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Dear Subscriber,

Democrat Senators in Congress are exploiting the deaths of nine people at a black church in Charleston, South Carolina with empty threats for more gun control laws. 21-year-old **DYLANN ROOF** has been charged with 9 counts of murder in the case, but Senate Minority Leader **HARRY REID** (D., Nev.) and Sen. **CHUCK SCHUMER** (D-N.Y.) are pushing gun control ideas unrelated to the **ROOF** murders.

REID threatens a vague background-check amendment to some future, unspecified legislation, "even though we may not be able to win that vote," and SCHUMER vows background checks "to weed out mentally ill individuals," and at gun shows, and cracking down on the flow of guns from the South to cities in the Northeast. None of that would have stopped ROOF.

**AT THE
FEDERAL
LEVEL**

REID and SCHUMER took their lead from PRESIDENT OBAMA, who earlier said the ROOF murders were "senseless" and spoke with frustration at the level of gun criminals in the U.S., concluding policymakers must act sooner or later. And do what?

OBAMA tried to ban so-called "assault weapons," he hoped to limit the size of magazines; and wanted to force all the states to require background checks when a firearm is privately transferred (except to a family member - a son used his mother's guns to do the Sandy Hook murders). None of that would have stopped ROOF.

Politicians try to ban guns because their law enforcement officers can't predict or prevent mass shootings. Even a total ban on gun ownership wouldn't work because murderers don't obey laws and determined killers would build their own guns.

Democratic presidential candidate HILLARY CLINTON echoed her party pals, vowing to keep fighting for "common sense" gun control and delivered a blistering indictment of racism in the ROOF murder. Speaking at the Conference of Mayors in San Francisco, CLINTON said America needs to find a way to keep guns out of the hands of those that would do their neighbors harm, but she didn't say how. There's no way to know. All the background checks and magazine bans and smart gun gimmicks wouldn't stop shootings like ROOFS. An armed citizenry would be more effective.

U.S. Rep. CAROLYN MALONEY, D-N.Y., has introduced a bill that would force gun owners to have liability insurance or face fines of up to \$10,000. She said the Firearms Risk Protection Act would curb so-called "gun violence," much like car insurance has lowered vehicle fatalities, because gun owners would be more careful.

ALAN GOTTLIEB, founder and executive vice president of the Second Amendment Foundation, said this isn't the first time this idea has been floated. "From time to time this proposal has been floated in various states," he said. "Sometimes it has been supported by insurance company lobbyists as they could profit from the premiums."

But the real intent is to make gun ownership more cost prohibitive for more people, GOTTLIEB said. "This is just one more infringement on Second Amendment rights that the gun prohibition lobby is pushing to make gun ownership more expensive so that less people can exercise their constitutional civil rights," he said.

The National Shooting Sports Foundation, trade association for the firearms industry, has warned of a Democrat attack on gun rights: U.S. Senators CHRIS MURPHY and RICHARD BLUMENTHAL, both of Connecticut, along with Congressman CHRIS VAN HOLLEN (D-MD) and Congresswoman ELIZABETH ESTY (D-CT) introduced legislation that would require prospective handgun buyers to pass a test and submit to fingerprinting and a background check in order to acquire a license just to have the opportunity exercise their Second Amendment rights.

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More than a dozen House Democrats have introduced legislation that would **ban people from carrying loaded guns at airports**, except for law enforcement officers and Homeland Security employees. **Everyone else could still carry a gun**, but only if they are **unloaded and locked up in clearly marked, locked cases**, according to Rep. **HANK JOHNSON**, D-Ga., the bill's sponsor.

"**Airports are the gateway** to commerce throughout the world and the front door to the communities they connect for millions of passengers who visit the United States each year," Johnson said. "**It defies logic that we would allow anyone other than law enforcement officials to carry a loaded gun within an airport.**"

The bill has no chance of coming to a vote.

Democrats are looking to place new restrictions on who can use handguns.

The Handgun Trigger Safety Act introduced by Sen. **Edward Markey (D-Mass.)** and Rep. **Carolyn Maloney (D-N.Y.)** aims to block criminals and children from using guns that do not belong to them. Gun dealers would be required to **install smart gun technology that fires only if it recognizes the shooter.**

Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms **Chairman Alan Gottlieb** said, "This is nothing more than backdoor handgun ban. **They know that reliable technology doesn't exist.**"

The lawmakers also introduced a **second bill that would provide \$10 million annually** for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to **research gun violence prevention and firearms safety**, politicizing CDC scientists into **corrupt give-them-what-they-want yes-men** to save their advancement and **even their jobs.**

The **OBAMA** administration's **controversial bullet ban** is coming under fire again from congressional Republicans. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) would be **prohibited from using government funds to ban certain armor-piercing ammunition** under a provision in the agency's spending bill. Rep. **RICHARD HUDSON (R-N.C.)**, who introduced the amendment to block future bullet bans, warned the ATF to keep its "hands off our guns."

Rep. **ROB BISHOP (R-Utah)** introduced the **Lawful Purpose and Self Defense Act**, H.R. 2710, which is probably **the biggest piece of pro-gun legislation introduced in the past 30 years.** It replaces the National Firearms Act's **'sporting purposes'** language with **'lawful purpose'**, a move that will remove the ATF's ability to **arbitrarily reclassify rifle rounds as armor piercing** and will ensure that shotguns and large caliber rifles aren't labeled "explosive devices."

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms announced its support for **BISHOP's** legislation. "There is no 'sporting purpose' stipulation in the Second Amendment," said **CCRKBA Chairman ALAN GOTTLIEB**, "and there should not be one in federal law. The right to keep and bear arms is not just about hunting or target shooting. **It is time for this restrictive language to be replaced.**"

In a significant victory for Second Amendment rights, the House voted to let **non-violent felons win back their gun rights.** Citing a grandfather who as a college student became a felon for writing a bad rent check, Colorado Republican Rep. **KEN BUCK** said that nonviolent ex-felons should be able to apply to restore their gun rights. "**America is a land of second chances. One mistake should not define your future,**" he said.

For years, **ex-felons have been allowed to ask the ATF to restore their gun ownership rights.** But a 23-year-old provision authored by Democratic New York Sen. **CHUCK SCHUMER** has blocked appropriations for the agency to investigate the applications, **thus killing the process.**

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GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **West Deptford, New Jersey:** A New Jersey Senate president doused a group of gun rights protesters with sprinklers after they gathered outside his home and refused to leave, the demonstrators said. About 30 members of advocacy group New Jersey Second Amendment Society confronted State Senate President Stephen Sweeney at his West Deptford home, pressuring the lawmaker to ease the state's strict gun control laws. "We were peacefully protesting – no chanting, no screaming, no megaphones. We were just holding signs," the society's president Alexander Roubian told the Daily News.

● **Washington, D.C:** U.S. President Ronald Reagan carried a .38 caliber revolver with him at all times while he was in office, according to novelist Brad Meltzer. On a personal tour of Secret Service headquarters, agents took him into a small museum they have on the premises. They were talking about Reagan and the day he was shot. Then one of the agents offered this secret: When Reagan was President, he carried his own gun. "It's true," they said, "a .38. Reagan used to hide it in his briefcase and take it on Air Force One." Meltzer concluded that if he were alive today, President Reagan would be a firm supporter of national concealed carry reciprocity.

● **Asbury Park, New Jersey:** Rasmussen Reports found that an overwhelming majority of American voters "prefer living in a neighborhood where they have the option of owning a gun than to live where nobody is allowed to be armed." The report also notes that more voters believe President Barack Obama is "less faithful to the Constitution" about Obamacare, because he acted outside the Constitution by circumventing Congress."

● **Houston, Texas:** A former Obama pilot told the *New York Daily News*, "Give all pilots guns if you truly want to safeguard against terrorism or hijacking." He also said the TSA is utterly inept, detaining innocent people whose names were wrongly on a no-fly list and worse, failing to detect and stop "underwear bomber" Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab from boarding and trying to blow up a Northwest Airlines flight over Detroit on Christmas Day in 2009. Arm all pilots and the skies will be a lot more friendly.

● **New York City:** New York City has Michael Bloomberg's favorite gun control measure in place and is facing a crime epidemic that includes a "nearly" 20 percent increase in homicides. The strict gun controls in New York are no hindrance to criminals. Those controls—enacted in the January 2013 SAFE Act—include an "assault weapons" ban, a gun registration scheme, a "high capacity" magazine ban, and expanded background checks, among other things. So, what has the non-stop push for gun control correlated with for the citizens of NYC? Currently, a spike in "violent crime"—reported by ABC News 7—and a near 20 percent increase in homicides. Yet Bloomberg's gun control groups continue to tell politicians around the country that expanding background checks reduces crime.

● **Atlanta, Georgia:** Just three weeks after United Parcel Service reiterated its policy against accepting National Firearm Act-compliant suppressors for shipment, the company has reversed its course. In mid-May UPS, commonly also referred to as Brown, became aware of a shipper who was attempting to use the service to transport suppressors. At the time, the company – the largest shipping firm in the world – pointed to its long-standing policy to not accept the devices even for shipment between dealers unless the shipper was specially approved. This set off a flurry of negotiations with industry groups to try to come to an accommodation on the devices, which are at an all-time high in popularity and are now legal for civilians to own in 40 states. Now, the shipper has officially changed its mind and will accept the items.

● **North Brunswick, New Jersey:** Steffon Josey-Davis was in bed when his lawyer called with the news he's long been hoping for: Governor Chris Christie had pardoned him on the gun charge that kept him from his dream of being a police officer, a legal gun in an illegal place, his car. "It saved my life," Josey-Davis said. "If it wasn't for Governor Christie, I wouldn't be where I am today." With Christie's pardon, Josey-Davis, 24, is already back on his quest to become a police officer.

U.S. SUPREME COURT REJECTS CHALLENGE TO SAN FRANCISCO GUN CONTROL LAWS

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear an appeal against two San Francisco gun control laws, one that requires handguns be kept locked in a box, or disabled by trigger locks, when not being carried by the owner, the other that bans the sale of ammunition that expands on impact, or hollow-point bullets. The laws had been upheld by the liberal U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Two justices, Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia, voted to review the case. Four of the nine must agree to hear a case. In a six-page dissent, Thomas, joined by Scalia, wrote that guns should be handy when people are "most vulnerable" - "sleeping, bathing, changing clothes or otherwise disposed." Both justices warned that the San Francisco gun laws are "in serious tension with Heller" and that the prior court rulings had "failed to protect" the Second Amendment.

COURT REVIVES SAF CHALLENGE TO GUN SALES BAN TO AMERICANS VISITING FROM ABROAD

A federal appeals court revived a Second Amendment Foundation lawsuit challenging a U.S. government policy that prevents American citizens who live abroad from buying guns when they visit the United States. A three-judge panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, by a 2-1 vote, threw out a federal district judge's ruling that had rejected the challenge.

IN THE COURTS

The appeals court ordered that the case now go to trial. At issue are provisions of U.S. law that prevent gun sales to people who do not live in the state where the sale takes place, as is the case with people who reside in another country. The law does allow dealers to lend or rent firearms for sporting purposes. Plaintiff Stephen Dearth, an American citizen living in Canada, said the rule infringes his Second Amendment rights.

FEDERAL COURT DISMISSES CHALLENGE TO KANSAS GUN LAW

A federal judge has rejected a challenge to a Kansas law that makes it a felony for U.S. government workers to regulate guns and ammunition made, sold and kept only in the state, ruling that the gun control group that filed the suit failed to prove its members are directly harmed by the law.

U.S. District Judge Julie Robinson ruled the federal court lacks jurisdiction to consider the merits of the lawsuit because the Washington-based Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence didn't show the state's enforcement of the law inflicts on actual or imminent injury to any of its members. In her 25-page ruling, Robinson granted the state's motion to entirely dismiss the case without prejudice, meaning it could be refiled. Kansas Attorney General Derek Schmidt's office issued a news release saying the statute will remain in force.

BRADY CENTER ORDERED TO PAY LICENSED GUN SELLERS' ATTORNEY'S FEES

The United States District Court for the District of Colorado has ordered the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence to pay more than \$200,000 in attorney's fees and costs to several Internet-based licensed gun sellers because the gun control organization wrongly sought to hold the sellers liable for the Aurora movie theater shootings. Senior District Judge Richard P. Matsch wrote: "It is apparent that this case was filed to pursue the political purposes of the Brady Center and, given the failure to present any cognizable legal claim, appears to be more of an opportunity to propagandize the public and stigmatize the defendants than to obtain a court order which counsel should have known would be outside the authority of this court." Judge Matsch ordered the Brady Center to pay the various wronged gun sellers a total of more than \$200,000.

CAN COPS CONFRONT OPEN-CARRY ADVOCATES? COURTS SAY YES

When a man with a firearm strapped to his leg, dressed in camouflage, and singing to himself began walking in front of a Grand Rapids church one Sunday morning, an alarmed churchgoer called 911. When police arrived, they took the man's gun and briefly handcuffed him while they questioned him. The man, Johann Deffert, an "open carry" advocate, then sued police for violating his constitutional rights. A federal judge disagreed, saying the police were justified in following up on the 911 call and "using swift action to determine whether plaintiff's behavior gave rise to a need to protect or preserve life ... in the neighborhood."

ELEVENTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS WON'T LIFT FIREARMS BAN AT LAKE

A federal appellate panel in Atlanta has upheld a district court judge who refused to force the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to lift its firearms ban at Lake Allatoona and other Corps-managed properties. In an opinion, U.S. Circuit Judge Stanley Marcus rejected the claim by plaintiffs GeorgiaCarry.org and David James that the regulation "completely destroys their Second Amendment rights." Judge Marcus said, "The plaintiffs can freely exercise their right to bear arms for self-defense elsewhere, whether in the home or on the streets, without running afoul of this regulation." The plaintiffs' presence at Allatoona was voluntary.

SAF FILES NOTICE OF APPEAL IN CHALLENGE TO WASHINGTON GUN CONTROL LAW

The Second Amendment Foundation has filed notice of appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of a district court ruling based on a lack of standing because no plaintiffs have been charged or prosecuted under the new law. SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb, said, "Citizens should not have to actually be criminally prosecuted in order to challenge the constitutionality of a poorly-written law."

IN THE COURTS

U.S. APPEALS COURT SAYS NO GUNS ON POST OFFICE PROPERTY

By a 2-1 vote, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said a U.S. Postal Service regulation banning firearms on postal property is constitutional, and reversed a lower court ruling that would have let people keep weapons in their car. Licensed gun owner Tab Bonidy said the restrictions violated his Second Amendment rights. Circuit Judge David Ebel said the right to carry firearms does not apply to federal buildings, and "The security of the postal building itself is integrally related to the security of the parking lot adjacent to it."

SAF LAUDS PUERTO RICO COURT VICTORY FOR GUN RIGHTS

A surprising victory for gun rights in Puerto Rico has eliminated the firearms registry and licensing requirements to purchase and carry in the Commonwealth, according to Sandra Barreras with Ladies of the Second Amendment (LSA), the group that brought the lawsuit. "LSA is affiliated with SAF through the International Association for the Protection of Civilian Arms Rights," noted SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan M. Gottlieb. He said the lawsuit was brought in a Puerto Rican Commonwealth court, rather than a federal court. Puerto Rico is a U.S. territory and thus is subject to federal court jurisdiction.

PENNSYLVANIA FIREARMS PREEMPTION STATUTE OVERTURNED BY COURT

A 2014 Pennsylvania law, Act 192, which allows third parties to sue municipalities over local gun codes stronger than the state's was overturned 7-0 by the Commonwealth Court as being unconstitutional. Second Amendment groups had launched a volley of lawsuits against municipalities whose ordinances violated the new law, which were rendered moot unless Act 192 survives on appeal. However, State Attorney Gen. Kathleen Kane announced she would not defend it in any appeal.

SAF BRIEF TO PROTECT RIGHTS OF SHOOTING RANGE OWNERS ACCEPTED BY HIGH COURT

The North Carolina Supreme Court accepted an amicus brief from the Second Amendment Foundation, authored by Camden R. Webb, in Byrd v. Franklin County that challenges the ability of a county ordinance to completely prohibit the construction and operation of shooting ranges. The North Carolina Court of Appeals interpreted county law to prohibit entirely the development of shooting ranges. The amicus curiae brief filed by Williams Mullen challenges that interpretation on Second Amendment grounds.

COURT RULES THAT MAN WAS PROPERLY DENIED GUN PERMITS DUE TO WIFE'S RECORD

A state appellate court has ruled that a southern New Jersey man cannot buy guns because his wife is a convicted felon who's been accused of domestic violence. In their ruling, the two-judge panel found that the guns' presence in the man's home would give his wife greater access to firearms, creating an unacceptable threat to public health, safety and welfare. They said the man's Constitutional right to own weapons was "subject to reasonable limitations." The ruling upheld decisions made by a state Superior Court judge and the police chief in the Burlington County town where the man lives.

ALABAMA GOVERNOR BENTLEY SIGNS COMPREHENSIVE PRO-GUN LEGISLATION

A few hours after the Alabama Senate adjourned for the 2015 regular legislative session, Gov. Robert Bentley received and promptly signed House Bill 47, comprehensive pro-gun legislation. House Bill 47 was sponsored by Rep. Chris England (D), and represents one of the most significant and thoughtful pieces of pro-gun reform to affect the Yellowhammer State. This bill amends Alabama's restrictive minor possession of pistols law; repeals Alabama's duplicative and unnecessary pistol registration requirement; narrows a prohibited facility's authority to ban firearms outside of the building; and creates avenues for federally prohibited persons to seek restoration of firearm rights. These reforms take effect on September 1, 2015.

FLORIDA GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT SIGNS GUN CLUB TAX PROHIBITION

Florida Governor Rick Scott wasted no time and signed the Tax Cut bill as soon as it hit his desk. The Gun Club Tax prohibition was inserted by Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Shalimar) to expressly prohibit the Florida Department of Revenue (DOR) from forcing Gun Clubs to pay sales taxes on membership dues and fees and to stop DOR from activity that threatens to shut down Gun Club shooting ranges. The DOR created the tax on Gun Clubs without legislative authority, and Lt. Governor Jeff Kottkamp wrote the Director of DOR warning that the tax was unlawful and asked DOR to stop imposing it - and was ignored. The Tax Cut Bill solves that.

IN THE STATES

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR RAUNER URGED TO SIGN GUN REGULATION REFORMS

The Illinois State Rifle Association congratulated the Illinois General Assembly for its efforts in passing SB836 - a bill to reform two very important Illinois firearm regulations. SB836 clarifies a number of provisions of both the Illinois Firearm Concealed Carry Act and the Illinois Firearm Owner Identification (FOID) Act. The sweeping changes brought by SB836 will make both acts easier for citizens to understand and will remove enforcement hindrances to ensure fair and consistent application of the law. "Passage of SB836 is a big step forward for Illinois," commented ISRA Executive Director, Richard Pearson in a news release. "SB836 will make it easier for a citizen to freely practice his or her right to self-defense with a clear understanding of the law."

BILL EASING GUN LAWS HEADS TO KANSAS GOVERNOR

The Kansas Legislature has approved a gun bill benefiting ex-juvenile offenders and gun dealers. The bill allows people who committed felony-level crimes as juveniles to qualify to carry concealed weapons and obtain concealed-carry permits. Those ex-offenders are banned for life from carrying concealed guns under current law; and it limits the authority of city and county governments to regulate federally licensed gun dealers in their communities, prohibiting municipalities from requiring gun sellers to have a local business license or using zoning authority to ban home-based gun businesses. The bill passed the House 96-14 and now goes to the governor's desk.

MAINE LAWMAKERS SAY THE SECOND AMENDMENT IS YOUR CARRY PERMIT

The Maine House joined with the Senate and passed LD 652, legislation which abolishes the concealed carry permit requirement in the state. The measure passed the House Monday by a vote of 83 to 62 after passing the Senate by a vote of 23-12. According to the Portland Press Herald, LD 652 would leave the permitting process in place for those who want one for the purposes of concealed carry reciprocity, but it would be eliminated as a prerequisite for carrying. Maine already has open carry without a permit, but LD 652 guarantees residents would not be criminalized when a jacket or other piece of clothing covered their gun.

VICTORY FOR GUN RIGHTS IN NEVADA

Nevada Governor Brian Sandoval signed into law legislation that dramatically improves Nevada's gun laws by ensuring consistency across the state. This historic legislation ends the antiquated "blue card" system in Clark County, expands recognition of out-of-state permits, improves self-defense laws by expanding the Castle Doctrine to vehicles and provides civil liability protection when justified force is used. The signing of Senate Bill 175 is a considerable victory for Nevada's gun owners because the law is now squarely on the side of victims instead of criminals.

CONSTITUTIONAL CARRY LEGISLATION SENT TO NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR

The New Hampshire state Senate voted concurrence on "Constitutional/Permitless Carry" reform legislation, Senate Bill 116 (R-Bradley) and sent it to Governor Maggie Hassan for her signature. The bill would allow all New Hampshire residents who are not otherwise prohibited by law from possessing a firearm the right to carry concealed without obtaining a concealed firearm license. It would also leave the current carry permitting system intact for those who wish to participate in reciprocal concealed carry permit agreements when traveling to other states. State Police would be required to enter into reciprocity agreements with other states to recognize their licenses.

GOVERNOR CHRISTIE ANNOUNCES CHANGE TO NEW JERSEY GUN POLICY

Gov. Chris Christie announced a change to state firearm policy on an issue that has been riling gun rights activists: slow processing of gun permits for victims of domestic violence. Then came the tragic June 3 death of 39-year-old Berlin Township woman Carol Bowne, a victim of domestic violence. Christie then announced that acting state Attorney General John Hoffman would file a new regulation to require applications for gun permits for victims of domestic violence, other violent crimes or "those living under a direct or material threat" be processed "quickly and without delay." Those circumstances would also expedite carry permits.

IN THE STATES

NEW YORK SAFE ACT REFORM LEGISLATION ADVANCES IN THE SENATE

New York Senate Bill 5837, sponsored by state Senator James Seward, passed the New York State Senate on a 35-26 vote and has now been delivered to the Assembly Codes Committee. This legislation would strike the penal code section dealing with the ammunition database, effectively scrapping the ammunition background check system. S.5837 would also make administrative changes which provide for the inheritance of firearms to qualified, direct family members, including legally registered semi-automatic long guns regulated by the SAFE Act. S.5837 also changes the Mental Hygiene Law, requiring notice for persons whose names may be submitted to the NICS database. S.5837 still has to pass the Assembly and be signed by the Governor before becoming law.

OREGON HOUSE PANEL BACKS BILL EASING GUN BACKGROUND CHECKS BILL

An Oregon House committee advanced legislation that eases a bill requiring background checks for private firearm transfers. The House Judiciary Committee approved a measure allowing people to lend firearms to a friend for seven days without having to visit a licensed gun dealer to do a background check. They could instead do a background check by calling the Oregon State Police before lending the gun. The bill amends SB 941, which was approved earlier this year, and requires all gun buyers and sellers who aren't related to visit a licensed gun dealer who can run a background check.

TEXAS GOV. GREG ABBOTT SIGNS 2 GUN BILLS AT SHOOTING RANGE

Gov. Greg Abbott is holding a ceremony at a shooting range outside Austin to sign bills to "expand Second Amendment rights," his office said. That includes the contentious proposals – opposed by Democrats – to allow open carry and campus carry. "Open carry & campus carry will be legalized in Texas with this pen," the Republican wrote on Twitter, showing a picture of a Sharpie with his name on it. There's been little doubt Abbott would OK the gun bills, given that he said in February that he would sign any legislation that "expands Second Amendment rights in Texas." Abbott has said he owns three guns: two pistols and a shotgun.

WISCONSIN GOV. SCOTT WALKER SIGNS BILLS EXTENDING GUN RIGHTS

Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker (R) signed two new laws that expand the rights of gun owners by removing a 48-hour waiting period for those looking to purchase a firearm and allowing off-duty or retired police officers to carry concealed weapons at public schools. Walker signed the two pieces of legislation – Senate bills 35 and 70 – at a ceremony at the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, according to a press release from the governor's office. Laurel Patrick, a spokeswoman for the governor, said this bill-signing was scheduled and announced several days before the church shooting occurred in South Carolina.

Parting Shot

DOES A CORPORATE NO-GUNS POLICY INVITE ROBBERIES?

Uber has banned drivers and passengers from carrying firearms while on Uber rides, reversing course from an earlier policy of allowing guns with proper permits.

The ride-sharing company added the policy to its website prohibiting anyone using the service from possessing "firearms of any kind."

Two weeks later, an Uber driver in Queens, New York was robbed by a man who got in his car, pointed a rifle at him, and demanded his money.

The incident report said the Uber driver stopped for a 22-year-old man "on 67th Ave. and Burns St. in Rego Park just after midnight."

The two negotiated a price then the man got in the car, only to point a rifle at the driver and demand all his money. The driver handed over \$60 and the suspect jumped out of the car and fled.

Slayde Henry, a Florida Domino's Pizza delivery driver, bucked the company's policy which prevents drivers from carrying firearms for self defense and was involved in a defensive gun use incident.

After being approached by two armed individuals demanding money, the driver drew his firearm and opened fire, killing one of the men.

One week later a New Mexico Domino's Pizza delivery driver did something similar.

An armed robber, Gerardo Alvarado, 52, went into an Albuquerque Domino's store and held up the business at gun point.

Alvarado fled the business, and then saw a pizza delivery driver in a car in the parking lot. Not content with the take from the restaurant, he decided to rob the driver.

However, the driver drew his own gun and opened fire. Alvarado was struck and was taken in critical condition to an area hospital.

Police will not file charges against either deliveryman, citing self defense, but both may be fired by wrong-headed Domino's executives.

Had their employees not shot when robbed, what then? Would the company have effectively killed their own workers?

Uber and Dominos need to think things over and find a sane policy, uninfluenced by anti-gun zealots, that allows self defense, a right belonging to every American.

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