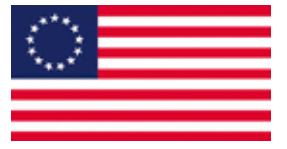


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Gang violence permeates all areas of formerly great American city

# CHICAGO IS THE WILD WEST

Chicago (Guns Save Life) - Chicago has become America's Wild West. Generations of strict gun control have not made the Windy City a peaceful, bucolic utopia. Far from it. Chicago isn't safe, for anyone.

Chicago's 433 homicides to date represent more homicides than 31 entire state and the District of Columbia tallied in the entire year of 2020. In fact, Mayor Lori Lightfoot's crime-ridden city has had more murders than a dozen entire states combined had in all of 2020.

With scores of people shot every weekend, and police solving fewer than five percent of non-fatal shootings since 2017, criminals

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**A MODERN DAY O.K. CORRAL, MINUS THE GOOD GUYS:** A gang shootout in downtown Chicago - part of the "nicer" part of Chicago - is captured by surveillance camera from August 6th. This turned into a double homicide as the gentleman in the pink hoodie (upper right in frame) firing his gun completed the room temperature challenge as well thanks to one of his pals shooting him the back.

Screen capture by Boch via HeyJackass.com.

Meeting updates!

- Sangamon will meet Sept. 12th
- **NEW!** LaSalle County - first Sunday, Sept. 4th
- **NEW!** Lake County - Wednesday, October 12th

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## September 2022

- **LaSalle County:** First Sunday: **September 4**, October 2  
Stone Jug Barbeque, 1920 4th St., Peru  
*Exhibits and conversation here at 5pm. Program at 6:30pm*
- **Sangamon County:** First Monday: **September 12**, October 3  
SCHEELS, 3801 S. MacArthur, Springfield
- **Pontiac:** First Tuesday: **September 6**, October 4  
Pontiac Sportsman's Club. 18663 4-H Park Road, Pontiac
- **Decatur:** First Wednesday: **September 7**, October 5  
Coz's Pizza, 1405 East Village Parkway, Mt Zion
- **Peoria:** First Thursday: **September 1**, October 6  
Barrack's Banquet Center, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria
- **Champaign County:** Second Tuesday: **September 13**, October 11  
KC Hall, 1001 N. Ohio St., Rantoul
- **Lake County:** Second Wednesday: **October 12**  
Woodfire Tavern, 4868 Route 83, Long Grove
- **Charleston:** Second Thursday: **September 8**, October 8  
U Hotel Conference Center, 920 West Lincoln Ave, Charleston
- **Chicagoland:** Last Sunday: **August 28, Sept. 25**, October 30  
American Legion Post 1198, 1631 Western Ave. Chicago Heights  
*Exhibits and conversation here at 4:30pm. Program at 5:30pm.*

**Dinner, conversation, exhibits at 6 p.m. Program starts at 7 p.m.**  
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## Sights at GSL meetings across Illinois



**GSL's George Washington: John Naese**  
GSL's John Boch, left, with founding member and original leader of GSL's predecessor organization John Naese at Charleston.



Dr. Lisa Smith in Decatur, running for Illinois House.



Howard Kaye, president of Crete Gun Club with GSL's Chicagoland Regional Director Alfreda Keith Keller.



Dan Worthey is retiring after several years as Champaign County's Regional Director. But first he brought great stories and old guns to do Tech Time. Thank you, Dan!



Guess what Stan Ryan won! An FN503. No, it wasn't pink...



Steve Beckman with an otter pelt.



John Boch, left, won the Maverick 88 shotgun in our monthly gun drawing. John put it up for auction with all the proceeds going to GSL and John Coyne, one of the leadership team at Illinois Gun Owners Together, had the winning bid of \$230.



Just a few of the faces at the new LaSalle County meeting! From left, John Boch, Jennifer Ebner, Crystal Loughran, Martin Rue, Jr., Jed Davis and Glenn Pratt.



GSL's LaSalle Regional Director Glenn Pratt, left, with George Boehne, winner of the Uberti .357 Cowboy gun.



Sam Wier won the Hatfield .410 over/under shotgun from the Sangamon County GSL meeting. He's pictured with his son Judson holding his new shotgun. Congrats to both!



Law Weapons in Naperville hosts 2A rally...

## Naperville rallies to oppose gun sales ban ordinance

Naperville, IL (GSL) - Some members of the Naperville City Council want to virtue signal to their fellow gun-hating leftists by banning sales of commonly sold self-defense firearms in their city. Of course, gun owners opposed this proposal that would hurt the poor, women and people of color.

Naperville hosted a Second Amendment rally in front of their business. Close to fifty nearby residents turned out to hear presentations by Todd Vandermyde, Robert Bevis, the store's owner, as well as Kelly Lestina, Julie Puls, Guns Save Life's John Boch and others in an effort to unify our messaging and plan strategy for countering the gun control advocates' efforts to block the sales of America's favorite rifle and the magazines that feed them.



Law Weapons used a deuce-and-a-half transport truck as the sound stage.

Other suburban cities are reportedly watching closely to see what Naperville does with their proposed ordinance, ready to implement their own bans on the sale of certain guns in their communities. They know they can't ban them, so they're trying to do the next best thing even though court precedent has already spoken on the matter against the gun control advocates.

On Saturday, August 13th, ahead of the August 16th Naperville City Council meeting, Law Weapons and Supply in

## CHICAGO INSANITY CONTINUES

And they wonder why they've got a violent crime and gang problem...



It's all about priorities... and your safety isn't among their priorities!  
**Already dangerously short-staffed, police commanders ordered to divert cops to babysit TV and movie production sites**

Chicago (CWB Chicago) - Days after someone threw a suspected explosive device onto a downtown film set, at least two Chicago police commanders are being ordered to take cops from patrol duties to sit on TV and movie production locations Friday and Saturday, according to CPD emails shared with CWBChicago.

rounding areas, was already scheduled to have dangerously low staffing Friday evening before the order was issued, with only four sergeants and six beat cops scheduled for patrol duties...

A second source said CPD resources are being diverted largely because the production companies have been unable to find enough off-duty cops to handle the work.

One of the affected districts, which is in charge of patrolling the Loop and sur-



## Meeting Summaries start here...

### Chicagoland.

We held our Chicagoland meeting on the last day of July at the **Park Forest American Legion Post in Chicago Heights**. Roughly forty of the faithful turned out. **Alfreda Keith Keller**, our **Chicagoland Regional Director** led the meeting. **John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's update**.

Our main speaker called in with a last-minute issue so Mr. Boch filled in with an **analysis of the Bruen decision**. In a nutshell, Boch sees the FOID Act as the first to go (as there were no FOID cards in the 1790s). He also sees Illinois becoming a lot friendlier to gun owners.

**President Howard Kaye** of the **Crete Gun Club** spoke. Their board meets at 7pm on the Second Monday at 1962 W. Exchange in Crete. Visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend and they have plenty of room for additional members. (Range dues are \$60/year.) Kaye's email is fxt1984@gmail.com or 708 921-6768.

Mr. Kaye implored everyone to get so-called "concealed carry insurance" and he suggested joining not only the NRA at the national level, but also local gun rights groups as well.

We drew for the 50/50 and our winner there drew for the gun, a **Maverick 88 12ga.** social shotgun. **John Boch** won the gun and then put it up for auction with 100% of the proceeds going to Guns Save Life.

After a spirited amateur auction, **John Coyne** walked away with the winning bid of \$230. If the charismatic Mr. Coyne's name sounds familiar, it should. He serves with the leadership of the **Illinois Gun Owners Together** group. Congrats and thank you to everyone who attended and participated.

We'll be back next month with a nice, 6-shot **Taurus Model 856 revolver** with night sights and a speaker discussing security considerations in places like schools and malls. **Sunday, August 28th.** We'll see you then!

### Sangamon County.

**Dale Lock** took the reigns and opened our **Sangamon County GSL** event at the wonderful **SCHEELS** store in Springfield. It was another packed house and Dale reminded everyone that **September's meeting would take place on the Second Monday** because of the Labor Day holiday on the first Monday.

After Dale's opening remarks, **John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report**.

Our main speakers for the evening promoted the "**Convention of the States**" project. **Jerry Dean** and **Roger Henrichs** spoke, encouraging people to sign the petitions which help them "nudge" politicians into supporting a Constitutional Convention authorized to consider three changes to the US Constitution: term limits, limiting the power and jurisdiction of the federal government and fiscal restraints (aka running a balanced budget).

The group is quick to note that changing other aspects of our founding document would be ruled out of order as they are limited on topics they can consider. A few of the members present with knowledge about the Convention of the States project, including John Boch, urged folks to sign the petitions.



Roger Henrichs, left, and Jerry Dean.

**Kelvin Colburn**, our local activist from Springfield, spoke about his latest efforts to stir up the gun-hating radicals in Springfield, using Saul Alinsky's very own "**Rules for Radicals**."

**US Law Shield's Carlin Anderson** introduced himself and gave a five-minute elevator speech about the US Law Shield program that provides legal help for those who use (or even threaten the use) of force in self-defense. He says they are approaching a million members, and as such they have strength in numbers.



Carlin Anderson.



Dale Lock shared a couple of toys for Tech Time including a high-end CMP Garand Rifle in pristine condition with little wear. He also had a can cannon which used an AR-upper firing blanks to launch (full) soda (or beer) cans easily a couple of hundred yards. Far enough to make grown men go "wow!" and giggle.

Sam Wier won the Hatfield .410 over/under shotgun for his son Judson. Congrats to them both!

### Pontiac.

The good folks at the **Pontiac Sportsmen's Club** hosted us with some very good, home-made food ahead of the meeting. **John Boch** called the meeting to order. John offered his **Executive Director's Notes** and answered questions for some time.

Our main speaker didn't pan out, but we'll nail one down for September. We adjourned early after doing our drawings. We'll see everyone next month!



### Decatur.

As is custom, **Decatur Regional Director Dave Randolph** began a little early with the usual opening activities of the Pledge of Allegiance, recognition of veterans and first responders and welcoming of newcomers.

**Dan Cooley of The Bullet Trap in Macon** spoke first. He shared his Industry (and Illinois State Police) report. Guns and ammo are available, and prices are declining slightly from premiums once paid. Wholesalers are now calling them to take product, which he sees as a good sign.

ISP: Pretty much all ammo sales are now getting FOID verifications prior to sales at most retailers. ISP is current on FOID and CCW processing, also good news.

**John Boch** delivered his **Executive Director's Report** and took questions. Then he rolled into his **analysis of the Bruen Supreme Court decision**. Boch noted how Bruen will help groups like ours "help" Illinois to become much more friendly to gun owners after the FOID Act and other gun restrictions are struck down.

**Dr. Lisa Smith**, candidate for **96th State Representative** seat in the Decatur area, addressed the audience. She's pro-gun with a lot of super successful kids including some foster kids. She reminded everyone that the local Democrat incumbent says she votes her constituents in Springfield, but as Dr. Smith notes, she'll vote with the Chicago leftists if her vote is needed.

Of course, she needs help from us to share word of her candidacy (yes, there is an alternative to Sue Scherer), and to give people in the 96th district reasons enough to motivate them to take the time to vote in November.

For **Tech Time** it was "**bring your favorite lever-action**" and boy, we had plenty. We had everything from very popular Model

1873s to a Savage 1899 chambered for much hotter cartridges. A couple of the guys even brought great information about the guns' history including the date and location of manufacture. Steve J. even brought a .243 Winchester lever gun that uses a rotary magazine to allow spitzer (pointed) high-power bullets.

We gave away an **FN 503 pistol** and **Stan Ryan** won it. We also held our 50/50 drawing.

### Peoria.

Our **Peoria Regional Director Richard Parks** called a packed meeting to order at **Barrack's Banquet Center** following a great meal. (Hint: Come hungry... enjoy truly great food *and* support our venue at the same time.)

Richard made a couple of announcements, including a **plea for a couple of volunteers** (or it could be a husband/wife team) to help by sharing door prize tickets with folks as they come in and to sell gun drawing tickets. "We need you," he said. Well, a couple of you. Please contact him at richardsguns01@hotmail.com or call 309 645-4603.

**John Boch** brought his **Executive Director's Report**, including covering the crime infested Chicago scene.

Soon-to-be **State Rep. Dennis Tipword** delighted the audience as our main speaker. After introducing himself as the **Chief Deputy of Woodford County**, he did touch on politics before diving into ammo manufacturing. Specifically, the "No Cash Bail" law that will eliminate bail starting January 1st.

State Rep. (to be) Tipword noted how under the law, to hold an individual, that person will have to be a clear and present danger to

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Can't make it to a meeting? Still want to win a gun?  
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You can't make it to a meeting, but you want a chance to win a gun for as little as \$4? Here's your chance!

Indicate how many tickets you want for the gun you want (and city of drawing). Tickets are \$5 or 5 for \$20. Or 25 (plus a bonus) for \$100.

GSL's Treasurer Joanne Chandler will electronically notify the Regional Directors of the mail-in tickets sold for their meetings so they can get them into the drawing. If you're late, we'll return your check.

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### GSL Monthly Gun Lineup!

**Chicago August: Taurus 856UL  
Chicago Sept: Tisas 1911 .45ACP**

**LaSalle County Sept.: Uberti .357**

**Pontiac September: S&W Shield  
Plus 9mm BUG OUT BUNDLE!**

**Charleston September: KelTec P17  
OD Green + ammo**

**Sangamon September: S&W M&P  
EZ .30 Super Carry**

**Rantoul Sept: Churchhill 620 20ga.  
shotgun with red-dot OPTICS sight  
Rantoul October: EAA MC 1911 .45  
ACP**



## Executive Director's Report

### Guns Save Life growing, Chicago devolving

by John Boch  
GSL Executive Director

#### LaSalle County launches!

Guns Save Life hosted the inaugural meeting of the LaSalle County chapter that marks our eighth regional meeting each month.

What's even more amazing is that we've got serious inquiries about launching meetings in Kankakee and Lake County (north of Chicago) as people have seen news of the LaSalle County event.

Those would bring us up to ten monthly meetings, keeping gun owners educated, energized and enthusiastic about our gun rights fight.

As far as I know, only Oklahoma has more grassroots gun rights chapters in the Oklahoma Second Amendment Association (OK 2A) organization. I like to say that if every state had a Guns Save Life organization (or an OK 2A group), America would be a safer place with strong gun rights.



GSL's John Boch.

#### A great time to be alive!

Frankly, with the *Bruen* decision coming down as it did, this has become a great time to be alive! Big changes are coming and GSL members are going to be a part of that.

Along those lines, transitioning to litigation, the first round of pleadings on our motion for a summary judgement in the FOID challenge have been submitted. The State of Illinois responded with an 87-page report by a Fordham University professor explaining that even in the post-*Bruen* world, the FOID Act is constitutional.

If your blood pressure is a little low, you can read it at Guns Save Life's website. The professor included a *twelve-page* resume explaining how great he is. Personally, I can't help but wonder if he was gorging himself on the "infused" brownies or gummy bears from his local cannabis

dispensary as he wrote his "report."

What's more, he's got a proven track record of fabricating "facts" then effectively claiming that his dog ate his research notes when asked to show his research.

But when you've got nothing (show me a state that had a FOID Act in 1791, or even 1891), you grasp at straws. Obviously Kwame's office is trying to throw enough fecal matter at the wall trying to get some of it to stick.



#### Coming actions.

In the coming months, we may ask individual members to step up as individual plaintiffs instead of using GSL as an organizational plaintiff.

It will require courage and I'll tell you why... Because AG Kwame's attorneys have been aggressive bordering on abusive on discovery.

Want an example? On GSL's suit challenging the constitutionality of the FOID Act, the State of IL wanted a list of *all* my guns. Even the ones I've lost in boating accidents. But that was just the tip of the iceberg. They also wanted descriptions, serial numbers and invoices for my home gun safes!

I wondered if they were trying to set me up for a "minor with access to firearms" criminal charge. Of course if your kids (like mine) have FOID cards, that exempts you from our state's gun storage law requirements. They didn't know about the boys' FOIDs at the time. I mean, after all, how many parents get a FOID for their kids long before they can walk?

#### Cesspool Chicago.

Thanks in large part to the Soros-funded Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, Chicago is increasingly becoming a lawless cesspool of violent crime.

Unlike the TV series *Chicago PD*, the real CPD solves very few crimes for a host

of reasons. For example, these including identifying suspects in fewer than 5% of non-fatal shootings and fewer than 15% of homicides.

Even among that sad clearance rate identifying suspects in murders, Kim Foxx doesn't prosecute about half of the homicide cases Chicago PD does solve. Remember the felon with an illegal revolver who shot a man who made a homosexual pass at him, then beat his skull with a hammer for at least twenty blows? Recall that case was ruled a clear-cut case of self-defense by Kim Foxx!



Add onto all of that how 911 dispatchers don't have cops available to respond for over 50% of the highest priority 911 calls (like oh, shootings, stabbings and violent domestics to name a few...) Is it any wonder why bad guys run amok without worry in Murder City USA?

#### No Cash Bail coming!

But wait! After January 1st, our state's "No Cash Bail" law will kick in and unless a bad guy has threatened one or more specific people, only then may they be held on bail.

Now, if the bad guy kills the person he (or she) threatened, they **MUST** be released without bail, since they are no longer a threat to a dead person. Welcome to Illinois!

The bottom line: You're on your own. You are your own first responder. Chicago PD has a lot of really great people working the streets, but they can't be everywhere.

Protect yourself and your family. Kim Foxx isn't going to do it. She's too busy protecting criminals and treating victims with contempt.

Lori Lightfoot's not going to protect you and Governor Pritzker, aka Jelly Bean? Laugh out loud.

GSL helps secure acquittal... We love happy endings!

### CCW holder acquitted in Chicago AR-pistol ordinance violation case

(GSL) - GSL has a new member. A very thankful new member. Sergio Nuci, a concealed carry license holder, was arrested by Chicago PD for violating Chicago's black rifle ban following a traffic stop.

Pistols are exempt from local regulation under the Illinois Concealed Carry License Act. Under the law, cops should have put the gun back into its case and sent him on his way.



Instead, cops on scene ignored the law and made an arrest. Later city prosecutors also ignored the law and attempted to intimidate Mr. Nuci into

accepting a guilty plea for Chicago's gun ban ordinance violation.

He later hired an attorney and pled not guilty - a no-brainer considering the offer from the city involved jail time, a hefty fine, community service and a forfeiture of his property. If prosecutors were only so aggressive in cases of aggravated kidnapping and rape...

Incredibly, the receiver even had the word "PIS-TOL" engraved upon it and the evidence logs described the pistol as a "handgun."

Mr. Nuci contacted GSL after posting about his bad experience on Reddit. Users there suggested he contact Guns Save Life for help. Even though his trial was less than 24 hours

away, both Mr. Nuci and his attorney consulted with GSL's Executive Director John Boch who offered some helpful recommendations and answered questions about litigation just before 10pm.

Mr. Nuci's next communication came a couple of hours after his scheduled trial time. "NOT GUILTY."

We'll keep you apprised as to Mr. Nuci's next step. He's still seeking return of his pistol. Chicago City Attorneys would probably be wise to facilitate the gun's prompt return. After all, as it stands currently, Mr. Nuci probably has a pretty good case against the arresting officers, prosecutors and the city for violating Section 1983 of the US Code: Deprivation of Civil Rights Under Color of Authority.

### ATF surprise home 'inspections' of multiple gun buyers

by John Boch

(GSL) - Recently, a Ring doorbell camera recording from Delaware made the rounds online, alarming gun owners everywhere. It showed a pair of ATF agents and a Delaware State Trooper, conducting a surprise inspection at the home of a multiple gun purchaser.



It turns out the man had purchased seven firearms in one transaction from a local dealer. Dealers report the purchase

of two or more handguns in a five-day period.

One of the ATF agents told the homeowner, on video, "you've done nothing wrong" but nevertheless insisted upon seeing the seven guns recently purchased. "Or we'll have to come back."

The homeowner eventually told the agents to remain on his porch while he brought one rifle back to the porch. After looking at the serial number, the agent abruptly ended the query and the three law enforcement officers left the man's home.

What's more, given the current political climate, it shouldn't surprise you that ATF will be more inclined to follow-up multiple purchase reports than they have in the past.

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or Wayne Steele at 217 855-1027





## IL Atty. Gen. submits dubious 'expert opinion' to the court in order to justify the FOID Act post-Bruen in GSL's FOID challenge

(GSL) - Imagine if you read an "expert opinion" on the Second Amendment that proffered that it would be legally acceptable to ban gun ownership from everyone who didn't take a Democrat ballot in the last primary election based upon their interpretation of the Bruen Supreme Court decision. What would you think of that? Would you think they downed far too many THC-infused gummy bears or brownies before they wrote that?



Saul Cornell.

Well, that's among the fanciful logic from Saul Cornell, who submitted an "expert opinion" to the court in response to GSL's motion for summary judgement to rule the FOID Act unconstitutional following the Bruen decision. Cornell wrote, "It is my

opinion that the FOID Act is consistent with the original understanding of Second Amendment, and this Nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation."

Cornell, the "Paul and Diane Guenther Chair in American History at Fordham University," wrote the 87-page screed for the princely sum of \$500 per hour for the State of Illinois Attorney General to submit to the court to defend Illinois' FOID Act. If contracting with a professor who surely looks like he has a nasty habit of distorting the past for ideological reasons seems like Attorney General Kwame Raoul is grasping at straws, you might be right. What's more, just recently, Professor Mr. Cornell has even admitted to fabricating "facts" to promote the gun control narrative.

If gun control is such a righteous and noble cause, why does he have to make up his "facts"?

For more on Professor Cornell and his sordid past pimping gun control, visit the GunsSaveLife.com.

In the meantime, the deadline for the final briefs for the motion are due in November. Stay tuned.

## Illinois State Police respond to GSL query about gun confiscation visits...

(GSL) - In recent weeks, GSL was made aware that the Illinois State Police is conducting some gun confiscation visits to the residences of those with revoked FOID cards to seize guns from revoked persons. We had more questions than answers, so we sent a number of our concerns to the Illinois State Police. Just as we went to press, they followed up with a reply.

While we aren't pleased with the entire FOID scheme, we are pleased that common sense seems to be prevailing.

*The Illinois State Police works to ensure individuals are in compliance with the FOID Act and other applicable possession of firearm laws for those who have had their firearm right revoked. ISP is not conducting "gun confiscation visits." With the responsibility of protecting the public's safety, ISP focuses enforcement details on revocation for those individuals who pose a significant threat to themselves or others; not expiration.*

*Enforcement visits are determined on a case by case basis. If there is no evidence of a significant public safety risk (violent felony indictment, specific serious threats, etc.), officers work to make these productive and consensual visits. The majority of the time we can help place people into compliance without criminal charges or other action.*



*We do this by ensuring the individual's FOID card has been turned into the proper law enforcement authority and by ensuring any firearms in their possession have been temporarily turned over to someone with a FOID card who can legally possess them until the individual in question has had their firearm rights*

*restored. If an individual does not have anyone to whom they can legally turn over their firearms, the law enforcement agency will have to take temporary custody of the firearms. While ISP can take possession, we prefer to help facilitate a transfer to someone who can legally possess the firearms.*

*If there is an individual with a valid FOID card in the same dwelling as someone who has had their firearm rights revoked, it is the responsibility of the other firearm owners who have firearms, not to allow a prohibited person to gain possession of their firearms. There is nothing in statute that allows law enforcement to seize a mother or father's firearms or ammunition if a sponsored minor loses their firearm rights and the parents have their firearms rights. It is the responsibility of the parent/responsible gun owner to ensure the prohibited minor does not gain possession of the firearms.*

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200 South Belt East

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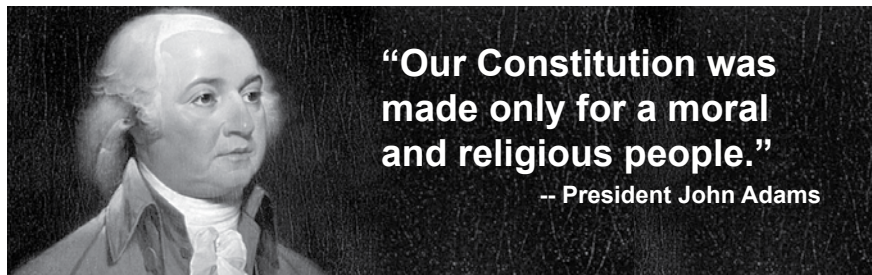
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# Country Character



## Real heroes

by Justin Thyme, a GSL member  
September 2022  
Country Character

I've spent a lot of time thinking about what happened at that mall in Greenwood, Indiana last month.

There, Eli Dicken and his sweetheart dined in the food court at the mall. An evil man wielding a rifle and lots of ammo emerged from the men's room and started shooting innocent people. Inside of 15 seconds, Eli Dicken drew his handgun and began shooting back from 40 yards away, ending the threat decisively.

Normal Americans called Eli a hero and a Good Samaritan. And those are my thoughts as well. Some detracted from the heroic, selfless act, claiming Dicken couldn't be a Good Samaritan because he killed the bad guy. I wonder if the same thought would go through their mind if they or their loved one were to be the next victims of that shooter. I see no other way for this to have been stopped, after all the only thing that stops a bad person with evil in their heart is a good guy with a gun.

In Luke 10:35-37, Jesus uses the parable of the Good Samaritan to explain to a lawyer who is his neighbor. A man, traveling from Jerusalem, was stripped (clothing was valuable, Jesus' clothing was divided between the soldiers after his crucifixion, see John 19:23, 24) and beaten and left half dead.

A priest comes along, and seeing the victim, crosses to the other side of the road so as to not have to deal with the situation, as did a Levite. Now a Samaritan comes along (Samaritans and Jews did not associate with one another) and seeing the victim renders aid, both physically and monetarily, as he treated his wounds, took him to an inn, and paid

for his stay and care, offering to pay more if necessary when he returned. His efforts saved this man's life. Which of these three men was neighbor to the victim? Obviously, the Good Samaritan.

While the circumstances are not exactly the same, there are similarities. Eli could have (1) ran, along with his sweetheart (2) done nothing and possibly been injured or killed along with many others or (3) stopped the threat, therefore saving his own life and the lives of many others. Eli gave of himself to help others. He literally put his own life on the line as the killer had a rifle which is far more precise than a handgun at 40 yards.

The situation continues on with more giving as injured people need immediate care. Shay Golden, Eli's sweetheart and a nursing student, stepped to the plate to apply a tourniquet to a woman with a serious leg wound, saving her life.

This was not just one Good Samaritan, but a package deal. Shay said they had not planned on being at the mall that night, but also said she felt like they were meant to be there.

So what can we do to reduce these kinds of tragedies? I believe the effectiveness of gun free zones (GFZ) should be studied, and if ineffective, they should be shunned or outright banned. To me, it seems like these mass public killing sprees almost always happen in places where good guys can't carry.

Perhaps it is time to consider GFZ's unsafe and patronize businesses that value our rights, freedoms and safety. It might cost a little more, but what would you pay to avoid a tragedy in the next so-called "gun free zone" to get attacked by a lunatic?



## Soon-to-be State Rep. Dennis Tipsword | Building an ammo manufacturing business

Our Peoria main speaker brought some insight into the ammo making business. Dennis Tipsword, the unopposed candidate for the 105th House District, came to us not to talk politics, but to tell us about his ammo manufacturing business, Tipsword Precision Ammunition.



Dennis Tipsword.

His primary topic of the evening though involved his ammo business. It started when his department didn't have enough ammo for training and qualification. His sheriff knew he reloaded and asked him to cook up some ammo for them. Dennis said he used it as an excuse to buy some nice reloading equipment and it grew to where they made and sold the ammo not only to police agencies, but also at gun shows and ranges.

Talking about some of the challenges they faced, he explained that motorized Dillon 1050 presses do the work thanks to the custom motors that drive them.

Brass case preparation caused a lot of headaches for them, and also took a lot of time. Sorting by caliber, for example, sucked. So they bought a machine that mechanically sorts cases by caliber. To clean the brass, he uses a cement mixer with stainless steel

media, dawn dish soap and Lemi-shine which makes the cases look better than new.

Drying them quickly posed another headache until his father-in-law brought an electric clothes dryer. While it makes a lot of noise, it dries cases like nobody's business. (Guys, don't use your household dryer!)

Today, keeping the primer tubes loaded is one last remaining headache, and a set-up they bought to automate that didn't perform as they had hoped. Depending on caliber, they run at about 1900-2200 rounds per hour for pistol rounds and closer to 1200 for .223.

Asked about powders and primers, he said they try to replicate Winchester White Box performance with 115gr. bullets. They really liked CFE Pistol powder, but it's been hard to come by so they get what they can when they can. Powder, he says, is becoming much harder to acquire and prices are going up. And the machines have proven themselves very good at accurate and consistent powder charges required for those seeking accuracy for long-range uses in rifle rounds.

He had contacts and relationships and was able to buy components when others couldn't during this last availability crunch. Admittedly, he noted that he paid dearly for some of it, but at least they had materials to make product.

Now though, with his primary win, he will be serving in Springfield in addition to finishing his last few years to retirement at the Woodford Co. Sheriff's Office. He says he doesn't have the time to continue. His wife, who helps out with many aspects of the process, is ready to retire from it as well. So it may be for sale soon. But the lessons they've learned will last them a lifetime.



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# In the land of the blind, the one-eyed man is King

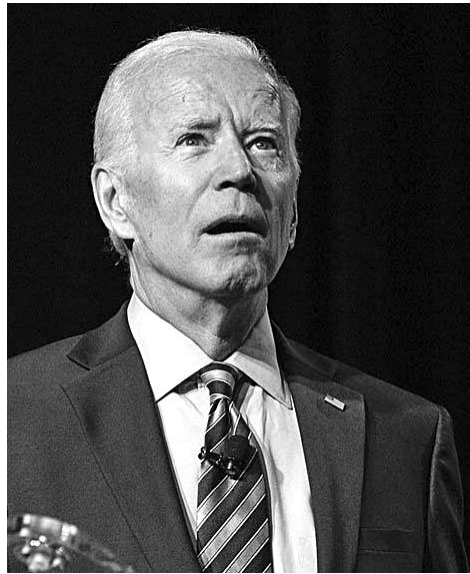
by Desiderius Erasmus, a GSL member

## The tyranny of geography

### Trapped!

Land. Farmers love it. Investors want it. An old saying goes: "They're not making any more of it." On a larger scale, societies, countries and nations are prisoners of it. It is the tyranny of geography and if you have "good" geography you thrive, while if you have "bad" geography you have endless problems. It's sort of like the corner lot downtown that can't support a restaurant; three establishments open and close one after the other because there's limited parking, no room to expand, and out in the middle of nowhere; it's in a bad geographic spot.

Looking at a map, no one would ever predict that scrawny England could ever be powerful. It's too small. Look closer; that blue you see all around it is water – the North Atlantic, North Sea and English Channel. That water has meant that the chance of anyone successfully invading England is small, giving the English tribes a chance to form a country, and then a nation, which went on to create an empire that covered a quarter of the Earth's surface. As an island, it has ports which led to commerce and a fishing industry which fed people. Only two powers ever conquered that island in over 2,000 years: Rome in 43; and the Normans in 1066. Napoleon couldn't do it, nor could Adolf Hitler.



Halfway around the world is Bangladesh. As the eighth-most populous country in the world you might think it is a powerful nation. It has lush, fertile land and has never recorded an air temperature below 32°F; the people are industrious. But look closer at the map. To the north are the Himalayan Mountains; to the south is the Bay of Bengal. Most of Bangladesh has an elevation of less

than 39 feet above sea level. Those geographic factors put Bangladesh in peril from monsoons, tropical cyclones, and floods from Himalayan melt water. In September 1998, Bangladesh saw the most severe flooding in modern history, with two-thirds of the country underwater. It is the tyranny of geography.

Poor Poland. It has a seacoast, excellent farmland, natural resources, and smart, resilient people; they have a few tornadoes and cold weather in winter, but nothing worse than the US. Earthquakes in Poland are a rare phenomenon. Weathermen there sometimes describe "hurricane-force" winds, but let's get real, Poland has never had a "Hurricane Brygida". But perhaps more than any other country in Europe, Poland is a prisoner of the tyranny of geography.

Everybody and his brother have invaded Poland. Poland has also been the super-highway/autobahn/autostrada/Автомост for fights between Germany and Russia trying to get at each other. The list of invaders is long and distinguished (at least for military history geeks): Baidar Khan (grandson of Genghis Khan), Kęstutis and his Lithuanians, Edigu and his Tatars, Ulrich von Jungingen and his Teutonic Knights – and that's just to 1410. In recent times, Napoleon, Adolf Hitler and Josef Stalin rolled back and forth over the Polish plains. Poland couldn't get out of the way of a war if it tried – because of its geography.

Which brings us home. The American colonies, when they revolted against England, had the gift of not good – but great – geography. The American Revolution was a "home game" for the colonists, while England had a 3,000-mile supply route back home. And

for the next two centuries, the Atlantic Ocean proved such a formidable barrier that not even Nazi rocket scientists could develop aircraft and missiles that could strike American shores.

The same situation existed in the Pacific, so wide and formidable that not even vaunted Japanese strategist Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto dared invade us. Three salt-water bodies – Atlantic, Pacific, and Gulf of Mexico, enabled American ports to host fleets of commercial ships and fishing boats greater than Great Britain could ever dream of, which led to the 20th century being the American Century.

And yet in one fell swoop – what only a gigantic, earth-shattering asteroid could have accomplished – a foolish American president, and his deceitful sycophants, have neutered our country's monumental geographic advantage by opening the southern border to a human invasion – and while there may be no enemy tanks rolling across as of yet, the number of known "gotaways" – illegal immigrants who are spotted crossing the border but who are never caught – are the equivalent of three Russian Army infantry divisions PER MONTH.

Some of those folks may be well-intentioned, albeit law-breakers; here's what else is coming in: Fentanyl, opium, sex-traffickers, terrorists of all stripes, cocaine, drug cartels, Central American street-gangs, Covid, tuberculosis, polio, all tsunamis of death – much funneled through Mexico by China. The result? Perhaps the greatest determinant of world power in history – location, location, location – has been trumped by the tyranny of idiocy, idiocy, idiocy.

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# Learning lessons from others' mistakes



## “I want my attorney” can land you in jail, as can failing to promptly call 9-1-1

by John Boch

One of GSL's former board members contacted us as the victim of a strong-arm robbery in his new home state of Missouri. The man, we'll call him Fred to protect his identity, is now in his 70s and increasingly frail. He was at home when three individuals showed up. They tried to steal some of his property.

Fred politely declined their offer to submit to the theft and told them to get the Hades off his property. As he did this, Fred reached into his pocket and gripped a small pistol “just in case.”

“Any one of those three people could have rolled me in about two seconds,” Fred told me.

He says the gun never left his pocket, but given his description of what happened, it probably would have been justified given the overwhelming disparity of force at play.

After that, things went sideways for Fred when one of the trio decided to call the cops afterwards and alleged that Fred pulled a gun on them for no good reason.

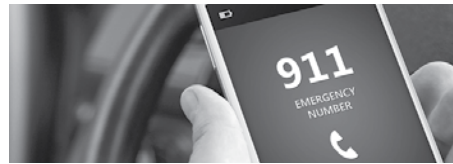
When the local constabulary showed up, our guy Fred refused to say anything without an attorney present. The deputy said, “Okay. Then you're under arrest.”

Now Fred is a member of US Law Shield, but unfortunately the number he saved in his phone wasn't the emergency number for them. And Fred, short of friends in his new city of residence, didn't know who to call. Fred spent eight long days in the county jail there until they released him.

Upon release, he contacted counsel and the good news is that the complainant(s) told the prosecutor that they had left the state and wouldn't be coming back to pursue criminal charges. So it's almost certain that the charges will be dropped.

What went wrong?

Well, Fred made multiple mistakes that together, cost him dearly.



**First off, always call 9-1-1 and report an attempted crime against you, even if the suspects are gone.** That puts you on record as the presumed victim.

**Secondly, when cops show up, don't just say “I wanna talk to my attorney.”**

That leaves the cop with just one side of the story and a trip to jail is very likely at that point unless your attorney is standing beside you.

While “I want my attorney” is better than most things you might say to police, there is one better response - if you can remember it.

**Identify the offender(s) and the crime committed. Tell police you'll cooperate in the bad guy's prosecution. Then point out the evidence and identify any witnesses. At that point, you then ask for an attorney** before you answer any further questions aside from perhaps your name, address and date of birth.

Furthermore, **grab your phone right now and double-check that you've saved the correct emergency number** for your self-defense “insurance” company.

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and handgun magazines within the Illinois concealed carry act. The attorney had lots of questions about the Deerfield lawsuit and I cleared up some misconceptions about that case and the IL Supreme Court's ruling.

Lori Lightfoot's legal beagles pursued the case even though the gun had “PISTOL” engraved on the receiver and it was logged as a handgun on the evidence form by the cops. You would think cops would know that Chicago's (un-constitutional) ordinance against homeland defense rifles doesn't apply to handguns.

The next day, the young man texted me “NOT GUILTY.” I love it when justice finally prevails.

**The moral of the story? You might not want to divulge firearms transported unloaded and encased on a traffic stop.** The IL CCW statute requires you to fess up about any loaded hand guns you're carrying

under your license but not those transported unloaded and encased under the FOID Act. You can't lie, but you don't have to say you have them.

How do you handle that? Easy. Officer: “Any guns, knives, grenades or rocket launchers in the car, sir?”

You: “I have my carry piece on my hip. There's nothing illegal in the car, sir.”

“That wasn't the question I asked you!”

“Ah, but that was the answer you got. Now, am I free to go?”

**No matter what, do NOT consent to a search of your vehicle.** If they have probably cause, that's one thing and they'll tell you to step out while they search. But don't give them probable cause or consent to a voluntary search. Otherwise, you might end up locked up facing a BS charge from some bad cops.

Chicago

## Young CCW holder runs into bad cops in Chicago, gets arrested, jailed for cased AR-pistol

by John Boch

During the August Pontiac meeting, I declined a couple of calls, but soon came a panicked text message. Seems a young man had a trial on a city ordinance arrest in Chicago for violating their ban on scary black rifles - at 1pm *the next day*. “Can you help?”

He called me again a little after 9pm. “Why are you just calling me *now*?” I asked.

He explained that he posted on Reddit about his bad experience catching an arrest from Chicago PD over a cased AR- pistol he had in the back seat on his way home. It seems that two or three Reddit readers recommended he contact Guns Save Life for help, and John Boch in particular if possible.

So we talked and I invited his attorney to contact me, which he did at 9:40 at night. The attorney was aware of the Section 90 exemption from local regulations on handguns



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GSL activism at work

## Guns Save Life invites localities to voluntarily end enforcement of local gun and magazine ban ordinances... or else we 'let the real fun begin'

(GSL) - Guns Save Life has a reputation for aggressive advocacy of gun rights and your right to defend yourself. And following the US Supreme Court's Bruen decision, we have already taken action to benefit Illinois gun owners and their right to own guns and defend themselves.

In 2019, Guns Save Life sued in state court to have the FOID Act ruled unconstitutional. Since the Bruen decision, our legal team has filed for a summary judgement citing the Bruen decision.

We're also exploring, with our legal team, the potential for new litigation against some Illinois gun control measures. Expect an announcement in the coming days or weeks.

Not only that, but we've sent offers to a number of municipalities in Illinois offering to spare them litigation challenging their local ordinances banning common semi-auto firearms and the magazines that feed them if they will voluntarily agree to end enforc-

ing them as Los Angeles has voluntarily done with their ordinance. The alternative, as outlined in the letter, is that we rub their noses in the humiliation of defeat among not only their local residents, but state-wide and even nationally. Fear of humiliation and the appearance of fecklessness is a powerful motivator for some folk.

We're not foolish enough to think these cities and their anti-gun local political leadership will roll over and play nice in respecting the rule of law and US Supreme Court decisions, but it will give them the option to avoid humiliation and considerable expense paying for our side's lawyers if we sue and win on a civil rights action. We expect the more pragmatic politicians receiving this letter to give serious consideration to our offer.

From our point of view, a win is a win, no matter if it comes from voluntary compliance with the law or forced compliance with court orders.

## US District Judge blocks enforcement of Superior, CO's gun and magazine ban, citing Bruen

by David Kopel (Reason.com) - Today U.S. District Judge Raymond P. Moore issued a temporary restraining order against the ban on so-called "assault weapons" recently enacted by the town of Superior, Colorado, in Boulder County. The case is Rocky Mountain Gun Owners v. Superior.

Lead attorney for the plaintiffs was Barry Arrington, one of Colorado's top lawyers on education law, and now the victor in a major Second Amendment case. Arrington previously served in the Colorado House of Representatives, and as a trustee of the Independence Institute, where I work.

Judge Moore formerly was a corporate lawyer (Davis, Graham and Stubbs, Denver), and then head Federal Public Defender for Colo. and Wyoming. He was appointed to the bench by President Obama in 2013, and confirmed unanimously.

## GSL's letter to Deerfield Mayor Daniel Shapiro

Dear Mayor Shapiro (with a carbon copy to Chief Sliozis):

Greetings sir. I currently serve as the Executive Director of Guns Save Life, Inc. You may recall that we're the people who sued to block your Village's amendment of a firearms ordinance to ban common semi-auto firearms and the magazines that feed them. As you should know, we won on the magazines, and the Illinois Supreme Court ruled that you could keep your new local ban on the guns.

In light of the new Bruen decision from the US Supreme Court, I wanted to reach out and offer your city an opportunity to voluntarily end enforcement of said ordinance, just as the City of Los Angeles has done.

The upside to your village is that you can do so with minimal negative publicity and expense.

On the other hand, should you opt to steadfastly maintain the validity of your faulty ordinance, we'll file another lawsuit. Given the Bruen precedent, we will win. After all, SCOTUS accepted another gun ban appeal, vacating the lower court decision and remanding it back to circuit court for reconsideration following the decision in Bruen.

If you think that your legal team over at Perkins and Coie will prevail in a fresh lawsuit and bail you out on this, I'd direct your attention to Superior, CO where an Obama-appointed federal judge just enjoined that city's gun and magazine ban, citing Bruen.

Not only will we exploit the filing of a lawsuit for publicity purposes, but we'll exploit your inevitable loss in court for another round of rubbing your nose in the humiliation of defeat. Each time your village appeals and loses, we'll continue with another round of the humiliation tour. As an added bonus, we'll likely receive reimbursement from the Village of Deerfield for our legal costs as the prevailing party in a civil rights action.

You wrote on your webpage at the Village of Deerfield website, "Mean what you say, and say what you mean." I live by that expression myself, along with walking the walk in addition to talking the talk.

Again, should you wish to avoid negative publicity and expense, please carbon copy me with a directive from your corporate counsel or police chief instructing your village police officers to cease enforcement of your unconstitutional city ordinance banning ownership, possession or use of America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, and other semi-automatic firearms.

The alternative is that we file another court action and let the real fun begin.

Sincerely,  
John Boch

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## 2 men freed after prosecutors reject charges for a shootout that left 4 wounded, including a security guard

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - Cook County prosecutors refused to file any charges following a Monday night shootout that left four men, including an armed security guard, injured in Little Italy, according to sources.

Police initially said all three men engaged in the initial incident had been arrested, but a CPD spokesperson said Wednesday that only two were detained, and both were released without being charged with any crime.

Chicago police said two men were exchanging gunfire with a third man in the 1000 block of West 14th Street when a security guard returned fire at one of the men who was shooting in his direction. CPD officers responded to calls of shots fired and found all four men with gunshot wounds around 10:45 p.m...

According to two sources, prosecutors at the Cook County State's Attorney's Office refused to charge the men for any crime, including aggravated discharge of a weapon.



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### Is Blago running for office? Blago blasts Kim Foxx, then confronted by radical anti-police 'activist'

*Chicago (Sun-Times)* - Former governor Rod Blagojevich, who has long claimed he landed in federal prison as the victim of overzealous prosecutors, on Friday called on State's Attorney Kim Foxx to "err on the side of public safety" when deciding whether or not to bring charges against violent offenders.

Joined by the families of a half-dozen Chicago murder victims, the former governor served as a sort of keynote speaker at a news conference Friday in Daley Plaza across from Foxx's downtown offices. The former governor had barbed comments for current Gov. J.B. Pritzker, but focused his remarks mostly on Foxx's "well-intentioned" reform efforts that he believes allow violent criminals to remain free.

The news conference was disrupted for several minutes when wrongful conviction activist Mark Clements stepped to the bank of microphones after Blagojevich made his initial remarks...

### Cook Co. Sheriff Tom Dart alleges 20,000 revoked FOID cards in Cook County

*Chicago (The Center Square)* - Nearly 20,000 Cook County residents are in possession of revoked firearm owner's identification cards.

A Cook County sheriff's official told Illinois lawmakers Thursday that a shortage of manpower is the main reason why the revoked cards are still in the hands of potentially dangerous people with illegal guns. Lawmakers heard that and more in a public hearing designed to dig into community-based violence prevention and funding.

### Kim Foxx pleads down kidnapping and criminal sexual assault to probation

*Chicago (CWB Chicago)* - A cab driver who was accused of kidnapping a female passenger in Chicago and then sexually assaulting her pleaded guilty this week to one count of criminal sexual abuse causing bodily harm in exchange for a sentence of two years of probation, according to court records.

Prosecutors dropped five Class X felony charges in their deal with Tarek Masri, including multiple counts of aggravated kidnapping and aggravated criminal sexual abuse.



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# WE WILL CHICAGO



## Lori Lightfoot launches 'We Will Chicago' roadmap to fix Chicago's problems

In a city where 50+ people are shot every weekend, Mayor Lightfoot puts "Arts and Culture" first.

*Chicago (Guns Save Life)* - Chicago's Mayor Lori Lightfoot has ruled over Chicago since 2019. Arrests in her city are down 70% while crime now infests every nook and cranny in the formerly great city. Taxes are high and rising, corruption endemic and only 26% of Chicago Public Schools high school students can read and do math at grade levels. Businesses and taxpayers are moving out of the city and gangs and criminals are setting up shop.

Now, with an election coming up in February 2023, Mayor Lori Lightfoot has decided to act like she's doing something to slow Chicago's rate of decline. Finally. She released a draft of her "plan" to solve challenges in Chicago. *The Chicago Contrarian* calls it a manifesto.

Lightfoot commissioned the plan written by 115 of her friends, dozens of left-leaning non-profit organizations... and

100 artists. The 145-page screed purports to lay out a 10-year plan for where Lightfoot and her friends want to take Chicago.

Despite the fact that 9 people were killed and 48 wounded over the most recent weekend before *GunNews* went to press, one might think solving the crime problem would be Job #1. Not for Lori Lightfoot and her artists and volunteers.

Instead, they tagged "Arts and Culture" first among 8 "pillars," and dozens of goals. It picks winners for "prioritization" (blacks, Hispanics and native Americans) and ignores other demographics (sorry Europeans, Muslims, Indians and Pakistanis). It also lacks specifics on how to measure progress.

In other words, it's all just virtue signaling. More symbolism over substance. It's the only thing Lori Lightfoot does well.



Biden claims historical precedent for disarming "groups deemed dangerous" - like blacks

## Biden: No Guns for Weed Smokers

*(Washington Free Beacon)* - The Biden administration is defending a federal ban on gun-ownership for medical marijuana users, urging a federal judge to dismiss a challenge to the statute.

Medical marijuana users should be prohibited from owning guns because the substance impairs the "judgment, cognition, and physical coordination" of those under its influence, lawyers for the Justice Department argued. Florida agricultural commissioner Nikki Fried (D.) is spearheading the lawsuit against the gov-

ernment for its prohibition on people who consume cannabis products with a prescription from owning firearms...

The administration's stance stands in contrast to President Joe Biden's rhetoric on marijuana. Biden has endorsed decriminalization and argued the federal government shouldn't interfere with state affairs when it comes to marijuana laws.

The Biden administration's inconsistent stance on the drug mirrors that of Vice President Kamala Harris. As California attorney general, Harris

was responsible for locking up thousands for marijuana-related crimes, the Washington Free Beacon reported in 2019. That same year, as she was running for president, she said she was pre-disposed to like smoking marijuana due to her Jamaican heritage. The comment drew stern criticism from her father, who said she was stereotyping people on the island.

Most Americans support both the legalization of medical marijuana and the private ownership of firearms. Ninety-one percent of Americans

believe that weed should be legal in some form, according to a Pew research Center poll...

In its motion to dismiss the lawsuit, the Justice Department cited historical disarmament of "groups deemed dangerous," such as 17th-century Catholics and American Indians, as precedent for the practice of preventing certain groups from owning weapons.

*[Editor: Those groups included blacks, Irish, Italians and Asians as well...]*

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# The HISTORY behind GSL

(GSL) - Guns Save Life started almost thirty years ago. Since then, GSL has accomplished so much over the years thanks to the incredible pool of talented, creative and successful members and supporters. Through their efforts big and small, GSL done so much over the years defending your right to defend yourself.

Back in early 1994, the Illinois State Rifle Association sought to launch county-level grassroots gun rights groups. Within a year or so, most of those county groups withered, but under John Naese's leadership, the group in Champaign County grew and prospered.

Nourished by tangible successes we grew. We pushed back on ISP redefining "loaded" guns and upended an anti-gun local politician's planned photo op attacking our then Congressman for his pro-gun rights votes.

About this time, we launched our incredibly successful highway sign messaging program after a local billboard company rejected a pro-gun message for a local billboard. They said it was too inflammatory. So, we planted the first set of highway signs just east of Urbana on I-74 with this message:

**GUN CONTROL IS RACE CONTROL NOT CRIME CONTROL AND IT'S UN-AMERICAN**

That garnered front-page coverage in newspapers and additional landowners demanded more sign sets on their property.

At the same time, we had a falling out with the ISRA over our vision for gun rights activism. Their board at the time was appalled by the headline story about our "Gun control is race control" signs. We left ISRA to become the Champaign County Rifle Association, and not long after that, we became "Guns Save Life."

We came up with additional effective messages that vandals didn't like. After repeated spray paint attacks, we erected our first and only double-decker set over a vandalized set of signs.

**AS YOU CAN SEE THUGS SPRAY LIES HARD AS THEY TRY FREEDOM WON'T DIE.**

Suddenly, the attacks on our signs stopped.

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All the while, we continued to bask in more mainstream media coverage of our messages. The 911 people got all in a tizzy about this one:

**DIALED 911 AND I'M ON HOLD SURE WISH I HAD THAT GUN I SOLD**

Then near Pontiac, about a mile north of the Rest Area there on I-55, we had a set of signs that read:

**A THUG MENACING A LADY ALONE? THAT RABBITS FOOT WON'T SAVE NO BUNNY**

A flight attendant on her way home from O'Hare was murdered in that rest area late at night. The reporter saw the sign set, did some research and suddenly we were on the front page of the *Chicago Tribune*.

Of course, the government got involved, trying to intimidate landowners to remove the signs. Or else. So our attorney sent the Illinois DOT (and later the federal DOT) cease and desist letters, citing a 9-0 US Supreme Court decision in *LaDue v. Gilleo* that political and religious signage on private property is exempt from government regulation.



Meanwhile, we started partaking in the "Gun Buyback" game. Our first was in Joliet where they offered \$50 bills for guns, no questions asked. We turned in 16 non-functioning clunkers and thought we were big stuff. "Fistfuls of Dollars" we touted.

A year or two later, John Boch took up 23 broken-down guns (one cop asked if he got them from the bottom of Lake Michigan) to Chicago and brought home \$2300 in pre-paid MasterCard for GSL. A year later, we did it again bringing home \$2800.

Fast forward a few more years and a few more buyback adventures when we took up our biggest haul:

Nearly 70 rusty clunkers netted us \$6250. This time the media caught up with our bragging, with photos of the junk we took and of the pre-paid VISA cards we brought home.

**"Pro-gun group uses Chicago gun buyback program to send kids to gun camp"** screamed the *FoxNews* headline.

We garnered a week of international publicity with headlines in the USA, Europe, and Canada. The humiliation from the publicity caused Chicago to stop the program for three years.

Suddenly we had reporters wanting to know more about this crazy, uniquely American group in Illinois where gun owners meet and celebrate America's gun culture at regular meetings. With tables chock full of guns. And doing things like highway signs and gun buybacks. They found it bizarre. Even the Russians sent a film crew.



At the same time our *GunNews* became a professional journal with a circulation of 20,000+. We've generated buzz in the mainstream media with it, including the time when we likened a proposal to make FOID cardholder information public as sort of like how the Nazi's publicly identified Jews ahead of World War II.



Using information from GSL, our members worked behind the scenes to score victories at local businesses and to push back on gun control proposals at the local level. They also helped educate their local and state-level elected officials.

One reason we've grown is that our members see tangible results with their membership. What's more, they rightfully take ownership of our endeavors. When you join GSL, you see leadership locally at our monthly meetings and you see the results of your own efforts,

large and small, advancing gun rights and the right to self-defense.

For example, we distribute *GunNews* in countless locations - including the State Capitol building. We work at gun shows, conventions and other events getting the word out too.



One of our board members at the time, Gene Martin, is credited as the father of the original Illinois Gun Owners Lobby Day. Our members turned out for that in droves. Those first few years thousands turned out and it proved effective.



Our members turned out at numerous counter-demonstrations, thwarting the anti-gun message with powerful messaging of our own at gun shops, public parks and other locations including downtown Chicago.



GSL's terrific members have also appeared at countless parades, promoting patriotism and pro-gun messages.



The GSL organization and its members supported worthy groups that help our veterans like Honor Flight and HOOAH Deer Hunt For Heroes.



Great meetings with great

speakers kept people coming back. Oftentimes, history came to life as real-life heroes from historical events gave first-hand accounts. Those spurred interest and bigger and bigger crowds, approaching 240 people in Rantoul. Then some people from Pontiac inquired about launching a chapter there. And then Effingham. And Peoria.



A year or two after that, a UI professor interviewed John Boch about something and learned Boch had a small pistol as an ornament on his Christmas tree at home. At first, he didn't believe it, but he followed John home and that led to a video documentary of GSL in *The Atlantic* titled **Nothing Says Peace on Earth Like a Handgun for a Christmas Ornament**.

Once again, another round of international publicity. The professor eventually did other documentaries on GSL and our activities, including the one that's on our website today (under "About").



Our sign program grew. And so did our number of meeting locations.

Along the way we faced challenges and attacks from the anti-gun crowd. In Pontiac, a reporter profiled our meeting as a bunch of raving drunks waving guns around. After a massive backlash, the editor returned and did a bang-up job more accurately reporting on our people and our organization. We're a great ally, and we can be fearsome enemies.

We launched Chicago-land. Effingham moved to Charleston, and then Springfield rolled into our family from the Sangamon County Rifle Association. Then we launched Decatur. And now LaSalle County.

And we started filing lawsuits. At the Illinois

Supreme Court, we won on the Chicago Gun and Ammo tax and we won on half of our Deerfield lawsuit. We're pending on the FOID challenge and we're going to win there. In fact, we haven't lost a suit yet.

We're also becoming increasingly active in elections, helping our allies while hammering those who are squishy on guns or opposed to guns. We can't make endorsements, but we can educate people and ridicule those who stab gun owners in the back.

We've helped countless people win acquittal against bad arrests and prosecutions in cases up to and including murder and attempted murder.



We advocate for training, too. Guns Save Life brought Project Applesseed to Illinois with over fifty shooters at the first event at Darnall's in Bloomington.

GSL has donated to countless youth shooting programs and provided volunteer shooting coaches and instructors as well.



Our affiliated training organization, GSL Defense Training, has provided some of the very best training for over twenty years to thousands of people. Our team has also volunteered to teach now two generations at the nation's longest-running NRA Youth Shooting camp in Bloomington.

We've positively touched the lives of tens if not hundreds of thousands of good people in one way or another over the years. And we continue to help make our state safer for everyone. That's a legacy we can all be proud of - and our members can call their own.





# 8 Rules To Turn Things Around



## Why Are You Losing Your Freedoms? The Semantics of Manipulation

[Editor: Long ago, John Ross (author of Unintended Consequences) gave us permission to reprint his piece on *The Semantics of Manipulation*. After watching some of the pro-gun speakers at the July 2022 Naperville Village Council meeting, we're reprinting excerpts and adding some updates to help our GSL members & friends better articulate the pro-gun, pro-self-defense point of view to today's oftentimes apolitical public...]

by John Ross (Updated)  
- What is wrong with supporters of the Second Amendment? Why, in spite of their best efforts, do they continue to lose ground to those on the political left? The reasons are many, the causes varied, but simply put, **it is because pro-gun folks do not understand how to communicate with the modern electorate.**

### Left vs. Right Emotionalizers vs. Intellectualizers

The left, politically, tends to attract people who speak and reason through their feelings. "I feel your pain." "What a hateful thing to say." "How will that affect the underprivileged... the children?" They speak in a language of feelings and it is reflected in the words they use.

Those on the right, in contrast, tend to process information based on perceived structures of "reality" and what they perceive to be "common sense." In short, those on the left talk in fears, feelings and emotions while those on the right talk in science, logic and reason.

### Understanding the Electorate

Consider our day and age. Do we live in a slower-paced or faster-paced world? Do more people read books, watch videos or surf the Internet? Are you willing to read that thousand page book, or would you prefer to see the two hour movie version of the book or better yet, a twenty-second distillation on *TikTok*?

Put simply, most people no longer have the time or

inclination to learn advanced systems of logic or be persuaded through long lectures or explanations; instead, **people today respond to sound bites and appeals to emotion.**

Does this make them easier to manipulate? Yes, but most people don't care or even know they are being manipulated. People are busy and they skim through huge amounts of information via the Internet and legacy media outlets. When it comes boring political discussions, they'll avoid them. This means that **in a fast-paced world full of people who reason emotionally equals victory for those on the political left**

Why? Because acting and reacting emotionally is already in line with their natural communication style; no adaptation is required. To win, they must simply continue to act and speak normally. The very structure of the modern world puts those on the political right at a disadvantage. So what is to be done?

### Framing the Debate... the Power of Words

Moderator: "What are your positions on gun control?"

Democrat: "We must protect the children in our society from dangerous maniacs."

Republican: "In 1776, our founding fathers got together and..." [Joe Voter and his girlfriend tune out and check their social media accounts]. The moderator calls time.

Moderator: "Relay your positions on the purported tax cuts."

Democrat: "The tax cuts would help only the wealthy while hurting the poor and disadvantaged."

Republican: "I resent those accusations. While the rich would get more money back according to basic economics... [candidate then goes into a lecture on the nature of capitalism and money, and Joe and girlfriend Jane go back to their *Instagram* and *TikTok* feeds]."



Result: Joe and his girlfriend vote with the guy who wants to protect children from dangerous maniacs.

In the minds of those on the left and those with a short attention span, the takeaway from the debate is very simple. **They remember that guns are dangerous and tax cuts hurt the poor.** In fact, those lines might be among the thirty-second summary presented on the evening news.

**Those on the Left naturally understand the impact of words better than those on the right.** Why? Because they are emotionalizers who **feel** the impact of words more deeply than conservatives who tend to intellectualize.

**1) Do not unwittingly repeat inappropriate labels that the other side has floated.**

Whatever you do, do not repeat the labels they float. That is what they want you to do; that's their strategy. Don't fall for it. Every time they say "homophobic", you say "deophobic": fear of the ideas of God. Every time they say "assault weapon", you say "defense device" or "freedom stick" or "child-protection tool."

**2) Understand the impact of the words you use on the electorate... not just the impact that those words have on you.**

Do not assume that using the phrase "semi-auto" or any other phrase with a potentially negative tie (like high-capacity magazines, ghost guns, bump stocks, etc.) with the uninitiated will help educate them or win them to your cause.



**3) Use already established associations...**

Psychologists know that a would-be persuader has two choices. 1) attempt to change the associations a person has to certain words or ideas or 2) use already established words and associations to your advantage. Get the order wrong, and you are in big trouble. To win, you must understand those "buttons" that have already been trained into the populace and use them to connect with people emotionally so they will be motivated to understand the ideas you espouse. **EXAMPLE: "Gun control is racist, classist and sexist. Like most people, I don't support those things."**

**WORD CAPTURE:** The idea is to capture and hold labels and phrases that the electorate already has good emotional ties to, and by so doing, control and frame the political debate. This is an old communist tactic. **EXAMPLE: "The liberal thing to do would be to support liberty by opposing gun control laws and other government control schemes. We need to progress toward a future of freedom not a system that reenacts past tyrannies."**

**4) Length matters.**

**A) Short, to-the-point assertions should always be countered with short, to-the-point responses.**

"But if they just understood... if we could just educate them." Yes, that would be great. But after the first few words, most people just tune out... **EXAMPLE: "Guns are tools." "Guns protect children." "Armed blacks don't get oppressed." "Armed gays don't get bashed." "Guns save life" (or lives).**

**B) A simplification (even a dumb one) that requires a long response will win in the game of influence.**

Here's a classic: "We license and register cars... why shouldn't we license and

register guns?" In the mind of the average person it's, "Yeah, why don't we register guns if we register cars?" And the typical response from pro-gun speaker? A lecture...blah..blah...blah. WINNER: The leftist. Alternative to win: **EXAMPLE: "Why are leftists so anti-freedom?"**

**5) A few shared labels that are mediocre are better than hundreds of words and labels that are great but aren't shared.**

Examples to use: "Benefitting the rich and hurting the poor." "That's racism." "I don't support hate and intolerance."

**6) Do not counter a leftist idea in such a way that you support a different leftist idea.**

People on our side, including the NRA, sometimes say "We need to support the gun laws that are on the books..." Do we really? Doesn't that sound like we are admitting, in kind of a back-handed way, that gun laws are good. A better response...

**EXAMPLE: "Gun laws are classist, racist, and sexist. Why are leftists such hateful control-freaks?"**

**7) Seek to influence not convert.**

Does all this talk about propaganda, influence, and manipulation make you feel uncomfortable? "I hate it when those on the left simplify things to the point of stupidity... I don't ever want to be that way." **EXAMPLE: "I don't want to manipulate anyone... I want people to understand the truth so we will all be better, smarter citizens."**

**8. You must stand for something...not just be against change.**

"Conservatives" vs. "Progressives". Even these simple labels are an advantage to those on the left. How do these words translate to the electorate? Those on the left are trying to "progress" toward a better future. They want to move toward liberty. Those on the right want to "conserve" the past. And guess what? A lot of bad things happened in the past that people don't want to repeat. Do conservatives want these bad things to happen again? Of course not. **In politics, a defensive position is a losing position.**

The key word is CHANGE. It is the one great consistent in the universe. A better question: **EXAMPLE: "What changes do we want to make to more fully take advantage of the ideals voiced in the Constitution and Bill of Rights?"**

### Other tips:

1. Dress nicely. Business casual ideal. No t-shirts, camo or blaze orange.
2. Don't use profanity.
3. Don't make personal attacks.
4. Cite facts and sources. Don't make things up.
5. Make sure your planned remarks can be delivered *well under* the time limit.
6. Don't make personal threats.
7. Be short and to the point.
8. Use the "8 Rules" above.
9. Be as relaxed as possible.
10. Have a good time.





## Shooting better with your AR-15 rifle Avoid AR- rookie mistakes

by John Boch

Thanks to Nancy Pelosi and 98% of her Democrats in the US House passing a ban on America's favorite rifle, the AR-15, sales have spiked. Scores of thousands of new AR owners have joined the fraternity of the 20 million before them.

While it may look easy to operate, many novice users make a number of rookie mistakes with their AR. In competitions, these mistakes can cause embarrassment. In self-defense applications, these kinds of unforced errors can cost you far more than a bruised ego.

I've seen a lot over almost 20 years of studying and teaching the Art of the Rifle, including "run and gun" tactical courses as well as Appleseed marksmanship events and at competitions.

Here's how can you avoid some common unforced "rookie" errors with your AR-15.

### Sight in your rifle

Believe it or not, not everyone does this very basic step. Heck, some folks have yet to buy sights for common flat-top models.

I recommend a 25-meter zero for new users which will put you dead on at 25 and roughly 300 yards... with rounds hitting a few inches high in between. That's not Olympic accuracy, but it's good enough for minute of bad guy. Aim for the solar plexus and that's a good hit to over 300 yards.

Worth mentioning: an un-zeroed rifle can create huge liability issues when you miss your intended target.

### Seek training.

If you don't shoot well, seek out training. Project Appleseed provides solid

and exceptionally affordable training at events across America. For \$75 or less, an Appleseed event will teach you safety, some American history and the fundamentals of rifle marksmanship. Can you hit a 1" square at 25 meters? If not (and excuses don't count), you need an Appleseed.



### Buy a sling.

Buy a sling for your new rifle. Buying a rifle without a sling is like buying a handgun and not buying a holster. Loop slings (pictured above), used properly, will help you shoot very accurately. But even traditional slings will free your hands to do other tasks while keeping your rifle securely on your person.

### Lubricate your rifle!

Dry ARs malfunction. An AR-15 rifle requires proper lubrication, and lots of it. Just like your car's engine.

Break the rifle open, pull out the bolt carrier group and spray it until it shines like a freshly glazed donut.

Don't have spray lube? Use any lube

you have available: gun oil, used motor oil (use the dipstick to access it), cooking oil - even Vaseline will work if you don't have gun lube.

### Cleaning?

Don't get wrapped around the axle about meticulously

cleaning your AR-15 every time you shoot it. Even a dirty rifle - with lubrication - will run reliably for many thousands of rounds.

### Load your magazines to 28 rounds

Yes, your milspec magazines will hold 30-rounds. You might even manage to shoehorn in 31 if you try really hard. But that doesn't mean you should.

Most prudent AR users load their mags to 28 rounds which allows for more reliable seating against a closed bolt.

### Proper mag insertion

When loading, vigorously insert the magazine, then pull it down to test for proper seating.

### Spare battery

Put a fresh spare battery for your optic sight inside the pistol grip compartment. Do it now while you're thinking about it.

### Know your gun's manual of arms

Another common problem plaguing novices involves controls. Don't dump your magazine looking for the bolt release. Know without thinking whether the safety lever is on "safe" or "fire." Hint: pushing down means it is ready to go bang. The trigger doesn't work on "safe."

### The fundamentals, done well, carry the day

You don't have to spend Daniel Defense or LMT kind of money to have a reliable, good shooting AR that will make you proud. By executing the fundamentals of stance, sight alignment, sight picture, trigger control and follow-through - and not making rookie mistakes - you can out-shoot most AR owners - even those who work in law enforcement.



Your GSL dues help sponsor worthwhile programs like this one...

## GSL-sponsored IDNR Wingshooting clinics at Middlefork SFWA a huge success

by Terry Doyle

(GSL) - It gives me great pleasure to say that we had a very successful event weekend at the Middlefork State Fish & Wildlife Area on June 25 & 26. Especially since it was the first Introductory Wingshooting Clinic, as opposed to our traditional Youth/Women's clinic.



Terry Doyle instructing at a clinic...

There were 25 shooters on Saturday and 22 on Sunday, consisting of 16 Youth, 19 Women and 12 Men for a total of 47 for the weekend.

I would also like to congratulate and welcome the new instructors who received their training during the weekend: Lauren Murray and Hank Sander.

I can't begin to count how many compliments I heard from our participants as well as observers, like they had no idea there

was a program of this caliber available. It is an investment of time, effort and money of many but it certainly has a big pay-out in the end with all the positive experiences our participants had.

My sincere thanks to all of you for your contributions, whether it be financial, promotion, the lunches for both days, instructing our participants, preparations of the grounds and facility or coordinating equipment, etc. It's a team effort and I am proud to be a part of it.

We received this from one of the students after the class:

*My wife, Wendy, and I were there for the wingshooting clinic last Saturday. What a great time!! I think that was the best \$20 I've ever spent.*

*The clinic was very well run and informative. Our instructor was great. The other two people in our group were fine people. This was the first time in over 50 years that I ever tried to hit anything in the air. It was simply a first for Wendy. We learned a lot and got to shoot lots of ammo. It doesn't get better than that. Wendy is going to sign up for another clinic in September for kids and women. I'd love to do another clinic myself. I feel like we just scratched the surface. I'm an active pistol and rifle shooter; this was an entirely new experience.*

[Editor: See page 5 for some upcoming Wingshooting clinics in Central IL.]



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### 'He shot my arm off!'

**Riverside, CA (GSL)** - When an 80-year-old convenience store owner noticed a BMW backing into the handicapped parking space out front, he took notice. Then he watched on surveillance cameras as a man with a rifle exited the car, along with two others armed with handguns.

The shop owner moved behind concealment with his shotgun and took aim at the front door as rifle-toting Suspect #1 entered the store looking for a clerk.

The owner then fired, striking the would-be robber. The formerly tough-guy robber ran away screaming "He shot my arm off!" like a little schoolgirl.

Cops caught up with the leaking bad guy at the hospital... and his three fellow robbers in the stolen BMW SUV nearby in the hospital parking lot.



HINT: You can't beat a woman who shoots

### Gunshot ends pursuing attacker in Atlanta

**Atlanta, GA (GSL)** - Police investigators believe a woman shot a man in self-defense in a Publix parking lot at 2a.m.

The woman, who suffered bruises, reportedly fled her apartment after being assaulted by a man near the 200 block of Greenhaven Drive SE. The man followed her and attempted to attack her again when she fired, ending the attack.

The woman then called 9-1-1 and then put her gun away before police arrived. The suspected attacker was taken to the hospital with leg wound.

### Amazon Driver shoots would-be armed robber

**Middletown, OH (WXIX)** - An Amazon delivery driver is not facing any charges after he shot a knife-wielding man on Sunday. The driver was out on his route when the suspect, Christopher Roberts, walked up to him with a knife, according to Middletown police.

"Obviously, he [Amazon driver] was in fear," explained Middletown Police Chief David Birk. "So, in defense of himself, he was able to discharge a firearm striking the individual in the leg area."



Probably not his first rodeo, but definitely his last

### Aspiring armed robber's career cut short

**Indianapolis (Fox59)** — The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department says a 16-year-old was shot and killed in self-defense in an "apparent robbery" attempt on the far east side...

The homeowner's daughter and her boyfriend claim they were sitting in their car when at least two suspects yanked open the car door and tried to rob them at gunpoint.

Police found a male who was declared dead at the scene. The Marion County Coroner's Office later identified the deceased as 16-year-old Armohnie Preswood. Police say the teen was found armed with a gun.



### Florida man gets neutered

**West Palm Beach, FL (GSL)** — What happens when a hot-tempered 22-year-old Florida man goes to his car to get a gun after he threatens to shoot up a party? In the Sunshine State, with almost 2.5 million carry licenses, it's a fair bet that in any crowd of more than few adults, at least one good guy or gal will have a gun.

That's what happened on Sunday, August 7th in West Palm Beach at a family gathering in the 800 block of 4th Street. A couple of women got into a heated argument and the now-deceased 22-year-old got his gun from his car at around 10:30pm.

Bystanders told gunman repeatedly to put the gun down. He refused, so a 32-year-old concealed carry license holder drew his own gun and put the aggressor down.

## POLL: Americans put more faith in 'A Good Guy With A Gun' thwarting a mass murderer than the police

*(Daily Caller)* - More Americans think that an armed civilian would be their best protection in the case of a live shooting event than anything else, according to a recent Convention of States Action poll.

The poll found that 41.8% of respondents believe that an armed citizen would be their best protection if they were caught in a mass shooting event. Just 25.1% thought that the next most common response—local law enforcement—would be their best option.

There was a clear partisan

divide in the poll, however. 70.4% of Republican respondents felt that an armed civilian would provide more reliable protection from a mass shooter than any other source, while just 16.3% of Democratic respondents reported the same.

Nearly two-thirds of voters say they are not confident that their local law enforcement and government officials could stop a violent person before they started a mass shooting. Of all respondents, 35.3% said they were "not very confident," while 26.9% said they were "not confident at

all" in state and local law enforcement.

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### Support for black rifle ban reaches all-time low

*(FoxNews)* - New polling shows that support for an [black rifle] ban in the United States has hit an all-time low despite calls from Democrats to implement a ban following a deadly mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

In a Quinnipiac University poll, conducted

last week and published on Tuesday, 50 percent of registered voters support a nationwide ban on semi-automatic long guns compared to 45% who oppose which represents the lowest level of support since... Quinnipiac began asking that question.

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# Freedom's Forum

Another reason the FOIA Act needs to go...

## FOIA revocations are done without due process by all-powerful gov't agency

by John Boch

If the Illinois State Police only refused FOIA cards for convicted violent felons, nobody would object. But with the ISP running scared after repeated screw-ups issuing FOIA cards and approving firearm sales to bad people (can you spell the Aurora murder spree?), the folks at the ISP's Firearm Services Bureau are revoking FOIAs left and right.

This government agency, controlled by a rabidly gun-hating Gov. J.B. Pritzker, is in many ways making up the rules as they go along. Sometimes without even running the proposed rulemaking past the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.

For example: a whole lot of people have waded through the deep and messy morass of FOIA appeals to regain their God-given right to keep and bear arms again (without moving out of this sad state) and are now getting letters once more revoking their FOIA cards. Why? "Public safety."

Examples you ask? How about the gentleman from Central Illinois who found himself in a spat with the (soon to be) ex-wife. As he packed his belongings to leave a confrontation, she saw him packing his carry piece. She called the cops, claiming he threatened her with it. "He said, she said," as it was reported to me.

The man was arrested on the thinnest of claims. One thing led to another and the State's Attorney declined to prosecute, doubting the validity of the accusations.

Meanwhile, the man lost his security-clearance job (that involved gun handling). It took him two long years and a lot of money out-of-pocket to regain his FOIA and CCL and to begin to put his life back together.

Now, a couple of years later, he gets another letter from ISP unilaterally revoking his FOIA and carry license *again* because they were "revisiting" the "Clear and present danger" charge levelled against him from the original issue.

Imagine his frustration. On top of that, if he files for a court action, the court will ask if he's exhausted the ISP's appeals process, which can take years, before the court will consider it absent exigent circumstances. How is this remotely fair, equitable or just? It's not.

Plenty of other people are now getting letters "revisiting" decisions previously made to restore the firearm rights of those wrongfully accused or those with issues long settled. It's just another reason the FOIA Act needs to get chucked into the dust bin of history alongside laws and court decisions that allowed "separate but equal", poll taxes, slavery and prohibition.

## Patriotism is Kryptonite to America's Communist Class

By J.B. Shurk

(*American Thinker*) - Project Veritas's whistleblower materials revealing that the FBI views the Gadsden and Betsy Ross flags, the Liberty Tree, and a smorgasbord of other Revolutionary War symbols as evidence of domestic terrorism are just further proof that the feds' secret police force no longer bleeds red, white, and blue (although it does probably give new recruits hammer and sickle tattoos). A federal agency with both intelligence-gathering and law enforcement functions is dangerous enough to any free society, but one that openly views the spirit of 1776 as a threat to the Republic has lost any vestige of a more noble purpose to defend the country from its enemies...

The war is between freedom and control. It is a contest pitting State authority against enduring personal liberty. It is the latest attempt to drop a new totalitarian Iron Curtain (now in Great Reset form) down around us all. And it is for all the marbles.

We choose American freedom; they choose Stalinist slavery. We choose the Declaration of Independence; they choose the Communist Manifesto. We

seek expansive liberty; they seek total compliance. In essence, we wholly embrace America's history, while our enemies reject it.



I like those dividing lines. They're firm and easy to understand. People will know exactly why they're fighting. For all of these reasons, I suspect that's why our compromised FBI decided to turn Betsy Ross into a terrorist. After all, communism can't take hold without first purging inconvenient history. And America's historical fight for freedom is entirely inconvenient.

How do we fight back against those who hate America? Two words: be patriots.

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## MAIL CALL



### The astounding and amazing members of GSL

Today I received the July issue of *GunNews*. I was infuriated by the Greene County burglaries (times three) of a GSL member family in a single week. Please cash this check and give the proceeds to the couple. (Letter accompanied by a check for \$650!)

It really isn't much, but I want them to know we care and we want to show our support.

If it makes you feel any better, y'all are paying for my monthly check [Editor: I believe he's retired military]. Well, actually direct deposit.

Bill  
Elton, MI

**But wait, there's more!**

*Editor: There's more to this story. The selfless generosity and kindness shown by one of GSL's Life Members left me speechless. The man wrote a check to me, to give to people whom he didn't know (he didn't even know their names until they called him), struck me as exceptionally kind.*

*But it gets better.*

*The GSL member couple victimized by the repeated burglaries, when I called them about the check, they immediately thanked me and indirectly, the donor member. And they told me to tear up the check. "The insurance took care of most of it. We're okay. We don't really need it. But thanks."*

*GSL attracts outstanding people as members.*

## Love letter!

[Editor: It's been a while since we received a love letter that wasn't written with a Crayon.]

I just read the August 2022 *GunNews* story "US ranks 64th of 97 nations reporting mass public shootings."

First of all these figures are outdated, only showing mass shootings from 1998 to 2015. From 2016 to 2022, so far, there have been a very dramatic increase in mass shootings in the United States. [Editor: Source please...]



Second of all I don't give a damn about the rest of the world. I care about what is happening right here in this country.

I've never read anything in your paper out you expressing sympathy or compassion for the victims or families of these terrible mass shootings. All people like you do is make excuses while touting gun ownership under any conditions, never talking about reasonable changes especially to anything regarding AR15 style weapons...

Yes I own an AR15, but I would give that up if I knew that would save one child's life...

Another thing that pisses me off about your paper is blaming President Biden for all the mess in this country. I am a life long Republican as was my parents and grandparents, but I will not sacrifice my values and principles to support a dog shit son of a bitch like Donald Trump or anyone like him.

Trump's whole adult life has been one huge lie... Trump is a serial liar, a crook, a scam artist, a cheater and he has no morals or regard for the law. He has declared bankruptcy six times cheating thousands of people who did work for him out of money he owed them and yet too many people think he is a great man. BULLSHIT! Trump is the worst president this great country has ever had and he may run for office in 2024. If some of these crazy people want to shoot somebody let them put Trump in their sights.

As for you [John Boch], from what I have read and seen you strike me as a wanna be Hitler type who wants to make some kind of a name for himself.

John Fjestad  
Danville, IL



GUN CONTROL IS RACE CONTROL, NOT CRIME CONTROL. AND IT'S UN-AMERICAN.

## Chicago's racist pattern of gun arrests creates fresh harm

By Margaret Armalas and Megan Tomlinson (Tribune) - Day after day, we see a shockingly similar pattern in our work as Cook County public defenders. Black and brown people in Chicago are pulled over for minor traffic violations. Police officers then use the stop as a justification to search the person's car for weapons. If officers find a gun inside the car that is not stored properly or without the correct paperwork, that person is arrested on suspicion of a felony.

These are not cases in which someone called in a threat or alleged that a gun was brandished or fired. But the person is arrested, charged with a scary-sounding offense — unlawful use of a weapon — and classified as a violent offender.

Almost a quarter of the felony cases assigned to our office are gun possession cases like these.

These prosecutions have failed to significantly reduce the demand for guns in our city. They clog up

the courts. They haven't stopped mass shootings. And the racist pattern of selective enforcement exacerbates already terrible community relations with law enforcement.



But they do succeed in ruining the lives of our clients who are forced to pay thousands of dollars to recover an impounded car, are threatened with a potential felony conviction and prison sentence, and, if convicted, struggle to secure employment and housing because of that acquired criminal background.

While preparing to defend our clients, we view countless hours of police body camera footage and witness the blatant selective

enforcement of the traffic laws. In the best-case scenario, police sit around in poor neighborhoods waiting for Black and brown drivers to commit traffic violations that are rarely enforced in predominantly white neighborhoods. In the worst-case scenario, officers fabricate violations as a basis to pull people over.

After pulling over the car, officers frequently immediately ask our clients if they have an Illinois firearm owner's identification card, or FOID, and concealed carry license, known as a CCL. When we see this on the camera footage, we ask ourselves: Why are the police assuming our client has a gun in the car given that they don't immediately ask white people whether they have a FOID or CCL?

Often, officers say that they smell cannabis, which gives them a basis to search the car — an allegation that cannot be verified.

Many of our clients who are arrested after a traffic stop have a FOID with no criminal record and own a gun

for self-protection because they live in a community that suffers from a high rate of violent crime. But they end up facing felony charges because in Illinois, you must have a CCL to carry a gun inside your car.

[Editor: You need a CCL to carry a loaded handgun. Unloaded handguns may be transported in the console or encased.]

One recent client had a CCL for five years, and it had expired six weeks before his arrest. Another client was denied a CCL because of a relatively minor criminal charge from when he was a preteen. That client was actively appealing the administrative decision denying his CCL at the time of his arrest.



To make matters worse, a recent investigation by the

nonprofit journalism organization Injustice Watch showed that Cook County prosecutors increasingly take these cases to grand juries instead of preliminary hearings in which our clients would be entitled to a defense attorney who can question the police officer regarding the basis for the stop and search.

According to the investigation, this strategy contributes to a troubling trend — more than 1,400 people with no prior felony conviction entered the criminal justice system in 2020 through gun possession prosecutions.

The horrific tragedy in Highland Park and the gun violence every day in Chicago demand that we create effective solutions. Our office is among more than 60 organizations supporting the recommendations released in June by the Illinois Blueprint for Peace, which include building safer communities through investment that supports residents affected by gun violence, redesigning criminal processes

to bring more fairness to gun charge decisions, and promoting compliance with gun laws.

It is clear to us that racist selective enforcement of gun possession laws causes fresh harm, and the laws are not even designed to address mass shootings or other forms of violence.

If Chicago's strategy of pretextual stops and gun possession charges worked, we wouldn't see daily reminders of our failures. Instead, gun violence continues, while we simultaneously increase the barriers to successful and safe communities by ensuring more people have criminal convictions that keep them from accessing employment, housing and educational opportunities.

We believe that we can reduce the harms of gun violence without these practices.

Margaret Armalas and Megan Tomlinson are Cook County assistant public defenders.

## Smell the Coffee

Chain establishments flee urban cores, citing safety concerns

by Thomas Hogan

(City-Journal) - Starbucks has announced that it is closing many stores over crime concerns, often in cities led by progressive prosecutors. This development could be fodder for a joke about progressive hipsters whose voting inclinations wind up costing them their venti frappuccinos. But these closures risk leaving citizens in the most troubled areas with ever-dwindling opportunities to buy basic necessities for their families.

Starbucks was an early and loud adopter of every progressive whim...

But the rising tide of crime in progressive cities has proved too much even for the coffee behemoth. Citing safety issues, Starbucks is closing stores in Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Portland, and its hometown of Seattle. Each of these cities has a radical prosecutor dedicated to non-prosecution of even serious crimes, such as George Gascon in L.A. and Larry Krasner in Philly. The next time you can't get a good cup of coffee in one of these cities, consider whom you voted for in the district attorney's race.

In the modern history of cities, the usual barometers of urban neighborhood well-being are not coffee shops but drugstores, which serve as general depots for everything from toiletries to food to school supplies. As it happens, drugstore chains are closing in the same progressive cities where the same progressive prosecutors refuse to protect

them from rampant shoplifting and looting. Walgreens has shuttered more than ten stores in San Francisco, where Chesa Boudin administered his distinctive brand of non-prosecution until he was recalled. RiteAid is closing more than 50 stores, and CVS is closing hundreds of outlets across the United States (though some of these closures are a response to deteriorating economic conditions).

Big business is also pulling out of cities neglected by woke prosecutors. Aerospace giant Boeing has moved its headquarters out of Chicago, where Kim Foxx, the city's chief prosecutor, has presided over rising violence and disorder. Hedge fund Citadel relocated from Chicago to Miami, citing rampant crime in the Windy City.

The well-to-do will follow their jobs to cities in Texas and Florida—where prosecutors still prosecute, where coffee shops are open early and late, and where new drugstores are built every day. The people who will suffer the most are those left living in the troubled neighborhoods of formerly great cities, where prosecutors and other public officials refuse to meet their obligations to protect all citizens. The legacy of progressive prosecutors in the United States is becoming clearer. It may be time for George Soros, who just explained to the Wall Street Journal why he keeps funding such officials, to wake up and smell the coffee.

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a specific individual, not the community at large. So, for instance, if a man beats his wife during a violent domestic call and threatens her with further injuries, he could be held until trial. However, if he kills his wife and he threatened no others, he would have to be released without bail.



A packed house for Dennis Tipsword to talk about starting your own ammo manufacturing business.

Also, Mr. Tipsword also noted how Illinois State Police are working with some local police agencies to conduct gun confiscation visits at the homes of those with revoked FOID cards. Given the incredibly low threshold for ISP to revoke a FOID card, he said his agency declined to participate. "But some agencies no doubt will," he said. "Especially closer to Chicago."



Dave Swearingen win the new Taurus GX4... Taurus' version of the Sig P365.

From there, we held our drawings. **Dave Swearingen** won the **Taurus G4** and **Phil Flowers** won the **50/50**. Congrats to both.

### LaSalle County. NEW!

LaSalle County marks our latest grassroots location and **Glenn Pratt** has stepped up to lead the new location. We're meeting at **The Stone Jug restaurant in Peru, IL** and the food there is exceptional. The food alone is worth the drive.

Glenn opened the meeting with our usual routine followed with a prayer, recalling how George Washington did much the same at St. Paul's Church in New York City following his inauguration. He also thanked everyone for their help launching the newest meeting location for GSL grassroots meetings.

**John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report** with the crowd.

**Jed Davis** served as our main speaker for the night. He first spoke about his **race for the 75th House District** after defeating an incumbent in the primary. Davis also gave a thumbnail sketch of his school's fight to make masking optional during the COVID "crisis."

The main topic though involved his work coaching an incredibly successful school lays shooting program. Breaking clay targets with shotguns has established itself as the

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fastest-growing scholastic sport and the safest sport, bar none. To date, there hasn't been a single injury to a participant or spectator, even though kids are walking around with shotguns (with actions open and pointed in safe directions).

He shot a lot of birds as a young man, but then he got married and had kids and didn't have the time for it. Now that his kids are growing older, he's gotten his foot back in the door through youth shooting.

His school shoots at the Downer's Grove club and has about 60 kids participating and they love it at family friendly events on Friday nights. "LOVE IT," he emphasizes. Everyone competes, big and small, boys and girls and they've got kids participating from grades 6-12. As they aren't a part of the IHSA, they can have home school kids join their team as well as nearby public school kids. Plenty of scholarships are available for those who excel.

Jennifer Ebner spoke next and she talked about volunteering for a youth BB gun shooting program that competes (and shoots) in the basement of the city building in Peru. It's open to kids ages 8-14 and free for residents of the city. Obviously, they have a very strong emphasis on safety.

Others spoke including Larry Langford, James Marter

### Champaign Co./Rantoul.

**Dan Worthey** called the meeting to order and **Mr. Dick Brandt** led us is a blessing. Dan asked for input for future speakers, and he also wishes to retire. We asked for volunteers among the audience to fill Dan's shoes.

**John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Report** and took questions.

**Steve Beckman** of **Anything Wild Animal Control** dazzled the audience with some stories after 29 years of trapping wild animals (and a few animal "rights" nutcases). In that time, he's caught and put down 14,000 raccoons. "They're a renewable resource," he mused.

He traps about anything except migratory waterfowl and bats. Yes, he traps skunks too. And when he gets sprayed, his wife puts him on a pancake and pizza diet... as in sliding it under the door until he neutralizes the odor.

He's got an effective home-brew solution for taking care of the smell. **Mix baking soda, hydrogen peroxide and Dawn dish soap and put it in a pump sprayer.** Save this. You might need it some day.

Dealing with people, especially animal "rights" radicals, proves itself the toughest part of his work. They'll vandalize his traps and he'll introduce them to law enforcement. Otherwise nice, mild-mannered people can turn into foul-mouthed, hate-filled lunatics when it comes to wild animals he said.

As for obnoxious four-legged animals, the toughest and most vicious opponent is a female raccoon in an attic. "She'll fight to protect those babies. And they can be very quick!" They'll also fight to protect another mamma's babies too.

We have coydogs around in Central IL. They are challenging, but feral dogs can be downright aggressive towards humans. And wolves? A 140-pound wolf is not afraid of humans. Beckman recommended leaving them alone, but fortunately there aren't many of them in Illinois.



One thing that is coming to Illinois is feral pigs. Bobcats are already here. As are amateur "animal rescue" fools who find animals - like sick bats - and try to nurse them to health only to find out the animal is infected with rabies. One lady's cat brought her a sick bat. She called Steve. Instead of quarantining the cat as he told her to do, she had her friend bring another cat over for a play date. Both cats ended up quarantined for six months at about \$3900 each, and both women needed rabies shots after "bat fetcher" kitty scratched the other woman with its claw.

For **Tech Time**, **Dan Worthey** brought some guns he's inherited from not only his parents, but his in-laws as well. Among them, an old **Iver Johnson Sealed 8 .22** his father taught him and his fellow siblings to shoot to defend his family when he was in about second grade. He was expected to be able to hit a penny at 30' with at least one of the eight shots. The sights aren't as easy to see now that he's 75 (correction from last month when we congratulated him on his 70th birthday). Dan also shared some good stories from his childhood about the guns.

**Ray Norton**, one of the earliest GSL members, spoke briefly with, as he described it, an "alternative viewpoint." After telling

us about his childhood growing up with a dad who worked as an editor of a union newspaper in Danville, his alternative view was that he doesn't like Donald Trump. Fair enough. Not everyone does. Ray's still a very pro-gun patriot.



Ray Norton.

### Judge Sam Limentato

also attended and spoke. He's running for resident circuit judge as with two years serving as an A+-rated appointee of the Illinois Supreme Court.



Judge Limentato in Rantoul.

Time was short, so he kept it brief, assuring everyone he would hear cases fairly and impartially apply the law. He also mentioned how his Democrat opponent wasn't rated so well by fellow attorneys locally.

We held the drawings and **Darrell Smith** won the **50/50** and **Joe McCall** from Vienna, IL won the **Ruger LCP Max** courtesy of **Freedom Firearms in Rantoul**. Mr. McCall bought the ticket at another meeting site.

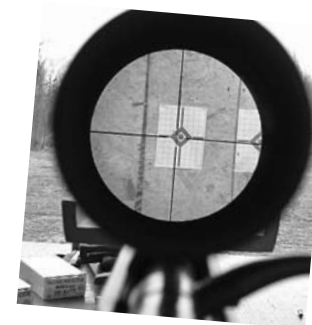
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You don't say!

## FBI undercounts armed citizens thwarting mass murder attacks by almost four times the true number (4% vs. 14.6%)

(Real Clear Investigations) - The shooting that killed three people and injured another at a Greenwood, Indiana, mall on July 17 drew broad national attention because of how it ended - when 22-year-old Elisjsa Dicken, carrying a licensed handgun, fatally shot the attacker.

While Dicken was praised for his courage and skill - squeezing off his first shot 15 seconds after the attack began, from a distance of 40 yards - much of the news coverage drew from FBI-approved statistics to assert that armed citizens almost never stop such attackers: "Rare in US for an active shooter to be stopped by bystander" (Associated Press); "Rampage in Indiana a rare instance of armed civilian ending mass shooting" (Washington Post); and "After Indiana mall shooting, one hero but no lasting solution to gun violence" (New York Times).



Evidence compiled by the organization I run, the Crime Prevention Research Center, and others suggest that the FBI undercounts by an order of more than three the number of instances in which armed citizens have thwarted such attacks, saving untold numbers of lives.

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### MORE BAD NEWS FOR GUN CONTROL POLS...

## Black women who once hated guns are embracing them as crime soars

Welcome, MD (Washington Post) — A 16th week had passed with no arrest in the murder of Patrice Parker's son, another week in which she had struggled through grief for him and fear for herself and her surviving daughters.

It wasn't just that the person who had turned a gun on 24-year-old Markelle Morrow was still at large, but that so many other armed criminals were as well.

Shootings were ravaging the nation's capital, on track for its highest number of homicides in two decades. In Prince George's County, where Parker lives, carjackings had more than quadrupled since 2019.

But there was a place where she felt safe, and that was here, at a remote property amid thick woods an hour's drive south of her home in District Heights, Md. And there was no time the 52-year-old felt safer than when holding a weapon like the one her friend Mark "Choppa" Manley now handed her: a 9mm pistol similar to those that regularly ring out in neighborhoods experiencing the worst of the region's bloody summer.

Across America, Black women are taking up arms in unprecedented numbers. Research shows that first-time gun buyers since 2019 have been more likely to be Black and more

likely to be female than gun purchasers in previous years, a finding that aligns with surveys of gun sellers.

Gun sales spiked across all demographic groups during the coronavirus pandemic, and remained high through the protests that followed the police murder of George Floyd, the attack on the U.S. Capitol and other events that many saw as signs of a nation in chaos. The National Rifle Association and other gun-industry lobbyists have long exploited such fears to boost sales of firearms and weaken the laws that restrict their use.

But Parker and others like her are part of a new chapter in the long-running story of America's relationship with firearms. Scarred — sometimes literally — by the firsthand consequences of gun violence and disenfranchisement with decades of urban gun-control policies that they regard as largely ineffective, some Black women in D.C. and other cities are embracing a view long espoused by Second Amendment activists: that only guns will make them safer.

It is a development that could upend America's gun-rights debate, traditionally seen as pitting largely White rural and suburban firearms owners against city residents, many of them Black, whose elected leaders have pursued some of the nation's strictest gun-control policies.

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### Charleston.

Down a few members of the Charleston Steering Committee team, **Justin Bawcum**, with an assist from daughter **Phillina**, called the meeting to order. **John Boch** shared his **Executive Director's Notes**, with updates far and wide.

For **Tech Time**, "**Paul**" showed his traveling kit for dire emergencies. He works in the health care profession and makes killer money working contracts at high-crime urban locations desperate for staff. He said he's been far too close for comfort to crime, repeatedly, along with the Chicago 2020 riots. He's even had Antifa butt-clowns who thought he was an undercover cop swarm him. It's all worked out fine time and time again, but Paul prefers to have something to back up speaking softly.



GSL's Justin Bawcum holds up Paul's vest.

In his case, he showed his "everyday carry" gear that he keeps in his ride. It starts with a soft body armor vest by Safe Life Defense. He showed his set-up and accepted suggestions from a couple of people who have "been there/done that." Around the waist, he carries a light belt with first aid, a sidearm on a thigh rig and three spare mags, which means he can dump the belt to access his first aid, or dump the vest and keep the sidearm and first aid. His rifle is an AR with a collapsible stock and a 1-8x optic. It's enough to get home safely and to repel almost any group of bad people with evil in their hearts.

Guns Save Life's equivalent to George Washington, **John Naese**, spoke of the history behind GSL as our main speaker. **John Boch** assisted. For more on this, turn to page 12.

**Jordan Harper** won the gun - a Tisas 1911-style .45 Auto on a ticket sold elsewhere, hence no photo. Congrats to him. The 50/50 winner escaped before **JB Pritzker** could catch up with them. Whew, that was close!



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## Cops at your door?

### What police don't want you to know

- Absent consent or exigent circumstance, if you ask them to leave, they must leave
- To arrest someone at a private residence, absent consent or exigent circumstances, police need a warrant
- Without consent or exigent circumstances, they need a warrant to enter the home
- You have the right to remain silent. Use it.
- Occupants of a private residence have no obligation to answer the door.

by John H. Bryan, Esq. (TheCivilRightsLawyer.com) - ...Cops show up to a private residence, they knock on the door. What are your rights in that situation? What rights to the police have to do what they're doing? Let's make some things clear...

Can police officers, assuming they have reasonable suspicion to believe that a crime was committed, and the property owner on the front porch may have committed it, demand identification under penalty of arrest for obstruction for noncompliance?

The... answer is no. If police officers are on your private property, that changes things. Cops are trained on the requirement for reasonable suspicion - to develop some reasonable suspicion they can articulate, even if total B.S., and then that entitles them to forcibly demand identification from whomever they deem a suspect. That is generally how things work in public places - but not on private property, especially a home.

Let's look at this scenario of police on your front porch and make sure we're all on the same page about what the law is, and what the law is not, for both police and the occupants of private property.

According to the 1980 Supreme Court opinion in *Payton v. New York*, in order to legally arrest someone in a home, rather than in a public place, absent consent or exigent circumstances, police officers must have a warrant.

According to the 1984

Supreme Court opinion in *Oliver v. United States*, the heightened Fourth Amendment protections of the home extend beyond just the interior of the home itself into what's called the "curtilage" of the home, which is the land immediately surrounding and associated with the home. Why? Because according to the Supreme Court, the curtilage is considered part of the home itself for Fourth Amendment purposes. The Fourth Circuit, where the porch video occurred, just in 2015 issued an opinion holding that a warrantless search of curtilage is presumed to be unreasonable. (*Covey v. Assessor of Ohio County*).

In the 2013 Supreme Court opinion of *Florida v. Jardines*, the Court held that a search undoubtedly occurs when the government, without a warrant, obtains information by physically intruding within the curtilage of a house, which in that actual case involved a home's front porch. The Court cautioned that a search occurs unless a homeowner has explicitly or implicitly sanctioned the government's physical intrusion into the constitutionally protected area, i.e., the yard and/or porch of the home...

Under the "knock and talk" exception to the warrant requirement, a police officer not armed with a warrant may approach a home and knock, precisely because that is "no more than any private citizen might do." This means there is an "implicit license . . . to approach the home by the front path, knock promptly, wait briefly to be received, and then (absent invitation to linger longer) leave." An officer

may also bypass the front door (or another entry point usually used by visitors) when circumstances reasonably indicate that the officer might find the homeowner elsewhere on the property. "Critically, however, the right to knock and talk does not entail a right to conduct a general investigation of the home's curtilage."

The obvious difference between a police officer and a young girl selling girl scout cookies, is that **many, if not most, homeowners have no idea whether they have any right to refuse to answer the door, or to ask the person to leave.** Police like it this way. They don't inform people of these rights, and the courts have ruled that they have no legal obligation to do so. You have to inform yourself and spread the word.

Police officers, and anyone else really, have an implied license to come onto your property and knock on your door. This implied license can be revoked. Homeowners can prevent ordinary citizens and police officers alike from conducting a knock and talk by revoking their implied license to be there. However, few citizens know that an implied license exists. Generally, the courts require that a homeowner do so by clear demonstrations or express orders. For instance, asking someone to leave or refusing to answer questions.

Of course, another option is verbally telling the police that they're not welcome and ask them to leave. That's hard for a lot of people to do. Police know this and use it against you...



### IRS Agents negligently discharged firearms more often than intentionally fired them in the field

(CNSNews.com) - Special agents at the IRS accidentally shot their firearms 11 times between 2009 and 2011, and at least three of the cases "may have resulted in property damage or personal injury."

Agents actually fired their guns accidentally more often than they intentionally fired them in the field, according to an audit by the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA).



## CHICAGO IS THE WILD WEST

Continued from cover.

feel free to pretty much pull their guns and shoot it out as if in a Wild West movie produced by Hollywood.

After all, criminals know their odds of getting arrested remain low. Last year, with Chicago Police so short-staffed, over half of the highest priority 911 calls didn't have officers available to respond to them. That included over 1300 shooting scenes and almost 900 stabbings.

What's more, would-be killers face an even lower likelihood of prosecution by Cook County's Soros-funded prosecutor.



Chicago police last year solved about 15% of murders, yet Cook County State's Attorney declined to file charges in about half of those cases.

The bottom line is that generations of strict gun control have disarmed victims, not criminals. These anti-gun laws have been used against people of color as well.

That's not surprising as gun control has racist roots from even before the Revolutionary War.



## Calendar



### GUN SHOWS...

#### August

**Aug 27-28: Belleville Gun & Knife Show,** Belleville Fairgrounds, Belleville, IL. ECA Hunting & Trade Shows. Jeff Edwards (618) 367-3118..

#### September

**Sept 17-18: Kankakee Gun Show,** Kankakee County Fairgrounds Kankakee, IL. Mike (630) 363-3131.

**Sept 18: McHenry County Gun Show** McHenry County Fairgrounds Woodstock, IL Donald Cichoski (815) 385-1982

**Sept 24: Chicaoland National Civil War & Collector Arms Show.** DuPage County Fairgrounds, Wheaton, IL. Zurko Promotions. (715) 526-9769.

**Sept 24-25: Chillicothe Sportsman's Club,** Chillicothe, IL. Steve Risinger (309) 208-1010.

### GUN CLUBS

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Shooting opportunities open to the public at the Foosland Sportsman's Club. Contact Ron Beatty (217-417-3552) or pagan69@mchsi.com.

**Second Tuesdays:** 6p Tuesday night trap shoots

**Second Sunday:** Splatterboard through March 13

**September 17: Introductory Wingshooting Clinic.**

#### Sullivan Gun Club LLC.

**2nd Saturday** bowling pin shoots, **4th Saturday** Aspirin shoots. 9am.

#### Oak Park Sportsmen's Club.

Falling steel match **First Mondays** starting at 4:30pm.

#### Crete Gun Club.

Monthly meetings at 7pm on the **Second Monday.** 1962 W. Exchange, Crete, IL. Open to all. Contact Howard Kaye at fxt1984@gmail.com or 708 921-6768.



*Suspect will welcome the death penalty...*

## Mass murder happens at China schools, too

(CNN) - Chinese authorities have arrested a man suspected of killing three people and injuring six in a stabbing attack at a kindergarten in southern Jiangxi province Wednesday, according to local public security officials.



## House Democrats delay plan to fund police prior to midterms

(Breitbart) - House Democrats on Wednesday delayed a plan to fund the police amid infighting before midterm elections.

Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) was unable to win enough support to fund police and has instead pushed the much needed funding off until the House returns after its August recess, Punchbowl News reported.

*If you think they care, you're a fool*

## New California gun control law dashes Olympic dreams

(Reload) - Lola Fitzgerald wants to grow up to be like six-time Olympian Kim Rhode. Rhode is one of the most accomplished Team USA athletes in history...



Lola (pictured above) has a long way to go to have a shot at matching those lofty heights. However, the 16-year-old is off to an excellent start...

"Lola's got four All-American titles," Jay Fitzgerald, Lola's father, told The Reload. "She's got three World Junior titles under her belt. She has been a four-time Ladies' Skeet Champion here in California."

But the promising young prospect's Olympic dream may now be out of reach due to no fault of her own. A new gun law signed into law by California Governor Gavin Newsom (D.) on June 30th is wreaking havoc on youth shooting sports in the state. The law, AB 2571, was sold by Newsom as a ban on advertising guns to children that will "save lives." Instead, its most immediate effect has been causing the closure of most California youth shooting leagues over fears they could face massive liability for violating the law—each violation carries up to a \$25,000 fine.

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2nd Thursday (6:30-8:30p)  
**Bloomington-Normal**  
CI Shooting Sports, Normal, IL

1st Wednesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Champaign County**  
High Caliber Training Center, Urbana, IL

2nd Monday (6:30p-8:30p)  
**Chicago Western Suburbs**  
Range at 355, Bolingbrook, IL

One Monday each month,  
email twawcookohare@gmail.com for date  
**Cook County O'Hare**  
Maxon's Shooters Supply & Indoor Range, Des Plaines, IL

3rd Monday (6:30-8:30p)  
**Kane County**  
GAT Guns, East Dundee, IL

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Lake County**  
5 Star Firearms in Zion, IL

Last Saturday of month  
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First Thursday (6-8pm)  
**Macon County**  
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Last Sunday (3:00-5:00p)  
**Metro East St. Louis**  
Town and Country Gun Club, Maryville, IL

First Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Metro Peoria / River City**  
TacShack, Peoria, IL

3rd Monday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Sangamon - Menard**  
MTM Arms, Athens, IL

3rd Thursday (6-8pm)  
**Effingham County**  
Accuracy Firearms

3rd Thursday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Pocahontas**  
Rampart Range, Pocahontas, IL

2nd Sunday (2:00-4:00p)  
**Little Egypt**  
Tombstone Gun Range & Training Center, Marion, IL

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**McHenry County**  
On Target Range, Crystal Lake, IL

3rd Thursday (6-8p)  
**McHenry County NORTH**  
Second Amendment Sports in McHenry, IL  
mchenrynorthchapter@yahoo.com

2nd Tuesday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Winnebago County**  
KAP Guns, Lovespark, IL

First Tuesday 6-8p  
**Fox Valley**  
Fox Valley Shooting Range, Elgin, IL  
foxvalleytwawsc@gmail.com

4th Friday (6:00-8:00p)  
**Quad Cities**  
Milan Rifle Club in Milan





**California has most active shooter incidents**

*(Epoch Times)* - In a report issued by the FBI, California ranked first for the most active shooter incidents in 2021. The state has been in the top spot in three of the past five years...

California, which has some of the strictest gun laws, saw 0.015 shootings per 100,000 people. Texas, which has very unrestrictive state gun laws, had nearly the same at 0.0167 per 100,000 people.



*Criminals should be wary*

**Maryland concealed carry applications up 700%**

*(NBCWashington)* - The numbers are in, and it looks like a lot of people in Maryland are looking to carry a firearm in public following big changes to gun laws.

Applications for concealed carry permits are up more than 700% from last year, according to Maryland State Police data obtained by News4. They went up from 1,014 from June 23 to July 11 in 2021 to over 7,165 in the same period this year.



**\$9300: Man surrenders 62 3-D printed pistols at Houston gun 'buyback'**

*Houston (AmmoLand.com)* — On July 30, 2022, Houston, Texas, organized a gun "buyback" event. It was the first such event held in Houston. "Buyback" is an Orwellian term because the guns were never owned by the government, so it cannot "buy" them "back." More appropriately, it was a gun turn-in event.

According to people on Twitter, at least sixty-two 3D-printed pistols were turned in at \$150 each. That would be a total of \$9,300 for the box of mostly plastic pistols.

*[Editor: Other reports say the city negotiated their payment down to \$3100, but still...]*



*After Uvalde, people don't trust the police*

**Cops Tase parents during grade school lockdown in AZ**

*(El Mirage, AZ Police)* - At approximately 10:30 a.m. on August 12, 2022, a male subject attempted to again access into Thompson Ranch Elementary School in El Mirage. It was reported the male subject had a handgun. School staff contacted law enforcement and immediately implemented lockdown protocol...

As officers continued to work on clearing the campus, parents began to arrive on at the school. Several attempted to force entry into the buildings past officers... Officers deployed Tasers, taking the three into custody.



**Lee Zeldin attacker quickly released from jail**

*(NY Post)* - The man who allegedly tried to stab Republican candidate for New York governor Lee Zeldin with a bladed weapon during a campaign stop on Thursday was released from jail within hours of his arrest on a felony charge — just as Zeldin had predicted.

**GUN SAFETY**

- 1 TREAT EVERY FIREARM AS IF IT WERE LOADED
- 2 NEVER POINT A GUN AT ANYTHING YOU ARE NOT WILLING TO DESTROY
- 3 KEEP YOUR FINGER OFF THE TRIGGER UNTIL READY TO FIRE

*The only ones professional enough? Felony stupid negligence!*

**Cop shot, killed in training incident**

*Washington DC (DC News Now)* — The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) said a library police officer died Thursday afternoon after a retired police lieutenant shot and killed her in the Anacostia Library.

MPD said the retired lieutenant was conducting training at the library, located at 1800 Good Hope Rd. SE. At the end of the training, the retired lieutenant fired a gun. The bullet hit the library police officer.

Medics took her to the hospital where she died.

*Brevard isn't Broward!*

**Florida sheriff: school resource cops will carry rifles**

*(Breitbart)* - Brevard County Sheriff Wayne Ivey announced this week that officers in county schools will carry long guns and will be prepared to "meet violence with violence" and win the day.

Florida Today quoted Ivey saying, "You are not coming into my schools and killing our children. I firmly believe that if you do not meet violence with violence, you will be violently killed."



**Kavanaugh assassin wanted to kill three justices, identified as transgender 'Sophie'**

*(GSL)* - The would-be assassin of Justice Brett Kavanaugh earlier this summer wanted to kill not just Kavanaugh, but two other Supreme Court justices to "permanently" alter the balance of SCOTUS in favor of liberals.

Nicholas Roske, a gun control advocate, travelled all the way from California to outside Justice Kavanaugh's home in Maryland where he was arrested with a Glock handgun and at least one spare magazine.

Court documents also show that Mr. Roske identifies as a transgendered female named "Sophie."



**Internal FBI Doc claims patriotic symbols are sign of 'Militia Violent Extremists'**

*(New American)* - If you fly the Gadsden flag, you just might be a "Militia Violent Extremist."

If you fly the Betsy Ross flag or use "Revolutionary War imagery," you just might be an MVE...

Those ideas are found in the FBI's unclassified but exclusively internal "Domestic Terrorism Symbols Guide."

The leaked document shows just how far the agency, under the guidance of FBI Director Christopher Wray and Attorney General Merrick Garland, is pushing the falsehood that America patriots, whom they call "white supremacists," "domestic violent extremists," and now, "militia violent extremists (MVEs)" are the main threat facing the country.

*BIDEN: White supremacists most lethal threat to our nation*

**FBI's 10-most wanted has no 'White Supremacists'**

*(Daily Wire)* - The FBI has sounded the alarm about white supremacists and far-right extremists, but the bureau's own Top 10 "most wanted domestic terrorists" list includes at least two Communists, three black nationalists, one anti-war activist, and a vegan eco-terrorist.

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**NOT HUNGRY ENOUGH YET:** 'The last thing I'm going to do is take free food from a right-wing extremist!'

**A few bigoted California fire evacuees refuse 'right-wing extremist' help**

Mariposa, CA (*The Mercury News*) - The appearance of camouflage-clad militia members in the small Sierra foothills town of Mariposa as the Oak Fire raged nearby has sparked a furor in Mariposa County, with the local sheriff's department praising the group for its help while some residents accused the militia of exploiting the disaster.

The California State Militia 2nd Regiment — whose website features pictures of men in military fatigues, helmets and assault-style rifles preparing for "the unrest yet to come" — set up a mobile kitchen trailer from Saturday evening through Monday morning in the parking lot of a lumber store in Mariposa, just southwest of the blaze that as of Monday evening had driven nearly 4,000 people from their homes while burning more than 18,000 acres and destroying at least 41 homes and other structures...

**bigot** [big-uh-t]

**noun**  
1 a person who is utterly intolerant of differing creed, belief, or opinion

"The last thing I'm going to do is take a free tri-tip sandwich from a right-wing extremist group," said one resident, who did not want her name used because she said she worried about provoking "armed and dangerous" people.



**Get woke, go broke!**  
**Gannett newspapers bleeding cash, stock cratering**

(*Poynter.com*) - Gannett recorded a dismal second quarter financially, the company reported Thursday — important revenues sources down, costs up and a loss of \$54 million on revenues of \$749 million.

Strong cost reduction moves are on the way. Media division head Maribel Perez Wadsworth, in a note to staff, warned of impending layoffs. "In the coming days," she wrote, "we will ... be making necessary but painful reductions to staffing, eliminating some open positions and roles that will impact valued colleagues."

Gannett stock, already down roughly 45% for the year, fell another 28.5% in midmorning trading, indicating Wall Street had not expected such bad results.

**Tissue please... More violin, please...**  
**Facebook parent Meta reports first time revenue drop**

(*CNet*) - Facebook's parent company Meta on Wednesday reported a revenue drop for the first time in its history as ad sales shrank amid growing economic concerns. The social media giant also missed earnings expectations for the second quarter.

*Cue violin. He chased down and murdered a man in cold blood. Now he's worried?*

**Ahmaud Arbery's killer worried for his safety**

Savannah, GA (*ABC News*) -- The white man who fatally shot Ahmaud Arbery after chasing the running Black man in a Georgia neighborhood says he fears he will be killed by fellow inmates if he's sent to a state prison to serve a life sentence for murder.

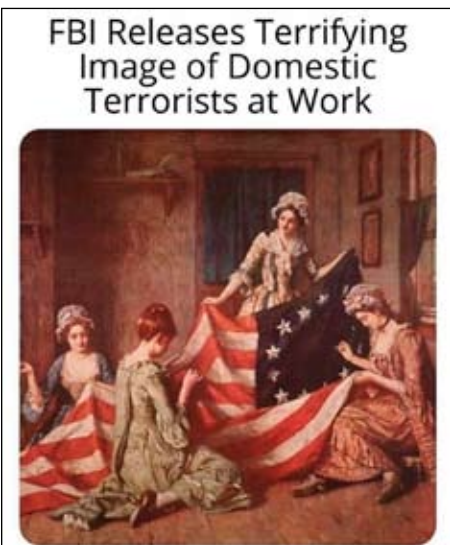


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