge to the sales suspension.

"We're an organization that's committed to preserving the constitution and also the rights of individuals to purchase guns without any intrusion," Stolfer said.

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/pittsburghtrib/s_523360.html

07/08/22 NJ changes policy on illegal immigrants

TRENTON, N.J. - After a review driven by three brutal slayings, the state attorney general on Wednesday ordered New Jersey law enforcers to notify federal immigration officials whenever someone arrested for an indictable offense or drunken driving is found to be an illegal immigrant.

Attorney General Anne Milgram reviewed the state's policy in light of the execution-style killings Aug. 4 of three Newark

college students and the wounding of a fourth victim. One of the six suspects was an illegal immigrant who had been granted bail on child rape and aggravated assault charges without immigration officials being alerted to his existence.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070823/ap_on_re_us/schoolyard_killings_immigration

07/08/22 Rep. English Pushes To Protect Privacy Rights Of Hunters - Rep. Phil English

Protecting the privacy rights of local hunters is the goal of legislation recently reintroduced by U.S. Rep. Phil English (R-Pa.). H.R. 611 would repeal a federal mandate that has been interpreted by Pennsylvania officials to require every applicant for a recreational license, e.g. hunting and fishing, to disclose their Social Security number.

http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/pa03_english/SSHunt0807.html

07/08/22 Student suspended for sketching gun on assignment paper

Parents angered by the suspension of their eighth-grader child for drawing a picture of a gun on an assignment paper are questioning the AZ Chandler Unified School District's policies dealing with such incidents. The uproar over the drawing, which the student turned in with a school assignment, cuts to the question of what constitutes a "threat."

http://www.azcentral.com/community/chandler/articles/0822guns_ketch22-on.html

07/08/22 Thompson Brings Gun Control To The Fore - New York Times

Former Senator Fred D. Thompson of Tennessee, who has not officially declared his presidential ambitions, took a not-very-veiled swipe yesterday at the leading Republican candidate, former Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani of New York, for supporting gun control. Mr. Thompson, who starred in Law & Order, wrote on his Web site: When I was working in television, I spent quite a bit of time in New York City. There are lots of things about the place I like, but New York gun laws don't fall in that category.

http://www.nytimes.com/2007/08/22/us/politics/22rudym.html?_r=1&oref=slogin

07/08/21 Sportsmen irate over 4-day freeze in gun sales

Sportsmen's groups and gun dealers may go to court for an injunction to block state police from taking a background investigation system for gun buyers out of action from Sept. 2 to 6. "We have retained legal counsel and are investigating the possibility of seeking an injunction to stop the state police" from putting the instant background check system out of operation, said Kim Stolfer, an official of the Allegheny County Sportsmen's League and of the Firearms Owners Against Crime, a statewide group.

<http://www.postgazette.com/pg/07233/811020-100.stm>

07/08/21 MEMPHIS, Tenn. - A handgun owned by Elvis Presley was stolen from a museum as fans converged on Memphis to mark the 30th anniversary of the singer's death, authorities said.

The black, 9mm Smith & Wesson pistol was taken Tuesday from a display case in the Elvis After Dark museum, across the street from Graceland, Presley's mansion, police said.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070821/ap_en_mu/elvis_handgun

07/08/21 Pit Bulls Break Into Home, Maul Woman.

GIG HARBOR, Wash. (AP) - Two pit bull terriers broke into a house through a pet door Tuesday and attacked a woman in her bed, mauling her badly, a Pierce County sheriff's spokesman said.

The woman was able to grab a gun and try to shoot the dogs, then break away from the attack and lock herself in her car, where she called 911, sheriff's spokesman Ed Troyer said.

<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20070822/D8R5QR1G1.html>

07/08/20 U.K. Pirate radio DJs risk prosecution to fight gun and knife crime

Leading DJs from the world of illegal broadcasting will compromise their anonymity today to take a stand against gun and knife crime. The operators of more than 20 British pirate stations will present a united front at the launch of thPolice will not attend the event but are supporting the campaign, which is backed by the Home Office, the Greater London Authority and Mothers Against Guns. Police have helped to create anti-gun-crime adverts especially for pirate stations. Artists on the pirate scene have recorded an anti-gun-crime album to be sold on iTunes, with all profits going to community projects.

<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/news/uk/article2288801.ece>

07/08/20 Jodie Foster Actress Makes Case For "Common-Sense" Gun Laws

Jodie Foster, winner of two Academy Awards and one of the most respected actresses in the world, says in the September issue of More magazine that she believes it makes common sense to place reasonable restrictions on access to firearms. She told More Contributor Margy Rochlin "Isn't it possible that we all have that bit of insanity in us? That's why I'm for gun control. Absolutely. Hunting, I get that - let's protect hunting. But I don't believe that people should have access to life-or-death situations at any emotional time in their life. I don't really believe that a human being who feels [things] should have the option at their fingertips."

<http://bradycampaign.org/media/release.php?release=917>

07/08/18 Ammo prices taking a hit in the area

"Yes, prices have gone up quite a bit in the last 18 to 24 months," said Al Russo, spokesman for Remington Arms Co. also said three or four years ago, lead sold for 30 to 40 cents per pound.

"In the last three weeks, it's been in the \$1.40 to \$1.50 per pound range," he said.

Remington has had five price hikes in the last 18 months, Russo said. The company is planning more increases in October and January. He blamed increases in the rising costs of copper and lead.

Copper, which makes up 70 percent of cartridge brass, has gone from 79 cents a pound three years ago to more than \$3.80 a

pound, according to Shooting Industry Magazine. Other metals have doubled to tripled in price.

http://www.pittsburghlive.com/x/tribunereview/news/mostread/s_522822.html

07/08/17 Criminals shooting other criminals - Intruder Shot Dead During L.I. Home Invasion

man breaking into a Long Island home in search of drugs and money was shot and killed by a man living in the home, police said Friday.

Lawrence Walker, 37, of Queens, who had an "extensive criminal background" that included nine felony convictions, was killed by Robert Stone, 20, during a shootout in Stone's bedroom.

<http://www.wnbc.com/news/13913565/detail.html?rss=ny&psp=news>

07/08/17 New Zealand: Self-Defence Is A Right, Not A Wrong - Hawkes Bay Today

Police are attracting increasing criticism each time they investigate a citizen's armed response to a crime. This week a Morrinsville farmer fired two shotgun blasts into the air to subdue two suspected petrol thieves, whom he forced to lie down until police arrived. Police are reported to be considering laying charges against the farmer. The court of public opinion cannot be allowed to determine guilt or otherwise. Each case has to be examined objectively to determine whether a defender's response has been appropriate. While summary justice might appeal, vigilantism merely adds one kind of lawlessness to another.

<http://www.hbtoday.co.nz/localnews/storydisplay.cfm?storyid=3745347&thesection=localnews&thesubsection=&thesecondsubsection>

07/08/17 Thieves Target Gun Shop In Smash And Grab

A vehicle smashed through the window of Faizi's Firearms along Saltsburg Road in Plum Friday morning.

An unspecified number of guns were stolen from the business.

<http://www.wpxi.com/news/13916754/detail.html#>

07/08/16 Gun dealers over a barrel thanks to strict laws

Tougher laws and stricter enforcement cost nearly 200,000 gun dealers their licenses since the mid-1990s, a new study shows. Led by California -- the state with the steepest decline -- the number of federally licensed firearms dealers has fallen 79% nationwide since 1994. In that year, Congress adopted new gun-control measures that still spark fiery debate.

<http://www.fresnobee.com/263/story/113687.html>

07/08/16 Judge: NYC can sue Georgia gun sellers - Atlanta Journal-Constitution

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's war on legal gun sales outside New York City got a boost when a federal judge allowed his reckless suit against gun stores in Georgia to proceed.

<http://www.ajc.com/search/content/metro/stories/2007/08/16/gun.html>

07/08/15 Rookie cop who killed himself removed clip, left bullet in chamber

The San Francisco rookie police officer who accidentally shot himself to death fired his weapon while displaying for a female friend how officers are taught to avoid having their guns used against them.

<http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2007/08/15/BA9ERIE64.DTL&feed=rss.bayarea>

07/08/15 Bethel Park high school student was expelled a week ago, because district officials found two Airsoft guns and a drywall saw in the trunk of his car in April.

<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/07227/809546-298.stm>

07/08/15 The Lancaster City Council is considering a bill that would mean stiffer penalties for firing a gun.

The ordinance includes a \$500 fine and 90 days in prison for each shot fired. The current ordinance calls for a 30-day prison sentence. Mayor Rick Gray proposed the ordinance for a more appropriate punishment for the offense.

<http://www.wgal.com/news/13896823/detail.html>

07/08/14 Should a Web Site Post Best Ideas for Successful Terrorist Plots? - Fox News

John Lott writes:

"Israelis realized that the police and military simply can't be there all the time to protect people when terrorists attack. There are simply too many vulnerable targets. ...

"So how did Israel solve the problem? By encouraging Israelis to carry concealed handguns. After the policy changed in the early 1970s, terrorist gun attacks have been rare."

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,292953,00.html>

07/08/14 Thugs find it more difficult if populace is armed - World Net Daily

"When last did you hear of multiple victim shootings taking place in police stations, on firearm ranges or at gun shows anywhere in the world? No, homicidal maniacs prefer unarmed victims, i.e., usually soft targets in gun free zones."

http://worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=57136

07/08/13 VA: Students push for guns on campus College students are pushing for their schools to allow them to carry guns on campus, saying they should have the right to protect themselves in a situation like the one in which 32 Virginia Tech students and faculty were fatally shot.

<http://washingtontimes.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070813/METRO/108130057/1004>

07/08/13 Bearing arms - excellent reading - Washington Times

The men who founded our nation understood that government was necessary to preserve the people's freedoms. But they also knew that government agents could not always be trusted to use their authority justly, and that government remains the single greatest threat to the rights and liberties of the people. "The right of the people to keep and bear arms is an important and integral

part of what it means to be an American. In fact, it could be said to represent the most important and integral part of being an American. When our ancestors followed the example of half the state governments and included a "right to arms" provision in the Federal Bill of Rights, they unapologetically and irrefutably established a nation of free and autonomous individuals."

<http://washingtontimes.com/article/20070813/EDITORIAL/108130006/1013>

07/08/12 Gunsmith numbers declining in what may be "dying art"

There's less people shooting - a lot less than there used to be," said Dave Jacobs of Dakota Gunsmithing Specialties in Mott. "The real heyday for gunsmiths came right after World War II when soldiers brought back rifles from the war and had them customized. That lasted until the mid-'70s to early '80s," he said. "A lot of industries are consolidating," said Melissa Sheppard of R & G Gunsmiths in Dickinson. "The mom-and-pop entrepreneur has the most difficulty surviving. Sometimes it takes 20 years to build up a reputation."

<http://www.bismarcktribune.com/articles/2007/08/12/news/state/137637.txt>

07/08/12 Gun control back as national issue - Ft. Worth Star-Telegram

The battle over gun control is back, and it's reaching into city halls, state legislatures and the halls of Congress. Presidential candidates are talking about it, Jesse Jackson is talking about it, and Congress is on track to possibly pass the first federal gun control legislation since 1994.

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/story/199433.html>

07/08/12 'Assault rifles' have a legal and useful place in hunting - The Oregonian

Bill Monroe writes: "It is a Ruger 10/22, one of the most accurate and most popular sport/plinking rifles produced. "I got it, in part, for my granddaughter, who's ready to graduate from a pellet rifle. "She's no terrorist, and neither am I."

<http://www.oregonlive.com/printer/printer.ssf?base/sports/1186784724117830.xml&coll=7>

07/08/12 Deer hunts for disabled planned for fall - Columbus Dispatch

Two deer hunts for disabled sportsmen are slated in southeastern Ohio locales come fall. First up is the Muskingum County Buckmasters mobility impaired special deer hunt scheduled Oct. 26-28. The hunting event, which is in its fourth year, is based at Roseville. Hunting will take place at nearby Avondale Wildlife Area.

For details, eligibility information and registration, phone Kent Papageorge at (740) 697-3337.

http://www.dispatch.com/dispatch/content/sports/stories/2007/08/12/outdoors_notes12.ART_ART_08-12-07_C11_0C7JA5D.html

07/08/10 Why Pass An Ineffective Law On Guns? - Ventura County Star

A few Ventura County cities have recently passed, or are considering passing, ordinances requiring gun owners to report the loss or theft of their firearms, typically within 48 hours of when the owner knew or "should have known" the gun was missing. Gun owners typically report stolen firearms anyway. These laws will only further victimize theft victims and impede criminal prosecutions.

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2007/aug/10/why-pass-an-ineffective-law-on-guns/>

07/08/10 UK Pair with pepper spray sentenced A couple found guilty of possessing and using pepper spray have escaped prison

http://iccheshireonline.icnetwork.co.uk/0100news/0100regionalnws/tm_headline=pair-with-pepper-spray-sentenced&method=full&objectid=19606529&siteid=50020-name_page.html

07/08/09 Deer contraceptive proves unreliable Two-year study finds vaccine is not viable

Biologist Anthony DiNicola's study of a captive herd at the Giralda Farms corporate center in Madison found that one of the latest immuno-contraceptives, called GonaCon, falls far short of being a viable vaccine. Had it worked, scientists say it would have been a godsend to towns with too many deer, and where hunting is difficult or impractical.

<http://www.nj.com/news/ledger/jersey/index.ssf?/base/news-7/1186635171266130.xml&coll=1>

07/08/09 FBI Reportedly Probes Gun Permits - Sacramento Bee

The FBI is looking into concealed-gun permits issued by the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department, according to documents filed in a lawsuit that alleges former Sheriff Lou Blanas issued permits as political favors.

<http://www.sacbee.com/101/story/316453.html>

07/08/09 Guns the exception in Albany's violence - Albany Times-Union

By 2005, even though the city's crime rate declined from a peak reached in 2001, Albany still was one of 25 similar-size cities with 100 or more violent crimes per 10,000 residents. Robberies and aggravated assaults are the most common violent crimes -- and most are committed without guns.

In fact, assaults involving guns in the city were at a four-year low in 2006, and the number of people menaced with a gun was at a six-year low.

<http://www.timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=612773&category=REGION&newsdate=8/9/2007>

07/08/09 Know Airline Rules Before Hunting Trip - Albany Times Union

August is under way, and with it, the hunting seasons have started in some places. Given the changes in place in airline travel, now is a good time to get in touch with air carriers and solve the logistics of how to transport hunting equipment without undue problems.

<http://timesunion.com/AspStories/story.asp?storyID=612846&category=SPORTS&newsdate=8/9/2007>

07/08/09 NRA Alternative Formed - Ithaca Journal

There seems to be no end to the groups that take potshots at the National Rifle Association. It goes with the territory, I guess, when an organization is as successful, determined, and as radical in its stance as the NRA. Every once in a while, the shots aren't fired by anti-gun folks, but rather by a fledgling rival of the NRA a group looking to grab some the massive political turf the NRA has cultivated over its 125-plus years of protecting the sanctity of the Second Amendment.

<http://www.theithacajournal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070809/SPORTS/708090342>

07/08/09 SF: Ban gun shows at Cow Palace Spurred on by one community's pleas to end gun violence, San Francisco Assemblyman Mark Leno today announced a renewed legislative effort to ban gun shows at Daly City's Cow Palace arena.

http://cbs5.com/localwire/localnews/bcn/2007/08/09/n/HeadlineNews/GUN-SHOW-BAN/resources_bcn.html

07/08/08 Why Doctors Are 9,000 Times More Likely to Accidentally Kill You Than Gun Owners

Doctors Are The Third Leading Cause of Death in the US, Causing 225,000 Deaths Every Year

ALL THESE ARE DEATHS PER YEAR:

12,000 -- unnecessary surgery

7,000 -- medication errors in hospitals

20,000 -- other errors in hospitals

80,000 -- infections in hospitals

106,000 -- non-error, negative effects of drugs

http://www.mercola.com/2000/may/14/doctor_accidents.htm

07/08/08 ID Sheriff: More Concealed Gun Permits Would Boost Public Safety - Tri-City Herald

The sheriff of a north-central Idaho county wants more people to obtain permits and carry guns, including on the University of Idaho campus, to improve public safety. "In my opinion, if there were more students with (concealed weapons permits), the world would be safer," Latah County Sheriff Wayne Rausch told the Lewiston Tribune

<http://www.tri-cityherald.com/tch/local/state/story/9203985p-9120238c.html>

07/08/08 Teachers Who Get Police Training Could Get Extra Pay, Carry Guns - Las Vegas Sun

A proposal that Nevada teachers be allowed to carry garnered a lot of notoriety but little traction among state lawmakers this year. Now comes this idea: Give bonus pay to teachers - from kindergarten to college - who would be trained and armed as reserve school police officers.

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/sunbin/stories/sun/2007/aug/08/566681889.html>

07/08/07 More Cities Are Making Gun Owners Report Loss - Ventura County Star

A new gun control law is slowly winning approval in several Ventura County cities, giving authorities a unique way to crack down on the illegal sale of firearms. So-called lost or stolen gun laws require owners to report missing weapons within 48 to 72 hours of their disappearance or face misdemeanor charges.

<http://www.venturacountystar.com/news/2007/aug/07/more-cities-are-making-gun-owners-report-loss-to/>

07/08/07 N.J. Man Kills Wife, Self With Nail Gun

AP) STAFFORD TOWNSHIP, N.J. A 77-year-old man killed his wife with a commercial grade nail gun before turning the nail gun on himself, authorities said Tuesday.

http://cbs3.com/local/local_story_219134149.html

07/08/05 Sacramento City Council Considers New Gun Ordinances - KTXLTV.com

Some members of the Sacramento City Council want to tighten its gun control laws with two new ordinances. One would require sellers of ammunition to keep a record of all sales, including the name, address and thumbprint of the buyer, along with the brand, type and quantity of ammo sold. A second ordinance would require gun owners to report the theft of a firearm to police within 48 hours.

[http://fox40.trb.com/news/ktxl-](http://fox40.trb.com/news/ktxl-080507gun.0,123544.story?coll=ktxl-news-1)

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07/08/05 Woman fatally stabbed by her ex; he's fatally shot by a bystander with CCW permit

A Seattle mother of four was fatally stabbed early today despite a court protection order against her knife-wielding ex-husband. Police spokeswoman Renee Witt said the party guest had a concealed-weapons permit. She said he likely won't face charges since he acted to prevent further harm.

http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003822913_w ebstab05.html

07/08/04 Duel Over Handgun Ban Raging - Toronto Star

Handguns are effectively banned in Canada, the federal government insists. Yet there are 582,000 of them in existence and legally registered, nearly 220,000 of them in Ontario.

<http://www.thestar.com/News/article/243151>

07/08/04 Oklahoma Police Kill 5-Year Old Boy While Shooting at Snake

A police officer shooting at a snake apparently killed a 5-year-old boy who was fishing at a nearby pond with his grandfather. A Noble police officer who had responded to a report of a snake in a tree apparently fired the deadly shot while trying to kill the snake. Grandfather has little doubt. "I'm not saying the cop shot him on purpose," he said. "But let me tell you — if I had a kid and put him in this car and didn't put him in a car seat and he got killed on the way to town, they'd charge me with murder ... and what this cop did is a lot worse than that."

<http://newsok.com/xml/cox/3098884/>

http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20070806/ap_on_re_us/boy_killed;_ylt=AmZLj90PNNakaYahn1sPQxxH2ocA

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,292168,00.html>

"If the federal government should overpass the just bounds of its authority and make a tyrannical use of its powers, the people, whose creature it is, must appeal to the standard they have formed, and take such measures to redress the injury done to the Constitution as the exigency may suggest and prudence justify."

-- **Alexander Hamilton** (Federalist No. 33, 3 January 1788)