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# Allegheny County Sportsmen's League Legislative Committee Report

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## ACSL Lawsuit against Pennsylvania State Police

Since last month's report we have not received any additional information regarding our lawsuit against the Pennsylvania State Police.

## Coalition of Gun Owners Form to Oppose HB 2403

A Coalition of pro-gun groups has formed to oppose House Bill 2403. The bill is an attempt to amend Pennsylvania's Protection From Abuse Act. It has been introduced by Melissa Weber, one of the most anti-gun legislators in the Pennsylvania General Assembly, and has drawn considerable opposition from just about every major gun owning organization in Pennsylvania because of the bill's provisions directing the confiscation of firearms from anyone a court has granted a PFA.

According to the latest Bill Summary from the House Judiciary Committee the bill is intended to amend Chapter 61 of Title 23 as follows:

- Expands the definition of "family members" to include persons currently or formerly in a dating relationship whether or not the relationship included sexual activity
- Prohibits the assignment of fees upon plaintiffs for the commencement of the proceedings and permits the court to require defendants to pay any and all costs and fees associated with an order.
- Increases the maximum term for a protection order from 18 months to 3 years.

- Extends the time period during which the hearing on a PFA matter has to be heard to ten business days.
- Requires the court to assess the risk posed by defendants when awarding temporary custody or establishing visitation rights.
- Allows the court in the county where a violation has occurred and the court in the county where the protection order was issued to accept jurisdiction over indirect criminal contempt charges for violation of protection from abuse orders.
- Allows the plaintiff to seek relief even if the defendant is not a resident of the Commonwealth, provided that the court has personal jurisdiction over the defendant.
- Permits the court to order the defendant to relinquish all firearms and any weapons or ammunition used or threatened to be used against the plaintiff for the duration of an order within 24 hours of entry of the order.
- Requires the court to hold a hearing on any petition filed under the provision in the bill creating the express right of a PFA defendant to petition the court to allow for the sale or transfer of any relinquished firearm within ten business days.
- Requires that the court shall provide the defendant with a "reasonable" time to frame to relinquish possession of any firearms it is not possible to relinquish possession with 24 hours.
- Allows a person who is the subject of an order which provides for the relinquishment of a

firearm, to, in lieu of relinquishment to a sheriff, relinquish the firearm to a licensed dealer for consignment sale, safekeeping or some other lawful transfer. Any person relinquishing a firearm to a licensed dealer would be required to provide the sheriff with an affidavit which list the firearm relinquished to a licensed dealer.

- Provides a mechanism for defendants to transfer or sell firearms in possession of the sheriff.
- Expressly ties Title 23 PFA relinquishments to the Title 18 requirement that the sheriff provide a receipt to the defendant listing the firearms relinquished and the general condition thereof.
- Provides that the provisions of title 18 Subsection 6105(f) imposing liability on sheriffs and law enforcement for damage caused to firearms in their custody apply to any firearm relinquished pursuant to a PFA order.
- Requires the Court to specifically list all firearms, weapons and ammunition ordered relinquished by the court in the PFA order, which will be listed in the Statewide Registry of FA orders.
- Requires that all PFAs (which include information regarding relinquished firearms) must be purged from the State Police PFA Registry upon expiration.
- Prohibits any government or law enforcement agency or any agent hereof, from creating, maintaining or operating any registry of firearm ownership within this commonwealth.
- Provides for the appointment of master in emergency situations.

Organizations that oppose HB 2403 PN 3829 include:

- (PR&PA) Pennsylvania Rifle and Pistol Association (the NRA state affiliate in Pennsylvania),
- (PFSC) Pennsylvania Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs,
- (ACSL) Allegheny County Sportsmen's League,
- (PSA) Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Association,
- (FOAC) Firearms Owners Against Crime will record a vote for HB 2403 as an anti-gun vote.,
- (PGOA) Pennsylvania Gun Owners Association,
- (GOA) Gun Owners of America,
- (KFC) Keystone Firearms Coalition

As of this printing the bill has been referred to the House Appropriation's Committee, which could be the last step before it is considered for final vote. Currently the Coalition, lead by the Pennsylvania Sportsmen's Association is requesting that members of the General Assembly oppose HB 2403 if it is scheduled for a vote. With NRA not opposing the bill it is likely that it will get little opposition. Hopefully, the PSA will develop alternative language to amend the bill and strike out some of the problems with the legislation. We are hopeful that such language and amendments will be forth coming.

According to the PSA it appears that an attempt to resolve the differences with the legislation with the supporters of the bill has failed.

The bill has the support of Governor Rendell, and he has joined representatives from the [Pennsylvania Coalition Against Domestic Violence \(PCADV\)](#) and the [Pennsylvania Coalition Against Rape \(PCAR\)](#) and victims of domestic violence and rape spoke in support of the legislation.

As of Monday, June 7, 2004 a vote on the bill has been postponed. The PSA is asking gun owners to contact your state representative today – asking them to vote NO on Pennsylvania HB 2403.

## Jefferson County Gun Owners Win in Court.

According to an article in the June 4<sup>th</sup> Pittsburgh Post Gazette, "A judge has ruled that a security ordinance allowing for metal detectors and X-ray machines to be placed in the courthouse doorway to conduct weapons searches, conflicts with state law that says "no county (may) regulate the lawful ownership, possession, transfer or transportation of firearms."

State law, which takes precedence over local ordinances, already regulates firearms in courthouses, saying that gun possession in a "court facility" is illegal. But those court facilities, argued William Strong, the plaintiffs' attorney, include courtrooms, the district attorney's office and judges' chambers, but not the whole building.

That means a person carrying a legally registered handgun should be allowed access to, say, the assessor's office, Strong said. And it also means that counties and towns can't pass firearms-related ordinances meant to supplement the existing state law. Jefferson County's law, in place since 2002, hasn't been enforced lately."

## NRA-ILA Grassroots Alerts

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### GOVERNOR BUSH SUPPORTS GUN OWNERS` RIGHTS: SIGNS TWO IMPORTANT BILLS INTO LAW!

On May 13, with overwhelming support in the Florida Legislature and from firearm owners across the state, Governor Jeb Bush (R) signed two important gun rights bills (SB 1156 and HB 155) into law. Former NRA President Marion P. Hammer, NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre, NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox, and Director of State & Local Affairs Randy Kozuch were present on behalf of our four million members to witness the enacting of these two important laws.

SB 1156 ends damaging government lawsuits provided firearm ranges make good faith efforts to exercise sound management principles in their disposal of lead ammunition. Prior to its passage, range facilities had no shield or protection against environmental lawsuits devised to force ranges out-of-business by placing them at the mercy of the court, irrespective of whether they posed a risk to the environment.

During the bill`s signing ceremony, LaPierre said that, "Shooting ranges are owned and operated by lawful businessmen and women who work to improve the environment and avoid contamination. The law demonstrates that our commitment to protecting the environment is just as strong as our commitment to Second Amendment rights and America`s heritage of firearms ownership."

The new law, the first of its kind in the country, requires the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to provide copies of "Best Practices for Environmental Stewardship for Florida Shooting Ranges" to range managers statewide to keep their operations on a sound, environmentally friendly path. That blueprint for action was the culmination of nearly a decade of research and cooperative efforts initiated by the NRA, the National Shooting Sports Foundation, and the Wildlife Management Institute.

"Shooting ranges that implement these environmental management practices will not have to fear malicious lawsuits," added Cox. "That is what a win-win strategy is all about, SB 1156 is an ideal remedy for firearms owners and the environment."

The driving force behind passage of SB 1156, Hammer, Executive Director of "[Unified Sportsmen of Florida](#)," praised the Florida Legislature and Governor Bush saying, "Once again, Florida is leading the way with model legislation that should be adopted by every state. Protecting shooting ranges is an essential element of protecting Second Amendment rights. And teaching range owners best management practices to eliminate environmental risk is just plain common sense."

The second bill signed by Governor Bush, HB 155, stops the illegal compiling of computerized lists of law-abiding firearms owners and the guns they own, otherwise known as registration of law-abiding gun owners.

In violation of federal law, a few of Florida`s urban Sheriffs have been effectively building gun registration lists and databases. This information has nothing to do with criminal investigations or crime guns, and is in clear violation of The Firearms Owners` Protection Act (18 U.S. Code section 926).

"HB 155 will stop law-abiding firearm owners from being profiled and made suspects simply because they exercise their constitutional right," Hammer said. "This law is important because it stops gun registration, the worst form of gun control, that only aims to destroy freedom."

Passage of the bill was supported by the Florida Police Benevolent Association, the Florida Sheriff`s Association, and the Florida Police Chiefs Association.

### SOUTH CAROLINA REPEALS "ONE-GUN-A-MONTH" LAW

After three decades of hard work, NRA-ILA can announce that the South Carolina Legislature has repealed the state`s "one-gun-a-month" law, which has limited the rights of law-abiding citizens by prohibiting multiple handgun purchases within a 30-day waiting period. HB 3442 is now headed to Governor Mark Sanford (R).

"NRA is pleased that the people of South Carolina will no longer be subject to this unreasonable gun rationing law, a law that has only affected honest gun owners and therefore could only have a negative impact on crime," said NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox. "Gun rationing laws set a bad and unconstitutional precedent that government can limit the frequency with which a law-abiding citizen may exercise a constitutionally-protected right. If governments can limit law-abiding citizens to one

gun a month, they can extend it to one gun a year, one-gun a lifetime, or no guns at all."

"One-gun-a-month" laws have been tried in South Carolina, Virginia, and Maryland, and have failed in all three states. After South Carolina imposed its law in 1975, violent crime soared there and in New York City, the supposed beneficiary of the law. In the 1990's, violent crime declined nationally, but rose in Washington, D.C., the supposed beneficiary of Virginia's law. Maryland imposed its law in 1998, yet it has the highest robbery rate of any state, and Baltimore's homicide rate is among the worst of all major U.S. cities.

"On behalf of tens of thousands of South Carolina NRA members, gun owners and sportsmen, I want to thank the Senators and Representatives who supported this bill and Governor Sanford for acting to abolish this senseless law," added Cox.

"Additionally, I would like to single out the efforts of several key lawmakers who ensured passage of this reform including Representatives Bill Sandifer (R-2) and James Harrison (R-75), and Senators Hugh Leatherman (R-31), Glenn McConnell (R-41), and John Hawkins (R-12). The Second Amendment is stronger today thanks to the efforts of all those in South Carolina and across America who stand up to preserve freedom."

### **VICTORY FOR NRA AND HUNTERS AS MINNESOTA REINSTATES DOVE SEASON**

In an historic vote, law-abiding sportsmen will enjoy a dove hunting season in Minnesota for the first time since 1946. Despite efforts from anti-hunting groups to block the legislation, the Minnesota Legislature voted overwhelmingly to pass the Omnibus Game and Fish Bill (HF 2368) that places the mourning dove on the state's game bird list. The bill is now headed to Governor Tim Pawlenty (R) for his expected signature. Minnesota will be the 40th state with an established dove hunting season in America.

"This is a significant moment for hunters and NRA members across the state," said NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox. "The men and women of Minnesota have made their voices heard, they do not want animal "rights" extremists making crucial decisions about their sport and hunting traditions. Establishing a mourning dove season in Minnesota is a victory for the American hunting heritage of this popular and familiar game bird.

"Thanks to the strong bi-partisan support of this legislation, the people of Minnesota will finally have the opportunity to participate in one of America's oldest and cherished pastimes," added Cox. "On

behalf of Minnesota's NRA members, sportsmen and hunters, I want to thank Governor Pawlenty and all of the Senators and Representatives who supported this historic legislation. I would especially like to thank Speaker Steve Sviggum (R-28B) and Senator Pat Pariseau (R-36) for their hard work and perseverance to reestablish this important tradition for future generations."

### **"MILLION" MOM FARCE**

One Second Amendment supporter who witnessed last Sunday's (twelve-thousandths-of-a) "Million" Mom March was quoted as saying, "It wasn't a ?Million Mom March, it was a ?thousand gang limp."

The quote aptly describes the event's extremely low turnout, and is indicative of the waning interest in the group's anti-freedom message. The Associated Press generously estimated the size of the crowd at just 2,000, or about 99.8 percent less than the group's billing implied!

The year's event, organized in conjunction with the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, represents yet another unsuccessful attempt by the "Million" Mom March group to forward its misguided agenda, and rally what's left of its supporters against lawful firearms ownership. Undeterred by the obvious lack of support, and determined to persist in its anti-gun mission, the group continues to lobby for the renewal of the Clinton gun ban, which will expire on September 13, 2004. And while they will claim that their primary concern is "safety," it is ironic, to say the least, that the group's two marquee events have coincided with presidential election years.

Make no mistake. Over the next few months we're in for a sustained political battle over this issue. And we need to be prepared. If you want to know the TRUTH about the Clinton gun ban, please visit NRA-ILA's informative website-

[www.ClintonGunBan.com](http://www.ClintonGunBan.com) --and learn the facts about this debate, which has too long been driven and dominated by falsehoods and emotion. And please forward this website to others who need to know both the history and the truth about this issue. Then, please contact your U.S. Representative and Senators and urge them to oppose current legislation seeking to greatly expand the 1994 Clinton gun ban--H.R. 2038, H.R. 3831, S. 1431, and S. 1034. And remember to use NRA-ILA's Resources on this issue to write letters to the editor of your local newspaper whenever the need to set the record straight arises. Together, we can expose and refute the anti-gunners lies, and emotional sensationalism.

You can find contact information for your elected officials by using the "[Write Your Representatives](#)" tool at [www.NRAILA.org](http://www.NRAILA.org), or you can call your U.S. Senators at (202) 224-3121 and your U.S. Representative at (202) 225-3121. You can also use the "[Write the Media](#)" feature for assistance in identifying, and writing letters to, the editor of your area newspaper.

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### **CRIME IN ENGLAND: THE PRICE OF GUN CONTROL**

In March of 1996, a deranged man walked into a school in Dunblane, Scotland and killed sixteen children and one teacher. In the aftermath of this heinous tragedy, British politicians sought to reduce violent crime by enacting an injudicious ban on all handguns. Handgun owners were given a February 1998 deadline to turn in their firearms--and they did. The UK was supposed to become a much safer place--but it didn't. Not by a long shot.

As reported in a May 14 article in the Edmonton Journal, England's recently released gun crime statistics for the first five years following the gun-ban indicate a very different outcome than that which was forecast. According to the article, "the incidence of gun crime in England and Wales nearly doubled from 13,874 in 1998 to 24,070 in 2003. And the incidence of firearms murder, while thankfully still very small, has risen 65 per cent," (emphasis added).

The article details statistics from another report issued last year by Britain's Home Office, which reveal that there has also been a dramatic increase in robberies in recent years. They report that robberies, "rose by 28 per cent in 2002 alone and, since 1998, there has been an increase in the annual average of muggings of more than 100,000. England alone has nearly 400,000 robberies each year, a rate nearly one-quarter higher per capita than that of the United States," (emphasis added).

Do gun bans serve to reduce violent crime? When law-abiding citizens are disarmed, is their society a safer one? England's plight is just the latest example to show us, yet again, that the answer is "NO."

### **THE BRADY-KERRY CONNECTION**

More rock-solid proof that Presidential hopeful Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.) is a bitter enemy of the Second Amendment surfaced in today's USA Today. An article therein reported on a meeting

of the recently formed liberal political strategy group "America Votes." The article disclosed that, during the meeting, the group discussed the latest polling data gathered by gun-ban groups. Pollster John Martilla, an adviser to NRA-PVF "F" rated Kerry, presented the results of a national survey that he conducted on behalf of the Brady Campaign!

The Brady Campaign, of course, steadfastly maintains that you have no individual right to own any firearm.

Kerry can't hide from his past. His abysmal voting record on firearm-related issues, and his support of the Clinton gun ban, clearly show where he stands on our issue. Take some free advice from us, Mr. Kerry, and don't try to pretend you support the Second Amendment.

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### **SOUTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR SIGNS ONE-GUN-A-MONTH REPEAL**

NRA-ILA is pleased to announce that Governor Mark Sanford (R) has signed HB 3442, repealing South Carolina's restrictive "onegun-a-month" law. The law limited the rights of law-abiding citizens by prohibiting handgun purchases with the establishment of a 30-day waiting period between purchases.

"This is a great day for law-abiding firearm owners in South Carolina," said NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox. "On behalf of NRA's four million members, I would like to thank Governor Sanford and the South Carolina Legislature for recognizing the importance of abolishing this unnecessary restriction on the Second Amendment.

"Gun rationing laws represent gun control in its worst form--they are designed solely to restrict law-abiding gun ownership. Today, South Carolina has taken a big leap forward in furthering freedom for law-abiding citizens," concluded Cox.

### **FBI REPORTS VIOLENT CRIME DOWN AGAIN IN 2003**

On May 24, the FBI released preliminary crime statistics indicating that in 2003 the number of violent crimes in the U.S. decreased 3.2% from the previous year. Because the nation's population rose between 2002-2003, the FBI's report implies an even greater decrease in the violent crime rate (the number of violent crimes per 100,000 people). The nation's violent crime rate has dropped every year since 1991.

There were decreases in three of the four categories of violent crime. The number of rapes and robberies both decreased by 1.9%, while the number of aggravated assaults decreased by 4.1%. The number of murders increased 1.3%, but until the final figures are published this Fall, and factored against the 2003 population count, it will be unclear what change, if any, there was in the murder rate, which, in recent years has decreased to a level not seen since the mid-1960s.

The increase in the number of murders, FBI said, was driven by a 15.7% increase in cities with populations under 10,000, and a 10.8% increase in cities with populations between 10,000 and 24,999. Murders increased 0.2% in big cities, decreased 6.5% in suburban counties, and decreased 4.7% in rural counties.

NRA members can be particularly pleased about the downward trend in violent crime. Criminologists and other experts routinely attribute the trend, in part, to stronger law enforcement and sentencing policies adopted in the states during the 1990s, in many cases with the active support of NRA. The anti-gun groups, however, must have read the FBI's report with mixed emotions. Because they profess an interest in reducing violent crime, they doubtless were pleased. On the other hand, the fact that violent crime keeps going down while the numbers of guns, gun owners, and Right-to-Carry states are increasing undercuts their anti-gun mantra that crime is caused by guns, in and of themselves, and not the criminals.

#### **BRADY CAMPAIGN'S COMPLAINT DISMISSED**

Early this week, the Senate Ethics Committee officially dismissed a complaint lodged by the gun-ban group, the Brady Campaign, against U.S. Senator Larry Craig (R-Id.). The Brady Campaign's feeble complaint centered around the fact that Senator Craig sponsored the Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act (S. 659/S. 1805) while serving as a member of NRA's Board of Directors.

To most observers, the complaint was seen as nothing more than desperate, politically motivated sabre rattling. Thankfully, in considering the issue, the Ethics Committee put politics aside and came down on the side of common sense.

Confirming that the Brady Campaign's petty contention was unwarranted, the Ethics Committee informed them that, "After careful consideration of your letter, of the provisions of Senate Rule 37 and other relevant standards, and of all the information before the Committee in this matter, it appears that

your complaint lacks substantial merit. Therefore, the Committee intends no further action with respect to this matter, which is hereby dismissed."

#### **WILL MICHIGAN FOLLOW MINNESOTA'S LEAD?**

With overwhelming support from the legislature, Governor Tim Pawlenty (R) recently signed legislation establishing a Minnesota dove hunting season for the first time since 1946. A similar bill to bring dove hunting to Michigan--HB 5029--awaits action from Governor Jennifer Granholm (D).

In an historic bipartisan vote in March, the Michigan Senate passed HB 5029 by a 22 to 15 vote. In November, the Michigan House of Representatives voted 64 to 44 in favor of establishing the first dove hunting season in state history.

"Mourning doves are America's most popular and abundant game bird. Michigan sportsmen should have the same opportunity as people in Minnesota and 39 other states to participate in one of America's oldest and most cherished pastimes this fall," said NRA-ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox. "On behalf of tens of thousands of Michigan members, hunters, and sportsmen, NRA urges Governor Granholm to follow Minnesota's lead in establishing a dove hunting season."

[The National Shooting Sports Foundation](#) (NSSF), the trade organization representing the sporting goods industry, forecasts a \$115 million addition to Minnesota's economy with the establishment of a dove hunting season. One Minnesota sporting goods store alone predicts a \$1 million boost in sales with a dove season. Similar benefits are predicted for Michigan's economy if this legislation is signed into law.

"Bringing a dove season to Michigan does more than provide new hunting opportunities--it will boost the economy by expanding tourism, increasing spending and creating jobs across the state," added Cox. "Signing this law will benefit all Michiganders, not just those who participate in the shooting sports." Michigan members should call Governor Granholm at (517) 373-3400, and respectfully urge her to sign HB 5029.

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#### **FEINSTEIN INTRODUCES "ASSAULT WEAPONS" REAUTHORIZATION BILL**

Yesterday, vehemently anti-gun Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.) introduced S. 2498, legislation

that would reauthorize the Clinton gun ban. The bill is being held on the Senate floor and could come up at any time.

This is the start of a sustained political battle we`ll be waging over the next few months. Our opponents will continue to work at every turn to try and accomplish their anti-gun goals, and we need to be prepared. Please visit NRA-ILA`s informative website-- [www.ClintonGunBan.com](http://www.ClintonGunBan.com) --and learn the facts about this debate, which has too long been driven and dominated by falsehoods and emotion. And please forward this website to others who need to know both the history and the truth about this issue. Then, please contact your Senators and urge them to oppose S. 2498 or any other legislation seeking to extend the so-called "assault weapons" ban. You can find contact information for your elected officials by using the "[Write Your Representatives](#)" tool at [www.NRAILA.org](http://www.NRAILA.org), or you can call your U.S. Senators at (202) 224-3121.

### **NOTORIOUS NINTH CIRCUIT AT IT AGAIN**

Apparently, the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is determined to maintain its paradigm of dispensing political activism under the guise of unbiased legal judgement.

Last fall, a three-judge panel of the San Francisco-based court reinstated a wrongful death lawsuit against the firearm industry that had been previously tossed out by a Los Angeles federal judge before it went to trial. The suit, *Ileto v. Glock*, seeks to blame Glock and others for the horrendous criminal actions of deranged white supremacist Buford Furrow. In 1999, Furrow shot and killed postal worker Joseph Ileto, and wounded three children at a Jewish Community Center in Granada Hills, California, after illegally acquiring firearms. What is not often reported is that, while a Glock pistol was used in Furrow`s heinous crime, the gun was originally sold to a police department, which subsequently sold it to a licensed dealer, who in turn sold it to a collector, who finally sold it to Furrow. Glock is being targeted but did nothing illegal.

Following last fall`s decision, Glock asked that the full court reconsider the ruling. Last week, the full court voted to allow the suit to proceed. Significantly, eight of the judges dissented. In writing the dissent, Judge Consuelo Callahan said, "The potential impact of the panel`s decision is staggering. Any manufacturer of an arguably dangerous product that finds its way into California can be hauled into court in California to defend against a civil action brought by a victim of the criminal use of that product." Drawing an obvious

conclusion, Judge Callahan went on to say, "Thus, General Motors would be sued by someone who was hit by a Corvette that had been stolen by a juvenile."

This case dramatically underscores the urgent need for passage of a comprehensive federal lawsuit protection bill. Allowing these types of suits to continue unabated will be disastrous for the American firearm industry, and for your right to lawfully own firearms. That is why NRA-ILA remains committed to enacting a federal lawsuit preemption law that does not in any way compromise our Second Amendment rights.

### **BALLISTIC "FINGERPRINTING" NOT EFFECTIVE**

A June 3 AP article appearing on Newsday.com reported that New York state`s much-lauded ballistic "fingerprinting" database, designed to match handguns in New York to crime scene evidence, has not solved a single crime in the more than three years since its debut.

These results are consistent with the findings of several studies that have already determined that existing ballistic imaging systems are flawed and have not been effective law enforcement tools. Despite these findings, anti-gun extremists continue to promote these ballistic "fingerprinting" schemes-- which are little more than an attempt to impose a nationwide registration system for all law-abiding gun owners.