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## Avoidance is the Best Policy for Self Defense

by Sheriff Jim Wilson

*Even in the best of circumstances, going to court as a defendant is going to take a lot of time and money. Anything you can do to avoid this will save all kinds of hassle.*

Sometimes, being involved in the criminal-justice system does not have the result that many honest citizens think it will have. Here is a good example of an incident that didn't go the way an innocent man thought it should have.

My friend was driving home from work when he became the victim of a road-rage incident. The instigator was weaving in and out of traffic, bullying motorists out of his way. He ended up clipping my friend's car and then losing control and crossing the median into oncoming traffic. This caused the instigator and two other vehicles to wreck and resulted in injuries to some of the drivers.

My friend called 911 and then returned to the scene, once he was assured that a police officer had arrived. Knowing that he wasn't the cause of the accident, my friend was happy to cooperate with police investigators, even going to the station, later, to give a voluntary statement.

You can imagine this friend's surprise when he was later notified that he had been charged with three cases of felony assault. At this point he did what he probably should have done in the first place and contacted an attorney to represent him and to post his bond.

In the state where this occurred, all felony charges must be referred to a grand jury to determine if they warrant prosecution. Instead of taking these assault charges to the grand jury, however, the district attorney kicked them back to the police for further investigation. One might assume the district attorney did not think that the facts, as they existed at that time, were strong enough to obtain an indictment and lead to a trial.

The police department did nothing, or could find nothing, that would satisfy the district attorney. This state sets the statute of limitations on felony assault at 3 years, which means that if, in 3 years, there hasn't been an indictment, the case can no longer be prosecuted. For whatever reason, this is exactly what the district attorney allowed to happen.

Now, what this means is that my friend sat around for 3 years with the possibility of three felony convictions hanging over his head. Fortunately, his employer was sympathetic, and my friend did not lose his job. At the end of the 3 years, my friend and his attorney went before a district court and had the cases dismissed. But wait—there's more.

Having felony cases dismissed due to the statute of limitations does not get the arrests off one's record. My friend and his attorney then had to go back into court and request that the court order the arrest records expunged—that is, removed from all records as if they never happened.

In summation, my friend spent \$25,000 on an attorney—money he won't recover. He sat for 3 years with felony charges hanging over his head. He also paid whatever the attorney charged for the expungement hearing. All of this for crimes that my friend did not commit.

Although I reviewed this case in depth, I did not interview the police investigator or the district attorney. I don't know why they chose to go this route instead of just dismissing the charges for lack of evidence. As far as I can determine, however, they acted within the law by doing so.

The lesson for the armed citizen is that, even when justified or blameless, a person can get caught up in the criminal-justice system for quite some time and at quite significant expense. I don't know about you, but I don't have \$25,000 just sitting around ready to pay for attorney's fees. And in some areas, it could cost a whole lot more.

It has been said that dealing with a criminal attack involves at least two different problems that a person will have to solve. The first is to survive the actual attack by doing whatever is necessary to stay alive. And the second problem is to survive the aftermath of that criminal attack, whatever that might be.

In these days of social unrest, we may be involved in all sorts of situations that make us fear for our safety. We may feel justified in producing defensive firearms in order to make others leave us alone. We may even fear for our lives and say as much to investigators.

Well, here's the kicker—it doesn't matter if we felt justified, what matters is if the criminal-justice system determines we were justified. What makes it even worse is when the criminal-justice system has other motives and may be pressured by special interests or even criminal elements. It shouldn't happen, but it does.

This sort of thing is the reason that many of us suggest that avoidance is critically important. We get away from a criminal attack if at all possible. And we use deadly force, or the threat of deadly force, only when there is absolutely no other way to survive and/or protect our family. When you take the time to look at the big picture, it's the smart thing to do.

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**General Membership Meeting**  
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**Nov. 24, 2020**

**American Legion Hall**

16701 E. 40 Highway  
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## LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

I went to see a dentist. One of my teeth insisted. The dentist said that my teeth are conspiring against me. The dentist recommended that I exile certain teeth from my mouth and drill others into submission. It seems rather harsh; but I cannot have my teeth conspiring against me.

At a recent concealed carry class, a woman sported a covid mask with "666" written on it. Great idea! Don't wait for a covid vaccine, put a curse on the virus.

Claire McCaskill, ex-Senator from Missouri and hater of all things that we enjoy, has some sort of talk show. She recently told her audience that women are "tired of guns." This does not explain the increasing percentage of women in my concealed carry classes. It does not explain the steady increase in women buying guns. For some people reality does not matter.

The Supreme Court has recently denied ten different challenges on Second Amendment grounds. There is a theory that the conservative members want another Second Amendment justice before taking on a landmark case. The expected confirmation of Judge Barrett should solve that.

My coffee machine is broken. You must be a devout Mormon to survive a tragedy like that.

Many people like to brag about what they accomplished over the summer. I changed a light bulb. I needed a stepladder to do so but now we have the answer to the age-old question; "How many lawyers does it take to change a lightbulb?"

Everyone seems to predict violence following the election. Perhaps they are right. If it happens, try to stay away from it.

I do not mean to criticize Mormons. I've always gotten on well with Mormons. Of course, I have not met all of them. Devout Mormons do not drink coffee. That's fine it leaves more for me. But my coffee pot is broken.

Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance, a gun rights organization in St. Louis, has seen its Facebook page canceled, and those of three of its officers. No warning, no reason, no appeal. This is the brave new world these tech giants offer us; so long are we agree with their prejudices.

I cannot understand the hatred of some people. You cannot hold a different opinion or they must physically attack you. You must not only fail to embrace their opinion with sufficient enthusiasm and they will attack you. Senator Dianne Feinstein complimented Senator Graham over his handling the hearing to confirm the new Supreme Court Justice. As she left the room, she hugged him. The howls from the left made it sound like she had just endorsed compulsory cannibalism. Perhaps in the left's world, that is what happened.

When I went to the dentist, they took my blood pressure. I'd never seen a dentist do that before, but they appear to have done it correctly. I have high blood pressure. Of course, with the events of this year and a lady about to stick sharp objects in my mouth this is not surprising. It can be cured, or at least suppressed, with a single daily pill. It is the diseases which require some sacrifice that frighten me. If they want me to give up a cherished habit, this is a problem. Of course, my coffee pot is broken that that is likely to raise my blood pressure.

There is a continuing dispute over point shooting vs aimed fire in self-defense. My opinion is that no matter what style of shooting used, "I aimed my gun" sounds better in court. Pointing does not sound as careful and we want to be seen as careful. Stressing the style of shooting would seem to complicate the statement. It may confuse the jury, always a bad thing. You may have aimed quickly, but you aimed.

Joe Biden is full of statements about what he will do on his "first day in office." If that dreadful event happens, I suspect he will spend the first day locating the Presidential bathroom and the Presidential coffee pot. My coffee pot is broken, and Joe Biden presents no plan to resolve this disaster.

Remington Arms has gone through bankruptcy. It appears that various parts of the company are being sold off. This is a tragedy. One of the oldest gun companies is now gone. This may have the side effect of abolishing the lawsuit against the company. The Sandy Hook school killer murdered his mother and stole her Remington AR 15. He murdered his classmates. Plaintiffs in the lawsuit insist that he was influenced by irresponsible Remington advertising to select a Remington AR for the murders. The ads portrayed the gun as functioning like a gun. I believe this is a frivolous argument to avoid the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act. I would like it to proceed to a vigorous repudiation by the courts. The legal fees in this lawsuit contributed to the Remington bankruptcy. The usual suspects see this as a win.

My coffee pot is broken. Be careful. This could happen to you. I think it is affecting my memory. In the words of two great time travelers, "Be excellent to each other!"

We shall overcome.

"It is not the business of government to make men virtuous or religious, or to preserve the fool from the consequences of his own folly. Government should be repressive no further than is necessary to secure liberty by protecting the equal rights of each from aggression on the part of others, and the moment governmental prohibitions extend beyond this line they are in danger of defeating the very ends they are intended to serve."

—Henry George (1839-1897)



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### LAST

*K. L. Jamison*

This is the last President's Podium before the election. We have done what can be done. If it was not enough . . . If it was not enough, we shall continue the fight. We fought through the Clinton and Obama administrations and came through to the Trump Administration which has gotten things done for us. The best thing was the appointment of district, appellate and Supreme Court Justices. Ah the Supreme Court. If everything goes disastrously wrong, we still have the third branch of government to preserve our rights.

I dread the night and day struggle that will ensue if we lose. We will have to work harder, gain more members and raise more money. We have done it before and will do so again with new skill and experience.

Gunshops are swept clear of guns and ammunition in fear of violence after the election. There is violence now but Antifa has only one reaction to news good or bad. Antifa promises violence, in a dishonorable world this is the promise we can expect them to keep.

Our sister organization in St. Louis "Gateway Civil Liberties Alliance" has had their facebook page removed. Three of their officers have also had their facebook pages removed. Facebook says that they have violated some obscure and unspecified rule. Facebook says that this is not appealable. If things go bad for us in November we can expect a great deal more of this.

And we will fight it.

## NOTICE MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

**The November 24th meeting of the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance will be held at the American Legion Hall, 16701 E. 40 Highway, Independence, MO. Bass Pro Conservation Room is not available that night.**

**Please note the change on you calendar and we hope to see you there.**

### October WMSA Board of Director's Meeting

The October WMSA Board of Directors Meeting was held on October 8, 2020. WMSA BY-Laws require that the Board elect officers for the next year at the October meeting each year. The current slate of Officer were unanimously reelected by the board.

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These officers will serve a one year term. The next election for members of the Board of Directors will be held in September 2021. Three members are elected each year for a 3 year term of office.

The board members whose 3 year terms are expiring in 2021 are: Carl Smart, Roger Thomas and John Kurtz.

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## 10 Gun Show Myths

There have been myths about what happens at gun shows. These myths stem anywhere from anti-gun activists to people who honestly don't know the law. In truth, several of the sources for these gun show myths can be traced back to distorted facts.

To help credit the authenticity of this article, all sources will be linked. Please note, it's been made a point to use sources that are government agencies or that may or may not be biased towards strong gun control. Also J.S.T. Andrews is not an attorney, nor should this be taken as legal advice.

### **Myth: Anyone can Purchase a Firearm at a Gun Show**

**Fact:** False. Licensed dealers are required to run a background check on every gun purchase. This even applies to those who are trading-in a firearm for another.

*Source: ATF – Brady Law*

### **Myth: Most Guns Used in Crimes are Purchased from Gun Shows**

**Fact:** False. According to the Washington Post, a staggering 1.7% of "... offenders [who] were incarcerated from crimes committed with handguns... reported... they obtained the guns..." at a gun show.

In addition the National Criminal Justice Reference Service reports:

According to the latest available data, those who use guns in violent crimes rarely purchase them directly from licensed dealers; most guns used in crime have been stolen or transferred between individuals **after** the original purchase.

*Source: Washington Post – The stale claim that 40 percent of gun sales lack background checks*

*Source: NCJRS – Firearms and Violence.*

### **Myth: Anyone can Purchase Ammunition at a Gun Show**

**Fact:** True. So long as they are not legally prohibited from purchasing ammo and/or receiving ammo. (Most people would know if they were prohibited.)

Long guns and long gun ammunition may be sold only to persons 18 years of age or older. Sales of handguns and ammunition for handguns are limited to persons 21 years of age and older.

*Source: ATF – Unlicensed Persons*

*Source: ATF – Licensees*

### **Myth: Most Gun Show Vendors are Not Licensed FFL Dealers**

**Fact:** True(ish). In most states, private sellers are not required to preform background checks. The majority of dealers sell accessories including ammo, magazines, clips, t-shirts, knives, ice cream, etc. Typically, private sellers at gun shows tend to have a single table. However uncommon, there are some cases where a private seller might have 2+ tables. In addition, most gun shows will dedicate more tables to licensed FFL Dealers. Typically these dealers have anywhere from 5 to 20+ tables.

Let's use New York City's data from their 2009 "Gun Show Undercover" report. 1% to 8.9% of the tables at gun shows are private sellers. With that being said, if every private seller had two tables, that would mean that anywhere from 2% to 18% of all tables were private sellers.

*Source: NYC – Gun Show Undercover*

### **Myth: Gun Show Prices are More Expensive**

**Fact:** This really depends on the gun show and its dealers. Keep in mind that the larger the gun show, the more competition there will be between vendors. Competition between firearm dealers will help lower the prices on guns. This will also depend on the location and the gun you're looking for.

*Source: Green Sheet – Interchange: Will regulation or competition drive down pricing?*

### **Myth: Gun Shows are not Family Friendly**

**Fact:** Usually this is not the case. Most promoters actually offer a discount for children (usually under the ages of 12) and some promoters will even offer discounts for spouses! It's even possible to attend a show that has activities for children.

*Source: Post Bulletin: Letter to the Editor*

### **Myth: Gun Shows are Dangerous**

**Fact:** The largest factor in gun-related injuries at a gun show is due to accidents. However small this percentage is, it's still an issue. There's a reason why promoters require all guns to be zip-tied, no ammo in the firearm(s), and an empty magazine. Never been to a gun show before? Follow these gun show tips.

In addition, crime is typically below the local average at and during gun shows. Think about it. There are hundreds to thousands of armed citizens all within a building or two. Not to mention the Law Enforcement Officers, active military, retired military, concealed carry trainers and NRA trainers that all attend the show.

*Source: NEBER Report – The Effect of Gun Shows on Gun-Related Deaths*

### **Myth: Gun Shows Cause an Increase in Gun Violence**

The National Criminal Justice Reference Service reports:

Self-defense is the most commonly cited reason for acquiring a gun, but it is unclear how often these guns are used for self-protection against unprovoked attacks.

**Fact:** False. Gun sales are at an all time high and gun crimes are dropping.

**Myth** (Continued on page 6)



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This is actually relatively inconclusive on all accounts. Most reports on this issue gather from relatively small pools of data. Not to mention the majority of these reports do not decipher between gun-related defense and gun-related deaths (Take this report from NEBER.org as an example).

Source: NCJRS – Firearms and Violence.

Source: Forbes – Disarming Realities: As Gun Sales Soar, Gun Crimes Plummet

**Myth: Firearm Gifting is Legal**

**Fact:** Gifting a firearm is not uncommon within pro-gun families. According to the ATF: “Mr. Smith asks Mr. Jones to purchase a firearm for Mr. Smith. Mr. Smith [then] gives Jones the money for the firearm.” This is not gifting. If “Mr. Brown goes to buy a firearm with his own money to give to Mr. Black as a present...” this is considered gifting. “However, you may not transfer a firearm to any person you know or have reasonable cause to believe is prohibited...”

Even with the Supreme Court Ruling on June 16th, 2014, gifting is still legal. Using someone else’s money to purchase a firearm and then giving them said firearm is illegal. This is even true if they could legally own a firearm.

A federal law banning the “straw” purchase of guns on behalf of others applies even to transactions where the person who ends up with the weapon could have legally acquired a firearm...

Source: LI – Supreme Court Affirms Conviction In Gun “Straw Purchase” Case

**Myth: Guns can be Shipped from a Gun Show**

**Fact:** There are lots of stipulations to this. Basically, a firearm has to be mailed (UPS or FedEx) to a licensed FFL dealer.

*Example:* A gun show attendee purchases a firearm from a private seller and wants it shipped out-of-state. The firearm needs to be shipped to a licensed FFL near the purchaser’s desired location.

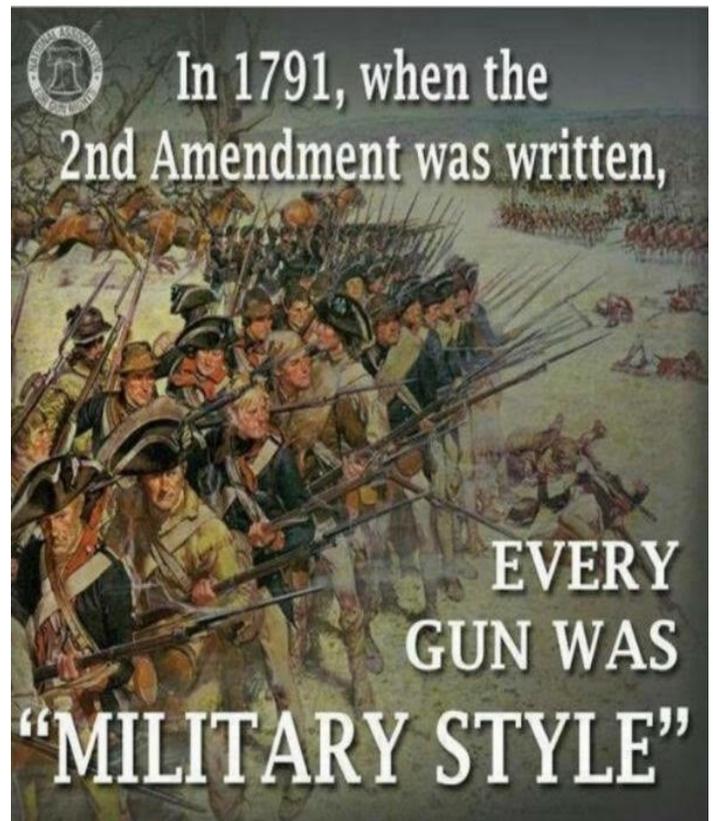
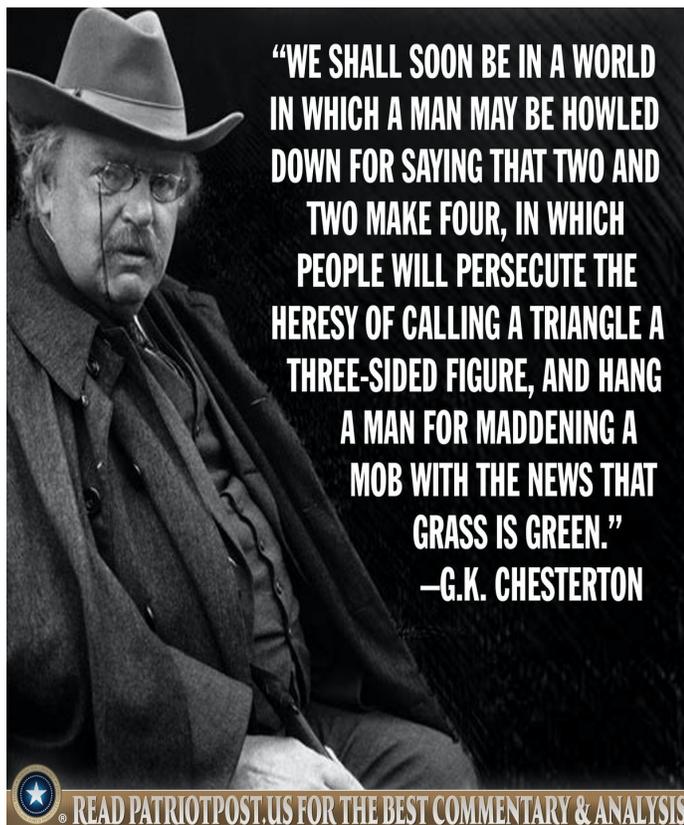
Source: ATF – Unlicensed Persons

"Before a standing army can rule, the people must be disarmed; as they are in almost every kingdom of Europe. The supreme power in America cannot enforce unjust laws by the sword; because the whole body of the people are armed, and constitute a force superior to any band of regular troops that can be, on any pretense, raised in the United States."

—Noah Webster

"Stay informed — because stupid people are ruining America. God blessed me with a voice and a big mouth and I’m going to use it to try to wake people up and convert some of the stupid people."

—Herman Cain



"I have an agenda to stick to the Rule of Law." —Amy Coney Barrett



## Giffords Launches ‘Gun Safety’ Group for Gun Owners to Challenge NRA

The anti-gun group Giffords has launched a “gun safety” organization it hopes will challenge the National Rifle Association and attract gun owners to its cause.

Leaders of the group, dubbed Gun Owners for Safety, believe they can tap into the gun owners who support the Second Amendment but also want to restrict Second Amendment rights.

“For years, the gun lobby has spread the myth that we face a binary choice: guns everywhere, or no guns at all. That’s not true,” GOFS says on its website. “Patriots of every stripe can agree that the Second Amendment goes hand-in-hand with commonsense measures like universal background checks. That’s what we’re about—bringing together unlikely allies to speak out for safety and responsibility.”

Gun Owners for Safety seeks to bridge the gap between the left and the right, according to Giffords Executive Director Peter Ambler.

“I think whether you’re talking about politics, whether you’re talking about lobbying, whether you’re talking about culture change, what’s vitally important is that we focus on the millions of Americans at the center of our politics,” Ambler told The Hill. “If we’re going to have long-term durable change in this country, it can’t just be the activists on the left and the activists on the right. We really have to move the center.”

Ambler and his team are hoping to take advantage of the weakened state of the National Rifle Association to encourage gun owners to support more gun control laws, especially universal background checks.

Organizers claim to have found nearly 50,000 gun owners in all 50 states “who are fed up with the NRA,” Ambler said.

Put your foot in the shoes of an American gun owner, do you want to be part of the NRA, which is embroiled in legal and ethical controversy?” Ambler asked. “The NRA wants you to believe that you can’t have your Second Amendment and pursue laws like ... universal background checks.”

“These men and women were eager, at a time when our values of our country are being debated, to raise their hand and show politicians, show the country, that the vast majority of gun owners support safer gun laws,” Ambler continued.

It’s unclear whether a majority of gun owners actually support universal background checks. Most surveys of gun owners ask whether respondents support background checks for all gun purchases. High percentages of American gun owners say they do, but many don’t realize the consequences of their agreement. If the question were phrased to highlight the fact that universal background check laws outlaw private sales – sometimes even between family members – the numbers would look much different.

It remains to be seen whether Gun Owners for Safety will gain traction. While their website claims to “take Second Amendment rights seriously,” it also includes an article titled “The Good Guy with a Gun Myth.” This piece argues against gun ownership for self-defense, which the Supreme Court ruled in *Heller* is a key component of Second Amendment rights.

"We cannot afford to differ on the question of honesty if we expect our republic permanently to endure. Honesty is not so much a credit as an absolute prerequisite to efficient service to the public. Unless a man is honest, we have no right to keep him in public life; it matters not how brilliant his capacity."

—Theodore Roosevelt (1858-1919)

"If it be asked, What is the most sacred duty and the greatest source of our security in a Republic? The answer would be, an inviolable respect for the Constitution and Laws — the first growing out of the last... A sacred respect for the constitutional law is the vital principle, the sustaining energy of a free government."

—Alexander Hamilton

"Laws are made for men of ordinary understanding and should, therefore, be construed by the ordinary rules of common sense. Their meaning is not to be sought for in metaphysical subtleties which may make anything mean everything or nothing at pleasure."

—Thomas Jefferson

"The Left likes to measure progress based how many people depend on government benefits like Obamacare, food stamps and welfare. Conservatives measure progress based on how many people are working and providing for themselves and their families."

—Gary Bauer

"Since when have we Americans been expected to bow submissively to authority and speak with awe and reverence to those who represent us?"

—Justice William O. Douglas

*"However weak our country may be, I hope we shall never sacrifice our liberties."* —Alexander Hamilton

## Judge Barrett and the Second Amendment

We've been beating this drum for quite a while now, but the just-completed Senate testimony of Supreme Court nominee Amy Coney Barrett reminds us that the High Court has let a fair number of Second Amendment cases go by the boards since the *Heller* decision 12 years ago.

Having testified before the Senate that she would stick to the "original meaning" of the Second Amendment and that "its original public meaning, not the intent of any particular drafter" is what's important, Barrett saw the Left zero in on one particular case she heard as part of the Seventh Circuit.

In *Kanter v. Barr*, Barrett was the lone dissenter in a case where the plaintiff, convicted in a nonviolent felony fraud case, sued to regain the right to bear arms he'd lost due to that conviction. To open her dissent, Barrett explained, "History is consistent with common sense: it demonstrates that legislatures have the power to prohibit dangerous people from possessing guns. But that power extends only to people who are dangerous. Founding-era legislatures did not strip felons of the right to bear arms simply because of their status as felons. Nor have the parties introduced any evidence that founding-era legislatures imposed virtue-based restrictions on the right; such restrictions applied to civic rights like voting and jury service, not to individual rights like the right to possess a gun. In 1791 — and for well more than a century afterward — legislatures disqualified categories of people from the right to bear arms only when they judged that doing so was necessary to protect the public safety."

Because Rickey Kanter was previously convicted of a felony — even one as far removed from violence as mail fraud — it was enough for the state of Wisconsin to revoke his rights, according to the two judges who upheld the district court decision (both Ronald Reagan appointees, interestingly enough).

In light of Barrett's well-argued and thoughtful opinion, gun-control advocates are working hard to stop her confirmation. "The [*Kanter*] opinion is very revelatory," explained UCLA law professor and author Adam Winkler. "It really shows that she has a very expansive view of gun rights, likely one even broader than Justice Antonin Scalia." Taking the next illogical, emotion-based, slippery-slope step, Winkler whined, "Does that mean that there's a constitutional right to have machine guns because there's no strong historical precedent for banning those weapons?"

Reporting on these "grave concerns" of the gun-grabbers, NPR's Carrie Johnson agreed, adding, "Scores of federal judges have upheld that blanket ban for people convicted of felonies after balancing the Second Amendment against public safety."

Here, we'd note that throughout our nation's history, scores of federal judges have also misinterpreted the common-sense language of the Constitution.

A more clear-headed analyst might argue, as The Heritage Foundation's Amy Swearer did, "If Barrett is 'extreme' with respect to the right to keep and bear arms, it's only because the Constitution itself offers an 'extreme' protection of that right." Swearer continued, "As an originalist, she would not change the meaning or extent of that protection just because gun control activists — or any other activists — wish it to be so."

The language within our Second Amendment is very plain: "shall not be infringed" means exactly what it says. "We the People" can be the "well-regulated militia" if we're so inclined, but it's not required that we be one for the Second Amendment to remain in effect.

Perhaps Justice Clarence Thomas will get his wish — the one he (most recently expressed in the case of *Rogers v. Grewal*) — and we'll begin hearing Second Amendment cases at the Supreme Court again after a long hiatus. With a plethora of new restrictions such as accessory bans and "red flag" laws having been introduced, clarification is long overdue.

"Whenever government assumes to deliver us from the trouble of thinking for ourselves, the only consequences it produces are those of torpor and imbecility."

—William Godwin (1756-1836)

"During the course of administration, and in order to disturb it, the artillery of the press has been levelled against us, charged with whatsoever its licentiousness could devise or dare. These abuses of an institution so important to freedom and science are deeply to be regretted, inasmuch as they tend to lessen its usefulness and to sap its safety."

—Thomas Jefferson (1805)



Amy Coney Barrett's Notes

"The foundation of national morality must be laid in private families." —John Adams



## Deadly Force & Defense of Property

Attorney Steve Davis delivered a presentation on the use of deadly force at the Sangamon County GSL meeting at SCHEELS in Springfield. Mr. Davis began by repeating the four areas where good guy gun owners most often get themselves into criminal trouble with self-defense.

### The terrible four:

#### Fleeing felons.

You can't shoot them in the back as they're trying to flee the scene. Nor should you pursue them because if the confrontation begins anew in a new environment, the gun owner becomes the aggressor. And self-defense isn't available to aggressors.

#### Inside the home.

"I can do anything I want with someone in my home." No. You still have to have a reasonable fear of great bodily injury. Example: a drunk forced his way into your home because he thought it was his residence. Can you shoot them? Not unless they are posing an immediate threat of death or great bodily injury to you or another.

#### Improper display/Brandishing.

Generally, if you're not justified in using deadly force, you're not justified in pulling a gun on someone.

#### Defense of Property.

Regardless what legal statutes say, court cases have made it clear that using deadly force is reserved solely for defense of life, not property.

Davis cautioned everyone that no matter the provocation, a prudent person will never use deadly force in defense of property.

What's more, he also strongly cautioned against confronting someone over a property crime. That confrontation might become a deadly force incident. Additionally, he pointed out that even with training, tactics and skill sets with a gun, there's no guarantee you will survive a gun battle.

#### Burglary as a forcible felony

While Illinois law allows the use of deadly force to prevent a forcible felony, the statute is replete with traps for gun owners who don't know better. For instance, among Illinois' list of forcible felonies is burglary.

But what is burglary? A property crime!

You might feel righteous about shooting a burglar stealing your awesome Craftsman lawn mower from your shed or your Bose sound system from your car. Or even work tools from a truck.

"I hate to break it to you, but there are anti-self-defense people all over: including cops, jurors and prosecutors," Davis said.

If a jury member has reservations about using deadly force to defend life, what are they going to think about someone killing in "self-defense" over a lawn mower or a stereo?

That jury member probably won't see your use of force as truly justified. What's more, the feds may prosecute you even if local authorities don't. See *Tennessee v. Garner*.

Davis talked about finding yourself in a crowd of hostile pedestrians on local streets or even on Interstate highways. Even if they are trashing your car, you can't drive over them (deadly force) to protect your property. And "I was in fear for my life" only works if you can articulate ability, opportunity and jeopardy. If you don't know what those things are, then you should seek out more training to keep you out of prison before it's too late.

In Davis' opinion, only if attackers break a window in a car and then continues their attack is the use of deadly force likely to withstand the scrutiny of a hostile prosecutor. And maybe not even then. Be careful out there. And don't resort to deadly force to defend property.

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