

Anti-Gun States Renew Attacks on Lawful Firearm Industry in New Year

In anti-gun states, 2023 means new laws are taking effect, including more restrictions on Americans exercising their Second Amendment rights and baseless attacks on the firearm industry that supports that most critical Constitutional right that protects all our freedoms.

Fortunately, these attacks are running up against a bipartisan federal law enacted to protect against this very effort.

Golden State Gun Blues

California Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom rammed through **egregious gun control** laws last year. The outcry was so great he was forced to backpedal on some after facing legal challenges of his own. Still, California's **SB 1327** took effect Jan. 1 and allows private residents to file lawsuits against gun manufacturers if they violate the state's so-called "assault weapons" ban or ban on firearm sales to anyone under 21 years old, according to *Breitbart News*. It's being called a political stunt by Gov. Newsom who's toying with a **presidential run**.

Dan Walters of Cal Matters highlights the counter-intuitiveness of the law – it's political theater. "The firearms that are specifically targeted by the legislation are already illegal under California law and the major arms makers that Newsom implies would be punished take great pains not to sell the prohibited products," Walters wrote.

Walters hits center bullseye on SB 1327 saying, "Finally, a federal law... protects firearms manufacturers from liability suits."

Groupthink Gun-Grabs

Since last New Year's, over 16.4 million guns were sold at retail, including 1.7 million through December and the holidays, according to NSSF industry data. Even in states with strict gun control laws and anti-gun governors, they bought guns in **historic numbers**. States like New York, New Jersey and Delaware enacted flawed laws of their own that give residents the idea they can sue lawful gun manufacturers for the crimes committed by criminals.

New York expanded its "public nuisance" law to allow the state, local governments and the victims of crimes to file civil suits against gun makers and firearm distributors if firearms are criminally misused. NSSF sued New York Democratic Attorney General Letitia James to block the law's expansion, which is now being used as the **basis for lawsuits** by the cities of Rochester and Buffalo, N.Y., against firearm manufacturers.

In New Jersey, Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy enacted several gun control laws and vowed to go further to "hold gun manufacturers accountable." He created a state office with the **sole purpose** of suing gun manufacturers, the Statewide Affirmative Firearms Enforcement Office.

"We're going to use it aggressively and we're going to hold the [gun] industry accountable," Democratic Attorney General Matt Platkin said. "With the establishment of this office, we are sending a clear message to every participant in the firearms industry: if you violate our laws, you will pay."

The lawful industry isn't violating laws by providing for the exercise of the Second Amendment by law-abiding Americans.

Delaware Democratic Gov. John Carney signed a package of **six gun control bills**, including a provision "holding gun makers and dealers liable for gun violence."

A representative from Delaware Moms Demand Action stated, "The bottom line is that all of these bills... they're all going to make us safer."

Again, suing a lawful firearm business that provides a legal firearm to a Delawarean who passed the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check (NICS) does nothing to punish the criminal illegally buying black market guns or illegally transporting a gun into Delaware.

Not to be outdone, California passed its own **unconstitutional version** patterned on the New York, New Jersey and Delaware statutes.

Federal Protections

These flawed laws won't keep guns out of the hands of criminals but are aimed at harming the lawful firearm industry through endless and frivolous lawsuits. The federal **Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA)** was enacted to stop just that. The PLCAA passed with wide bipartisan support in 2005 and was signed into law by President George W. Bush in response to a wave of lawsuits that were aimed at putting those companies out of business based on circumstances beyond their control.

Noted legal scholar and Professor Jonathan Turley, the Shapiro Professor of Public Interest Law at George Washington University, described these public nuisance lawsuits as, "absurd."

"Product liability and tort actions against manufacturers have

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uniformly and correctly been rejected by the courts,” Turley wrote. “Guns are lawful products and holding companies liable for later misuse of such products is absurd.”

It’s akin to suing Ford for a death due to a drunk driver crashing his F-150 truck.

Blue-state Democratic governors may continue attacking the firearm industry and pushing gun restrictions on law-abiding citizens while criminals will keep ignoring laws and committing crimes. The reality is the only thing these governors are doing is wasting taxpayer dollars on legal defenses for their unconstitutional laws.

LIBERTY NOTES

By Kevin L. Jamison

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

For ten years pistol arm braces have been legal. That has changed. They are now a National Firearms Act weapon; a short barreled rifle. The new rule came out in mid-January. The following day someone called me and asked what the new rule meant. The new rule is 300 pages. I have had no time to read it much less understand it. It gave 120 days for brace owners to register their brace at a cost of \$200 each. I suspect the rule is 300 pages to make it easy for innocent persons to violate it. By the time you read this there will be considerably less than 120 days to register the braces.

You may have heard that President Trump said that we should throw out the Constitution. Like many things one hears in the media, this is not quite true. He said that we should throw out all regulations that stand in the way of him being President including those in the Constitution. He followed it with a comment about the legitimacy of President Biden’s administration. I will admit, this is a foolish statement foolishly phrased. I think that the worst thing is that it focuses on the past election. He should focus on the future. He has presented a proposal on how to combat the drug cartels. This is great. It is something America needs. He has the gumption to see it through. There are other potential candidates for the nomination. None of the possibilities seem Democratic. Some Republicans look good. Traditionally we do not endorse in primaries. We will see what happens.

St. Louis is prosecuting people who have had guns stolen from their cars. St. Louis has a City ordinance requiring safe storage. These prosecutions discourage police reports. It is also illegal under state law for a city to have a law that is more restrictive than state law. They do not care. They declare places “no guns” and then arrest people who left their guns in their cars. They do not care.

People say that we have won the gun rights war. Yet, we have cities with ordinances like St. Louis. Illinois has banned “assault rifles.” Other states have followed suit. The governor of Connecticut wants to ban even “grandfathered” firearms. Such laws have been proposed in Missouri. So have laws repealing Constitutional or “permitless” carry and the Second Amendment Preservation Act. Laws have been proposed enacting Red Flag laws and more. The BATF-E just changed the rule on pistol braces to makes millions of Americans felons. We have not won until we discourage these attempts. We have fought them off so far. To continue doing so we need members. Lists of bills, good and bad have been listed in this newsletter. We need people to write letters to legislators; short, polite letters.

Rally Day is 19 April, 2023 in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building from 10 AM to noon. This is your chance to meet your legislators. Face to Face.

A letter to the local tabloid says that a third of the country has a criminal record. I don’t know if that is true. She goes on to demand that persons with a felony record should be banned from owning guns. She would be happy to know that this has been the law since 1968. The Mayor of Kansas City told the local tabloid that in 2016 the legislature passed a law allowing persons convicted of adult abuse to carry guns. The legislature did no such thing. In 2016 it was already federal law that such persons could not possess guns. The Missouri legislature cannot overturn a federal law. These comments are not just nonsense, they are lies. We have to keep fighting them. If we don’t fight them, people will believe them.

A Missouri prosecutor convicted a man of murder based on the 911 call he made. She had taken a class from a Deputy Police Chief who claimed that linguistic patterns show if someone is a murderer. The “science” he teaches is not recognized in Missouri. The prosecutor called a 911 operator as a witness to say the call sounded “staged.” The defense objected but the judge let the testimony in. The defendant was given a new trial. This time the judge refused to allow the opinion evidence. A number of people have been falsely charged based on this pseudo-science of evaluating 911 calls. Some callers are found to be too calm, some too excited. We are told that rape victims react to the assault in different ways. This pseudo-science claims to determine how people should always act during 911 calls. This is nonsense. Calls to 911 are short. A small sample is the basis of much pseudo-science. There is no baseline to determine the caller’s normal speech patterns. The founder of this pseudo-science gives seminars to law enforcement and prosecutors. After this short seminar they have the mystical ability to determine guilt from a short 911 call. It discourages reports to 911. He does not share the research that forms the basis of his system. This is always a suspicious aspect of a “science.” There are prosecutors and detectives who have been converted to this pseudo-science. It promises a clear easy way to find the guilty party. As new converts these people are devoted to the cause. I still advocate calling 911. The statement should be limited to that in the WMSA “Stay Out of Jail Card” see WMSA.net.

I Second That.



PRESIDENT'S CORNER

TWENTY YEARS AGO

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Twenty years ago we passed license to carry. We had been showing up for Rally Day over thirteen years and the legislator passed it to get rid of us. The governor vetoed it and we showed up during the veto session in the fall. The bill passed again with more votes than it had in the spring. A lawsuit was filed to stop the law from going into effect. We hired lawyers and showed up in court. We won. Sometimes all that is necessary for victory is to show up.

License to carry will be twenty years old next spring. This spring we celebrate the twentieth anniversary of it passing the legislature. Rally Day will be 19 April, 2023 between 10 AM and noon. People with a license to carry can carry in the Capitol Building. The nineteenth of April is the anniversary of the day in 1775 when one of my distinguished ancestors was a toll taker on Concord Bridge. With the family musket he took a toll of British soldiers coming to take his neighbors' guns.

Our Rally Day is not so dramatic. We gather in the Rotunda of the Capitol Building. Speakers from our groups and the legislature speak. We learn what is being done and what must be done. Various politicians count our numbers. This directly relates to our influence. Then we go to visit our legislators in their offices. This also adds to our influence.

All that is necessary to prevent bad legislation and to promote good legislation is to be a face in a crowd. We are trying to stop bills repealing the Second Amendment Preservation Act, and bills to repeal constitutional carry. We are trying to pass bills allowing concealed carry on public transportation. In mid-January a person was shot on a Kansas City bus. The bad guys carry anyway. We should be allowed to do so.

In another twenty years someone will write about advancements made in the rights or gun owners. Be at Rally Day and you can brag that you were a part of it.

LEGAL NOTES

AFRAID

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It is a wonderful word, "afraid." People fear many different things, clowns, death, public speaking. Otherwise inexplicable behavior can be explained as a result of fear. One cannot act in self-defense unless afraid. When authorities ask a self-defense shooter if she was afraid, the answer must be a resounding "YES! I was weak-kneed, pants pissing afraid!" Involuntary urination, defecation and vomiting are common in self-defense cases because the body is dumping excess baggage. This is no time for embarrassment, insist that the evidence be noted in the police report; the jury will believe it. Detectives keep notes of how often subjects go to the bathroom during interrogation. This is to prove that the person was not coerced into talking but also is an indicator of stress. The notes can be evidence.

This wonderful word must be inserted into the first call to 911, and every conversation thereafter. A prosecutor once told a jury that the defendant "Never said he was afraid, until he talked to a lawyer." This was not entirely true, the prosecutor was lying to the jury and the judge was letting him get away with it. It could have been prevented by a 911 recording from the defendant stating, "I was never so afraid in my life."

Macho is the enemy of self-defense. The aftermath of a self-defense shooting is no time for ego or the posturing of TV heroes. In a Texas case a car dealer was robbed at gunpoint. Under the law at the time the prosecution had to prove the robber invoked fear in the victim. Being Texan the victim denied being afraid. The court of appeals ruled that if he was not afraid, he should have been. Do not complicate your case, Fear is a very human reaction. A macho reaction, seen in nearly every one of Arnold Schwarzenegger's movie roles, is not human and plays badly to the persons who decide if charges are to be filed. A macho reaction is a double defect for women. Society is not accustomed to women defending themselves. Society is horrified when women act macho. Doing either is considered abnormal and the last image that a shooting victor wants to project is that she is abnormal. Society expects to see the Scarlet O'Hara reaction from *Gone With the Wind*. Scarlet killed a Yankee looter and was distraught; she was afraid. This is what people expect and they react badly when they do not see what they have been taught to expect. It is not fair, it is not just, it is not right. It just is.

Afraid is a wonderful word. Say it loud. Say it proud. It is the basis of Self-Defense.

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Millions Packing Iron, Adult Handgun Carry Doubled Between 2015-2019

The University of Washington (UW) has announced a report, based on data from the 2019 National Firearms Survey, showing the number of U.S. adults who carry loaded handguns doubled from 2015 to 2019, rising from 9 to 16 million.

The study, which is published in the *American Journal of Public Health*, was done by Dr. Ali Rowhani-Rahbar with the Department of Epidemiology, UW School of Public Health, and the UW Firearm Injury Policy and Research Program; Amy Gallagher, UW Firearm Injury Policy and Research Program; Deborah Azrael, Harvard Injury Control Research Center, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, Harvard University, Boston; Matthew Miller, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University, Boston.

By no small coincidence, this research came almost simultaneously with the release of new data from the Crime Prevention Research Center (CPRC) which says the number of active concealed carry permits/licenses “now stands at 22.01 million—a 2.3% increase since last year.”

According to the University of Washington, approximately 7 in 10 (70%) handgun owners “said they carried a loaded handgun as protection against another person, dwarfing the number who said they carried as protection against an animal, for example, or for work.” The report added that four in five handgun owners who said they carry were males, three out of four are white.

The UW report acknowledges the data come from 2019, so it is a bit dated, but that’s where the new report on licensed concealed carry from the CPRC takes an important role. According to the CPRC report for 2022:

- *The number of permit holders grew by about 488,000 during the past year, which is the slowest rate of increase since the center began collecting data in 2011. CPRC founder and President John Lott says this might be partly due to the number of people carrying without permits in so-called “Constitutional Carry” states.*
- *An estimated 5% of American adults have permits.*
- *“In seventeen states, more than 10% of adults have permits,” CPRC said. “Since 2019, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and South Dakota have fallen below 10%, but they are now all Constitutional Carry states, meaning that people no longer need a permit to carry. The concealed carry rates for Connecticut, North Carolina, and Wisconsin have risen to above 10% this year.”*
- *Alabama has the highest rate of concealed carry (32.5%) with Indiana in second place (23.4%), and Georgia coming in third (15.5%).*
- *There are now six states with more than 1 million active permits/licenses: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Texas. CPRC says Florida has a an impressive 2.57 million active permits, though it is not clear how many of those are held by non-residents.*

The UW research acknowledges, “Little is known about the frequency and features of firearm carrying among adult handgun owners in the United States.” However, there has been scant peer-reviewed research (national surveys) over the past three decades, the period during which concealed carry has surged as all 50 states have now adopted legislation allowing some form of licensed/permitted carry.

“Since the first of these surveys,” the University report notes, “reasons offered by firearm owners for why they own firearms have shifted from hunting and sports shooting toward personal protection. In 1994, for example, 46% of firearm owners reported owning firearms for protection; by 2015, that number had reached 65%, and, by 2019, it had reached 73%. As personal protection became the predominant motivation for owning firearms, handgun ownership increased disproportionately from 64% in 1994 to 83% in 2021.”

The report also says that in states with less restrictive laws governing firearms carry, “a larger proportion of handgun owners carried handguns.” In those less restrictive states, about one-third of handgun owners say they carried sidearms during the past month, while in the more restrictive states, the percentage drops to “about one-fifth” or roughly 20 percent.

Coincidentally, the UW’s home state has shown remarkable growth in the number of people licensed to carry, as previously reported. Ammoland News checked historical data from the Washington Department of Licensing which

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shows on Jan. 2, 2015, the state had 478,584 active concealed pistol licenses. By the end of 2019, the agency reported 646,344 active CPLs. As reported recently, the state reported 694,904 active licenses at the end of October.

In Washington, roughly 25-28 percent of people with CPLs are women (depending upon the county), and according to the CPRC report, nationally women make up 29.2 percent of permit holders in the 15 states that provide data by gender. This is a slight increase from 28.3 percent reported last year. In seven states with data from 2012 to 2021, the number of permits/licenses grew 115 percent faster for women than for men.

The UW report notes, "These trends have been accompanied by a loosening of state laws governing who can carry handguns in public places."

According to a message from Kim Eckart, assistant director/public information officer for social sciences, University of Washington News, "Researchers say their findings are important in light of a Supreme Court ruling in June that struck down a New York state handgun-carrying law."

BREAKING: ATF Publishes Brace Rule Final Text – ATF2021R-08F

By Keith Finch – Editor, gatdaily.com

The Good News.

Free Tax Stamps.

Yes, the \$200 NFA tax for SBRs and SBSs is being waved for braced firearms going onto the NFA registry. I intend to hit that button like it's my primary attack in Diablo III until I'm out of things to hit.

It also doesn't ban braces. It grades firearms with braces on them.

The Bad News.

This thing is convoluted. Even the 5-paragraph summary is vexing. It uses the 'points' system that we wrote about way back when to evaluate whether a firearm is Title I or Title II.

The Hilarious.

In the text, the ATF claims that the 'affected' are about 1.4 million people. Just... just think about how wrong that is and laugh. Try 10 times that many and I'd believe you're in the ballpark.

Also, if this rule gets the big smackdown like the bumpstock rule did in 5th Circuit all it accomplished was giving away millions of free tax stamps. I'm okay with that outcome because that's potentially \$2.8 Billion the ATF doesn't get out of us.

The Ugly.

This rule, once it hits the registry, will have a 120 period to submit your guns into the NFA before they become subject to grading and potentially a felony charge. How many people won't get the notice? How many people won't know the perfectly legal gun they got a few years back is now a felony? Who's going to get swept up and charged under this law, and we can only call it a law because none of this actually exists in the NFA or GCA texts. That is also the most likely reason this gets the big ban hammer in court like 5th did for bumpstocks, this whole novel is a big stretch on ATF's authority. But the administration demanded this of the ATF instead of Congress whose job this actually is.

But who gets run through in the meantime?

Keep an eye on the Registry. The clock will officially start when it hits print there.

The Unknown. I don't know for certain, but it sounds like eForms will accept amnesty applications starting today. That would've been the smart play. But I DON'T KNOW that it is. I would wait, personally, until the final rule is published in registry so that the dates all line up and they can't get you on a technicality and charge the \$200 instead of the waived amount.

You might be fine, but timelines matching is a thing. Especially in legal documents.

"It is an ancient truth that freedom cannot be legislated into existence, so it is no less obvious that freedom cannot be censored into existence. And any who act as if freedom's defenses are found in suppression and suspicion and fear confess a doctrine that is alien to America."

—Dwight D. Eisenhower

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Can you shoot someone in self-defense inside your house in Missouri?

Twenty states have castle doctrines while even more have stand-your-ground laws, but what constitutes legal self-defense can still vary across these states.

For Missouri, both the castle doctrine and the stand-your-ground law say the law permits protecting oneself (or a third party, with exceptions) with deadly force should a person feel it is necessary.

This “necessary” part, however, is often not made clear and warrants a breakdown of the terminology.

Missouri Castle Doctrine Law

The “castle doctrine” is not a defined law that can be invoked, but rather a set of principles that may be incorporated into the defense of one’s self while on owned or leased property, as well as the defense of said property (e.g. vehicles, the home itself) or third parties (family) also present at the time of the threat.

Simply shooting a trespasser on your property can lead to criminal charges since not all trespassers are violent; the resident must be faced with a threat first. According to Missouri Revised Statutes 563.031:

[Protective] force is used against a person who unlawfully enters, remains after unlawfully entering, or attempts to unlawfully enter a dwelling, residence, or vehicle lawfully occupied by such person.

Castle doctrine does protect guests at a home where a break-in occurs, should they act with deadly force. But if a break-in occurs at a residence where you were not invited, you cannot use deadly force against that trespasser under castle doctrine.

Missouri Stand-Your-Ground Law

“Stand-your-ground” laws roughly define how an individual can defend themselves when faced with an imminent threat anywhere else; imminent being a keyword here because even threatening words towards a defending person can lead to a justified homicide.

But words made days or weeks ago cannot be acted upon in a self-defense manner.

Stand-your-ground states do not require the defending actor to retreat or remove themselves from the situation prior to applying defensive force. In contrast, some states like Arkansas, have a “duty to retreat” first while in public before defending.

Recent Developments

Last February, Senate Bill 666, sponsored by US Rep. Eric Burlison, would have strengthened Missouri’s stand-your-ground law by essentially giving shooters acting in self-defense the benefit of the doubt, thereby flipping the burden of proof and forcing police to have probable cause before arresting them.

The bill was heavily criticized by law enforcement and other lawmakers who eventually dubbed it the “Make Murder Legal Act.” It would die in the Transportation, Infrastructure and Public Safety Committee in a 4-3 vote.

Nebraska: Hearing for Constitutional Carry

On Thursday, January 26th, the Judiciary Committee will hear Legislative Bill 77, the constitutional carry bill. Please click [here](#) to submit comments in favor of LB 77. [Legislative Bill 77](#) recognizes that a law-abiding adult who is already legally allowed to carry a concealed firearm, can do so without obtaining government permission. This ensures that citizens have the right to self-defense without government fees, red tape, or delays. Additionally, this legislation maintains the existing concealed handgun license system, so citizens who still wish to obtain a permit may do so.

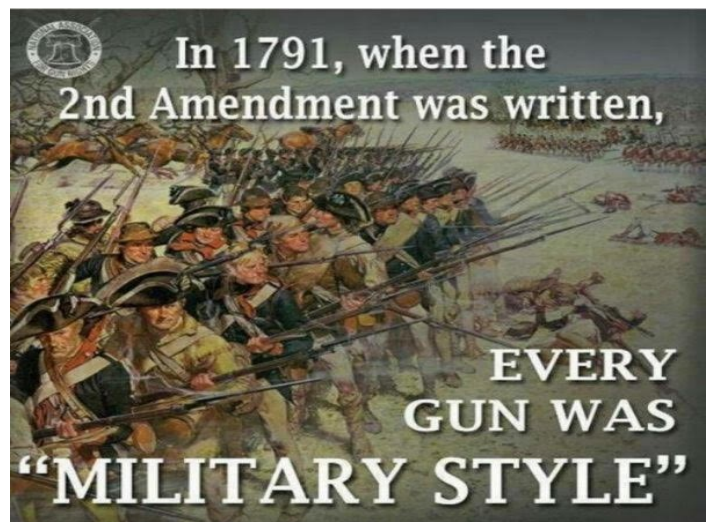
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Rep. Matt Gaetz Introduces Legislation to 'Abolish the ATF'

Rep. Matt Gaetz (R) introduced legislation this week to abolish the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF). His legislation, the Abolish the ATF Act, was introduced in response to the ATF's recent rule targeting AR pistol stabilizer braces. Breitbart News reported that the ATF announced the finalization of its stabilizer brace rule on January 13, 2023.

The ATF noted:

This rule is effective the date it is published in the Federal Register. Any weapons with "stabilizing braces" or similar attachments that constitute rifles under the NFA must be registered no later than 120 days after date of publication in the Federal Register; or the short barrel removed and a 16-inch or longer rifle barrel attached to the firearm; or permanently remove and dispose of, or alter, the "stabilizing brace" such that it cannot be reattached; or the firearm is turned in to your local ATF office. Or the firearm is destroyed.

Breitbart News noted that the ATF's rule means the registration of millions of firearms.

At the low end of the spectrum, NPR notes, "Officials estimated about 3 million stabilizing braces are currently in circulation in the U.S." At the higher end of the spectrum, the Congressional Research Service suggested there were already "between 10 and 40 million" stabilizer braces by April 19, 2021.

In announcing his legislation, Gaetz responded to the ATF, saying: "House Republicans have the ATF in our crosshairs. The continued existence of the ATF is increasingly unwarranted based on their repeated actions to convert law-abiding citizens into felons. They must be stopped. My bill today would abolish the ATF once and for all,"

Gaetz told FOX News, "My bill would abolish the ATF. If that doesn't work, we're going to try defunding the ATF. If that doesn't work, we're going to target the individual bureaucrats at the top of the ATF who have exceeded their authority in rulemaking. And if that doesn't work, we're going to take a meat cleaver to the statutes that the ATF believes broadly authorize their actions."

Gun Laws Have Disproportionate Impact on Black Communities

The Second Amendment guarantees our right to bear arms. And if you look at the lives that are taken by gun violence, it's a very minuscule percentage that are taken by these so-called weapons of war, which are not weapons of war. These are not weapons that the military uses. People actually use AR 15s for hunting. There's a lot of people who do. There's a lot of people who use it for home defense. And you have the right to have that. And to me, this whole assault weapon hysteria is just a precursor to putting restrictions on the more commonly used guns that are actually used in gun violence: handguns. There's no good reason to deprive responsible law-abiding citizens of the right to bear these arms.

The very roots of the gun control movement in America were designed to disarm black people as slaves even as they became freedmen, because they would use these to protect themselves from external racist threats. So as time went on, they had to change the nature of these laws because you can't pass laws saying we don't want black people owning guns, but now they do it in a way that's a lot more subtle. And I'm not necessarily talking about assault weapons bans, although that could classify. But if you take the Supreme Court's decision in Bruen for instance, and the measures that California, New York, and New Jersey are passing to get around that ruling, what they're doing is making it much harder for black Americans to legally get firearms to protect themselves. It has a disproportionate impact on black communities.

And by the way, when we're talking about this homicide wave that happened over the past three years, who was disproportionately the victims of that? That would be black Americans. And despite a lot of these laws, gun ownership in the black community has been going up, because black people recognize that the government's not going to be there to save them, it's not going to protect them, and that they need to be able to defend themselves. But when you have these licensing schemes that have exorbitant fees just to get a license to carry, and all these taxes that they pile along with all of these requirements which cost more money, then you basically have to be a middle class or upper class white person to be able to legally own a firearm, which puts a lot of black people in a position where they have to carry anyway in violation of the law, which further exposes them to being arrested and sent to jail. The vast majority of gun violence is committed by people who obtain their guns illegally outside of the law. These aren't gang members who went to the local gun store, went through the background check, got a gun, and then went out and shot somebody. These are people who got them illegally. So, when you restrict black gun ownership or try to curtail it, you're leaving black people a lot more vulnerable. To me, it's absurd. You're actually making people more vulnerable to the people who don't follow the law.



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WITNESS SHOTS AND KILLS ROBBERY SUSPECT

The St. Charles Police Department says a 26-year-old man from St. Louis City on a violent crime spree was shot and killed by another man who was witnessing an armed robbery in progress.

Police say the crime spree began around 3 a.m. Saturday morning with an armed robbery at Mobile On The Run. The suspect held a knife to the 43-year-old female clerk's throat while she opened the cash register. The suspect then pushed her to the floor, stole the money from the register, and then dragged her to the back of the store asking where the safe was.

The clerk wasn't able to access the safe and the suspect dragged her back to the front counter where she opened a second register in attempt to stop the assault on her. After going through the second register the suspect fled the store in a black SUV. The clerk suffered lacerations from the knife to her left wrist, right hand, and neck. She was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

While police officers were on the way to that armed robbery at the Mobile On The Run, a call for an alarm sounding at Mid-Town Phillips 66 came in around 3:15 a.m. When officers arrived, they found broken glass indicating a burglary had just taken place.

As officers were investigating that burglary, another report of an armed robbery came in just a few minutes later, at 3:20 a.m. at the QuikTrip. There was a report of shots fired. When officers arrived, they found the suspect had been shot by a citizen during the armed robbery. The suspect was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The witness who shot the suspect told police he had stopped at QuikTrip, used the restroom and made a purchase. The witness was walking back to his vehicle parked in front of the store when he saw a black SUV drive into the parking lot abruptly and stop directly in front of the door without pulling into a parking space.

The witness saw the suspect who was carrying a backpack run into the QuikTrip and turn toward the coffee pot area where the 26-year-old female clerk was standing. The suspect dragged the clerk toward the front counter while she was screaming. The witness saw the suspect holding a knife to her throat.

The witness retrieved his 9mm handgun, entered the store and confronted the suspect. The suspect grabbed his backpack and told the witness, "I have something for you." The suspect then came from around the counter and approached the witness who then fired several times at the suspect. The suspect fell to the floor. The witness and clerk were not harmed, and both called 911.


Investigators have determined that the suspect SUV, had been reported stolen in an armed robbery on July 15 from the 13500 block of Riverport in Maryland Heights. Items believed to have been stolen from the burglary at Mid-Town Phillips 66 were found inside the SUV.

The suspect's identity is not being released at this time.

Most Illinois Sheriffs Say They Won't Enforce New Assault-Weapons Ban

Governor says he is confident the law, which also faces court challenges, will pass constitutional muster.

The protest appears to be more widespread than moves by sheriffs in several other states that have passed restrictive new gun laws in recent years. The Illinois sheriffs assert their objections to the law on Second Amendment grounds but say their refusal to enforce the measure applies only to cases where individuals aren't accused of another crime.



One man with conviction will
overwhelm a hundred who have only
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