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Dear Subscriber,

Sen. **RICHARD BLUMENTHAL** (D-CT) is urging Senate leaders to **reconsider failed tougher gun control and mental health measures** in the wake of 22-year-old **ELLIOT OLIVER ROBERTSON RODGER**'s knife and gun killing of seven people and injury of several more near the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Authorities said **RODGER, who had been under psychiatric care for hatred of women who were not attracted to him**, stabbed three people to death at his apartment before opening fire in the town of Isla Vista. **He died of a self-inflicted gunshot to the head, police said.**

RODGER had posted clear warnings of his planned killings on YouTube, and police visited him but did not detain him.

BLUMENTHAL told CBS's "Face the Nation" that the failed bills include tougher background checks on gun sales and certain mental health initiatives. But he said he would **urge lawmakers to "reconfigure" the bills to focus more on mental health reforms** as the first step in an effort to **bring more Republicans to the table** to find "common ground."

JOHN THUNE (R-SD), who was also on the show, agreed with **BLUMENTHAL** about mental health resources but **did not call for stronger background checks**. A CNN poll has found a majority of the public rejecting calls for new gun laws after Isla Vista.

Sen. **EDWARD MARKEY** (D-MA) and Rep. **CAROLYN MALONEY** (D-NY) introduced a bill to provide \$10 million per year for a term of at least six years for research at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on **ways to reduce gun violence and improve gun safety.**

LAWRENCE KEANE, senior vice president, assistant secretary, and general counsel of the **National Shooting Sports Foundation** said, "The criminal misuse of firearms is a criminal justice issue and should be studied and addressed accordingly. The CDC's time, energy, and budgetary resources should be spent focusing on actual diseases and illness."

Insiders say the **MARKEY-MALONEY** bill has little chance of passing with lawmakers reluctant to give the CDC a mandate to study criminal sociology as if it were disease control.

The U.S. House Appropriations Committee approved the **FY15 Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations bill** with a number of **pro-gun general provisions** and now heads to a floor vote. During mark up of the bill, **several anti-gun amendments were offered and defeated.**

The defeated amendments ranged from **requiring employees of a Federal Firearms Licensee (FFL) to be pre-approved by the U.S. Attorney General**, to a provision allowing the ATF to **compel FFLs to conduct annual physical inventories.**

Rep. **STEVE STOCKMAN** (R-TX) introduced a bill that would **cut off federal funding to states that register gun owners or confiscate any gun from any citizen who may legally bear arms.**

"In states like New York, **gun grabbing politicians are using gun owner registries to hunt down law-abiding gun owners** and demand they surrender their personal firearms," said **STOCKMAN.**

"**My bill ends anti-gun tyranny** by cutting off the funds gun grabbers use to implement their tracking and confiscation schemes."

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**AT THE
FEDERAL
LEVEL**

CALIFORNIA 'GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER' BILL CAUSES UPROAR

A Democrat bill would create a California "gun violence restraining order" to prevent gun ownership or purchase by persons accused of being a danger to themselves or others due to mental problems. A.B. 2014 by Santa Barbara Assemblyman Das Williams and Berkeley Assemblywoman Nancy Skinner would use the same process that restraining orders are granted in cases of domestic violence.

Family members, partners and friends would have the ability to alert law enforcement officers who would then be able to petition a judge to grant a restraining order that could prohibit possession or purchase of a gun.

The bill was a response to the Elliot Rodger stabbing and shooting killings, but did not deal with knife violence. Sam Paredes, executive director of the Gun Owners of California, said that California already has a system in place to prevent mentally ill individuals from accessing weapons: an involuntary psychiatric detention. Police did not use it with Rodgers, but should have, said Paredes.

NEW COLORADO LAW WINS GUN OWNERS RIGHT TO BUY AND SELL OVER STATE LINES

Colorado Senate Bill 135 was signed into law by Democrat Governor John Hickenlooper, enacting a long-overdue alignment with forty-two other states that allow their residents to purchase rifles and shotguns in non-contiguous states, provided the purchase or transfer complies with state and federal law.

The bill was sponsored by state Senator Greg Brophy (R-1), and is an important pro-gun reform which repeals outdated restrictions, providing Colorado residents the freedom to purchase long guns in states beyond their immediate borders.

IN THE STATES

ILLINOIS 'ANTI-GUNNER WISH LIST' BILL INTRODUCED

Illinois Senate Bill 3659, the anti-gunner "wish list" misnamed the "Illinois Public Safety Act," was introduced by notorious anti-gun state Senator Dan Kotowski (D-28), seeking to ban the possession, delivery, sale and purchase of many semi-automatic firearms and accessories, as well as .50 caliber rifles and cartridges unless the items have been previously owned and registered within an arbitrary period of time. SB 3659 would also amend the Firearm Owners Identification Card Act to require background checks for private transfers of firearms, except those between family members, and would restrict magazine limits to those with a capacity of 15 rounds and smaller.

LOUISIANA CONCEALED CARRY LAW EXPANDED

Gov. Bobby Jindal has signed two bills into law that will expand gun rights for Louisiana residents after they received overwhelming support from the state Legislature. The more sweeping of the two gun rights measures will allow people with concealed handgun permits to carry their weapons into restaurants that serve alcohol but make most of their money from food sales. People with concealed handgun permits will be able to go into a restaurant serving alcohol but won't be able to drink alcohol while packing heat.

ENORMOUS GUN CONTROL BILL INTRODUCED IN MASSACHUSETTS

House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo has rolled out a huge gun control bill based largely on the recommendations of a 23-page report he commissioned by the Committee to Reduce Firearm Violence. The bill, "An Act Relative to the Reduction of Gun Violence," reflects an overbroad approach to the issue. It includes 50 sections. Some of them address licensing and reporting: Class B licenses (concealed carrying), for example, would be eliminated by the act. But the bill's most controversial aspects deal with school safety, mental illness and substance abuse, gun storage and gun trafficking. Gun-rights activists point to the state's already harsh laws that haven't reduced crime as evidence that gun control does not work.

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GUN CONTROL BILL PASSES THROUGH MINNESOTA HOUSE AND SENATE

State legislators have added three offenses to the list of felony crimes that would permanently bar someone from possessing guns in Minnesota. Under a bill approved by both houses of the Legislature, people convicted of fifth degree assault, domestic assault or domestic assault by strangulation who are later arrested with firearms can now receive harsh prison sentences. People convicted of crimes of violence are prohibited for life from legally possessing firearms in Minnesota. If caught with guns, they can be sent to prison for up to 15 years.

MISSOURI SENATE SENDS TWO GUN RIGHTS BILLS TO THE HOUSE FOR CONSIDERATION

Missouri lawmakers sent voters a proposed amendment to the state constitution intended to strengthen the right to bear arms. The Senate voted 23-8 to add the bill to the statewide November general election ballot. The amendment would define the right to bear arms as "unalienable" and require the state to defend against any "infringement" of that right. The Senate also passed the "Second Amendment Preservation Act" to declare some federal gun laws null and void in Missouri.

NEW HAMPSHIRE LAWMAKER SAYS WELFARE MONEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO BUY GUNS

A New Hampshire Democrat lawmaker is speaking out against a bill that restricts what people can buy with government entitlement funds, saying booze, tobacco, lottery tickets and even guns should be permitted. The position Timothy Horrigan, (D-Durham), took on the Statehouse floor in Concord, stating that barring purchases of firearms with Electronic Benefits Transfer cards, violates the Second Amendment, put him at odds with some gun control groups and in the same camp as some pro-gun groups that often disagree with him.

IN THE STATES

NEW JERSEY GUN CONTROL BILL HEADS TO GOVERNOR CHRISTIE

The New Jersey state Assembly sent Governor Chris Christie a gun control bill that would limit the capacity of gun ammunition magazines, but it was unclear whether the Republican governor would sign the measure into law. Christie, widely perceived as a possible White House contender in 2016, has a mixed record on gun control and has given no indication of his plans for the measure. The bill, approved in the Assembly by a 44-34 vote, would cut the maximum capacity of gun magazines to 10 from 15.

OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE OVERRIDES GOVERNOR'S VETO OF GUN RIGHTS BILL

The Oklahoma Senate unanimously voted to override Republican Governor Fallin's surprise veto of House Bill 2461. The state House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to override this veto by a bipartisan 86 to 3 vote. Since this veto was overridden by both legislative chambers, HB 2461 has been enacted into law. It will require that a chief law enforcement officer sign an application for the transfer of any item regulated under the National Firearms Act within fifteen days if the applicant is not prohibited by law from receiving it.

PENNSYLVANIA ATTORNEY GENERAL RESCINDS UTAH RECIPROCITY

Attorney General Kathleen Kane has ended Pennsylvania's reciprocity agreement with the State of Utah. The notice of a change is absent on the Attorney General's site, but handgun law.us notes that "Pennsylvania NO Longer Honors Utah." That AG Kane would do this quietly is unconscionable because it makes it far more likely someone is going to end up in prison because they were unaware of the reciprocity change. This isn't the first reciprocity agreement she has revoked. Last year, she rescinded the state's reciprocity agreement with Idaho. In early 2013, she modified the agreement with Florida, but did not give notice to the changes that impacted gun owners until a week after the new agreement went into effect.

VIRGINIA GUN TRANSFER BILL SIGNED WITHOUT ANTI-GUN AMENDMENT

Governor Terry McAuliffe (D) signed Senate Bill 377 into law as originally passed by the General Assembly, which requires gun dealers to destroy all consent forms for transfer of a firearm within two weeks. He did this one month to the day after the Virginia Senate rejected his anti-gun amendment, which would have created a de-facto gun registration scheme for those seeking to sell, trade or transfer their lawfully owned firearms to a gun dealer by requiring that all consent forms for transfer of a firearm determined to not be lost or stolen be kept by the dealer for at least ninety days, with no requirement to ever destroy them.

JUSTICES REJECT NEW CHALLENGE TO CONCEALED-CARRY GUN LAWS

The Supreme Court continued its recent hands-off approach on gun control, refusing to accept a challenge to New Jersey's restrictions on carrying weapons in public. The justices without comment let stand a state law that anyone who wants to possess a handgun outside the home for self defense first prove a "justifiable need" for doing so. Four gun owners in the state, backed by the Second Amendment Foundation and 19 states, argued the measure violated their Second Amendment rights.

The case, Drake vs. Jerejian, presented a big constitutional question: Does the 2nd Amendment guarantee Americans the right to carry handguns outside the home for self-defense? The court was wrong in deciding not to hear the case, knowing there are conflicting rulings in the appellate courts about states' abilities to restrict gun permits. The question left unresolved is how far states can go to regulate the possession of handguns in public.

GUN RIGHTS OF CONVICTED FELONS IN THE LOUISIANA SUPREME COURTS

The Louisiana Supreme Court heard arguments in two challenges to the state's laws restricting gun ownership, this time involving convicted felons who are barred from having firearms. The challenges stem from voters overwhelmingly approving a 2012 constitutional amendment that made gun ownership a "fundamental right," on the same level as freedom of speech. The amendment requires that such laws be held to "strict scrutiny," the highest level of judicial review.

**IN THE
COURTS**

SAF WINS PERMANENT INJUNCTION IN CHALLENGE TO ARKANSAS CCW LAW

The Second Amendment Foundation has won a significant victory on behalf of legal resident aliens in Arkansas, with a federal district court there declaring the state's citizen-only concealed carry licensing law unconstitutional, and granting a permanent injunction against its enforcement on behalf of a man named Martin Pot (pronounced Pote), a citizen of the Netherlands.

CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL KAMALA HARRIS SUED OVER NEW HANDGUN PURCHASE BAN

California's highest law enforcement officer and Department of Justice firearms bureau chief Stephen Lindley, are defendants in a lawsuit brought by plaintiffs Paul Gladden and Alvin Doe - who is using a fictitious name to protect his privacy due to a fear of criminal prosecution and retaliation - and say that "the DOJ's new [handgun] enforcement policy is contrary to the plain language" of the law. The Calguns Foundation and California Association of Federal Firearms Licensees are backing the case.

D.C. CONCEALED-CARRY CASE STILL LANGUISHING FIVE YEARS LATER

When the District of Columbia established a total ban on open and concealed carry in 2009, a federal lawsuit was filed that five years later is still in a holding pattern. The suit, Palmer v District of Columbia, was brought by four plaintiffs in 2009 who were refused firearms permits by the Police Department because they would carry their handguns in public. Backed by the Second Amendment Foundation and helmed by Alan Gura, the attorney in the landmark 2008 Heller case before the Supreme Court, Palmer was heard by the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in 2010.

SOUTH DAKOTA CHALLENGES NEW YORK GUN BAN

South Dakota has joined 21 states in supporting a court challenge to New York's ban on semi-automatic weapons. South Dakota Attorney General Marty Jackley said semi-automatic guns are among the "arms" protected by the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, so the New York ban is unconstitutional. "The federal court's upholding of the gun ban sets a concerning precedent interpreting limitations on Second Amendment including here in South Dakota," said Jackley.

BRADY LAWSUIT AGAINST NJ ATTORNEY GENERAL IS "BACK DOOR GUN BAN," SAYS CCRKBA

A lawsuit filed by the Brady Campaign to force the New Jersey Attorney General to "formally report" the availability of so-called "smart guns" smacks of a back-door gun ban, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said in response. The law says that three years after the attorney general makes his first report on the availability of "personalized handguns" for retail sale, no manufacturer, wholesaler or retailer can sell, assign or otherwise transfer any handgun unless it is a "personalized handgun."

COMM2A WINS SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS CASES

Commonwealth Second Amendment, Inc. (Comm2A) brought a case on behalf of two plaintiffs and won a ruling from U.S. District Court Judge Richard Sterns that has ruled unconstitutional a Massachusetts law barring persons with out of state convictions for simple drug possession from obtaining a license to carry firearms. Judge Sterns ruled that the law infringed upon the plaintiffs' Second Amendment right to possess firearms and the right to maintain proficiency in their use.

JUDGE UPHOLDS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S RESTRICTIVE GUN LAW

U.S. District Judge James E. Boasberg upheld the District's tough gun registration laws, finding that regulations "pass constitutional scrutiny," a ruling likely to be appealed by gun-rights advocates. He ruled he wrote in the 62-page opinion that, "Asking gun owners to take a short class and pass a minor test - once - in order to wield deadly weapons fits the District's interests in public safety and police protection."

IN THE COURTS

WEST VIRGINIA CITY NAMES GUN GROUP IN COMPLAINT

The city of Charleston named the West Virginia Citizens Defense League as a defendant in its request for judicial clarification of a new gun law that allows cities to determine where guns can and can't be carried on municipal properties, but recreation centers aren't considered such places. Why the city named the League was not explained, but it had sued the city over gun ordinances last year.

ARIZONA COURT RULES FOR GUN RIGHTS ACTIVIST

The Arizona Court of Appeals ruled Thursday that the city of Phoenix violated a gun-rights activist's constitutional protections when it removed his bus-stop ads saying "guns save lives." The three-judge panel said in its ruling that the city unconstitutionally applied its transit advertising standards when it denied Alan Korwin's ads for his gun safety training website in 2010. The court's opinion overturns a Maricopa County Superior Court ruling siding with Phoenix.

SAF, FLORIDA CARRY SUE TALLAHASSEE OVER ALLEGED GUN LAW VIOLATION

The Second Amendment Foundation has joined forces with Florida Carry, Inc., filing a lawsuit against the City of Tallahassee alleging the city has refused to amend a local ordinance that conflicts with the Sunshine State's preemption law. SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb said, "Tallahassee has way overstepped its authority under state preemption. The Florida Legislature has exclusive domain over firearms regulation." The lawsuit was filed in the Second Judicial Circuit Court for Leon County.

ROCHESTER, NEW YORK'S GANDER MOUNTAIN VOWS TO VIGOROUSLY DEFEND ITSELF

The families of two volunteer firefighters killed by William Spengler Jr. are suing the store that sold the guns used in the shooting, with the legal involvement of the Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence. The Brady Center argues that Gander Mountain, where the guns were bought, should have spotted a "straw purchase" made for Spengler. Gander Mountain expressed sympathy for the shooting victims and their families, but said the sale met all legal requirements and that the "straw buyer" intentionally deceived the store, and will defend itself vigorously.

NEW JERSEY SUPREME COURT REVERSES ITSELF ON HEARING SECOND AMENDMENT CASE

In the case of Richard Pantano, the New Jersey Supreme Court agreed in July of 2013 to decide whether the state's statutory requirement of "justifiable need" to carry a handgun violates the Second Amendment. However, after the U.S. Supreme Court refused to review the "justifiable need" Drake decision, the state's high court overturned itself, saying that "Certification was improvidently granted" and dismissed the Pantano appeal.

SEATTLE POLICE SUE FOR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

One-tenth of the Seattle Police Department's officers have filed a federal lawsuit against the city and the Department of Justice over the new federally mandated use-of-force policy, arguing that the guidelines violated the Second Amendment, citing their individual right of self-defense consistent with every other citizen, to protect themselves and others from apparent and immediate harm. Interesting point for gun rights advocates to ponder about police officers.

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Washington, D.C.:** The Justice Department's "Operation Choke Point" is so flagrantly illegal it cannot continue in any form under the law, the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Charman Darrell Issa's staff said in a new report: "In light of the Department's obligation to act within the bounds of the law, and its avowed commitment not to 'discourage or inhibit' the lawful conduct of honest merchants, it is necessary to disavow and dismantle Operation Choke Point."

● **Newtown, Connecticut:** The National Shooting Sports Foundation has been investigating the possible role of the federal government in influencing banks to terminate banking relationships, labeling companies in the firearms and ammunition industry as "high risk." NSSF staff has met with members of the House Financial Services Committee and members of the Oversight and Government Reform Committee concerning documents from the FDIC. U.S. Rep. Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO) offered an amendment to the FY15 Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, which would prevent federal funds from being used as part of "Operation Choke Point" or any effort targeting companies involved in the lawful commerce in firearms.

● **Bellevue, Washington:** Responding to Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel's proposal that all firearm buyers in city-approved gun shops be videotaped, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said the mayor should instead start a photographic file of all crooked Illinois politicians instead. "The public might better be served by seeing images of Chicago political elitists involved in illegal activities that have put them behind bars," said CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb. "That would be quite a rogue's gallery and it would include a couple of former governors, an ex-congressman and a list of former Chicago aldermen convicted of all kinds of crimes including bribery, extortion, fraud, embezzlement and income tax evasion."

● **Atlanta, Georgia:** An admittedly unscientific poll on the CNN website asking whether the United States needs stricter gun control laws has drawn a lopsided "no" reaction from visitors to the site. Figures show 68 percent opposition to the question and only 32 percent support for gun laws to be tightened. This may be partly due to the fact that California, where Elliot Rodger's killings occurred, already has some of the toughest gun laws in the nation.

● **Augusta, Georgia:** A new Georgia law gives bars, churches, and schools the right to choose if guns can come in or not, and when one business said no, opponents spoke out. Jennifer Seymour told a TV reporter about T-Bonz steakhouse, "I come up and see a sign on your door that says you don't allow weapons, I'm going to honor your sign, but then I'm also not going to come into your establishment." The restaurant said the sign was meant for irresponsible gun owners, but then realized a sign wouldn't really stop careless carriers, and took the sign down.

● **Durham, North Carolina:** The Pit Authentic Barbecue restaurant posted a "No Guns Allowed" sign and got robbed at gunpoint for its trouble. Police in Durham searched for three men who donned masks and entered through the building's back door near closing time on a Sunday evening. Employees were forced to lie on the floor where two were assaulted while the thugs cleaned out the cash register and got away. At least they didn't steal the "No Guns Allowed" sign.

● **Morristown, New Jersey:** A poll by NJ.com asked website visitors "Should NJ gun owners be allowed to carry in public without having to show urgent need?" The right to carry received an overwhelming Yes vote. The results: 86.67% voted Yes (8,777 votes). 12.9% voted No (1,306 votes). 44 respondents voted "I don't know." Total Votes: 10,127.

● **San Antonio, Texas:** Nick Leghorn's website has an interesting take on a recent Gallup Poll: "People Hate Living in Anti-Gun States, 50% Would Move." That's not what the poll asked, just counted people who would move for any reason, but Leghorn superimposed the Gallup map with states that scored highest on the Brady Campaign's rankings of gun control loyalty and found they also scored the worst in terms of driving the people who live there to leave.

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Boston, Massachusetts:** The giant anti-gun billboard seen by tens of thousands of drivers along the Massachusetts Turnpike every day for nearly two decades is coming down. Real estate developer John Rosenthal, co-founder of the nonprofit group Stop Handgun Violence, put up the billboard in 1995 on the garage he owned. But he sold the garage to the parent company of the Boston Red Sox and under the agreement must remove the billboard.

● **Washington, D.C.:** A Pew Research Center poll has found that the Millennial generation, more specifically voters under 30, are leaning heavily libertarian. They strongly favor gay rights, drug legalization, and oppose affirmative action, and are trending toward gun rights. Support for gun control has also fallen the most among Millennial generation voters than other generations in just the last few years, from 59% in 2009 to 49% this year. The conclusion: Obama has lost his hold on Millennials. Young people oppose gun control.

● **Bellevue, Washington:** Reuters reported that New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie just learned of an \$807 million revenue shortfall for the current fiscal year. April tax collections fell "far short" of expectations, the news agency revealed. "That might not be so if the state were friendlier to firearms businesses and gun owners in general, said Second Amendment Foundation founder and Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb. "Many New Jersey gun owners are moving out of state to start new lives where there are ten amendments in the Bill of Rights. Gun manufacturing companies won't go near the place as they plan their moves from other anti-gun gulags like neighboring New York, because New Jersey lawmakers have made their state just as toxic."

● **Denver, Colorado:** Chipotle corporate headquarters says guns aren't welcome in its restaurants anymore after an incident at a North Texas restaurant. Open carry advocates brought military-looking semi-automatic rifles into a Dallas Chipotle while having a meal after an event elsewhere - it wasn't a demonstration as the media reported it. The group gave the Chipotle manager notice they had firearms and thought they were welcome. But the Bloomberg-backed group, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, took it as an excuse to petition the Denver-based company for the ban. Chipotle issued a carefully-worded request not to bring firearms into their stores, but did not say it was an outright ban.

● **Los Angeles, California:** Doris Wise Montrose, president of the Children of Jewish Holocaust Survivors, organized the recent day of firearms instruction at the Angeles Shooting Range in northeast Los Angeles. Montrose's organization is dedicated to "The New Holocaust Resistance." She and seven others - three of them children of Holocaust survivors - gathered to receive "point and shoot" instruction from Itamar Gelbman, 32, a former lieutenant in the Israel Defense Forces. He taught the handgun technique used by the IDF: square feet, square shoulders, both eyes open. With varying degrees of accuracy and confidence, the participants blasted away at paper targets depicting an armed shooter. After each cycle of shooting, Gelbman assessed the results. Gelbman hands Rosenfeld a Glock 9 mm handgun and steps back. She squares to the target, aims and blasts away, hitting the zombie Gadhafi dead-on with all five shots.

● **Charleston, West Virginia:** A week before her high school graduation, Saira Blair was barely old enough to vote when she unseated a West Virginia lawmaker almost four times her age. Blair's birthday is in July, so she would just meet the 18-year-old minimum age for West Virginia House of Delegates members. Seventeen-year-olds who will turn 18 by the November election can vote in West Virginia's primary. Soft-spoken and on-message, Blair is a churchgoer who says she is pro-life, pro-family, pro-gun rights and pro-business. She can rattle off a laundry list of businesses taxes she wants abolished or lowered. Blair has attended GOP meetings with her dad since the sixth grade and volunteers with various groups. She skipped senior prom to participate in a Youth in Government meeting in Charleston.

Parting Shot

DANGER COMES IN MANY SHAPES THAT CALL FOR A GUN

In Port Richey, Florida, around 11 p.m., 38-year-old Anthony Capuano - disguised with a mask and armed with a gun - knocked on the door of 22-year-old Heidi Christophell's home and demanded entry. She refused to let him in, but Capuano shattered a front window and began to crawl inside. Christophell then ran to her bedroom and grabbed the handgun of her boyfriend and confronted Capuano, who came at her. She fired multiple rounds and he fled.

The intruder was able to reach his white Chevy Impala, drove wildly through the neighborhood and then crashed into a home.

The Pasco County Sheriff's department responded and transported Capuano to an area hospital with a gunshot wound. He was admitted in critical condition. Deputies said Capuano is a known gang member.

A Scottsburg, Indiana man listed his Dodge Charger for sale on Craigslist and was contacted by 25-year-old Marcus Forbes of Louisville, who drove to the man's Indiana home with friends to finalize the deal. Forbes' friends left and he stayed behind to wait for a family member to bring him the money to buy the car.

After hours of waiting for the money, Forbes and the man went for a test drive in the Charger. Forbes drove onto Interstate 65 heading south and the seller asked Forbes to return to his home, but Forbes kept driving. The victim, who was armed with a weapon, pulled out his gun and forced Forbes to stop.

The victim then called police on his cell phone and troopers responded to their location caught around mile marker 25. Forbes was taken into custody and charged with criminal confinement and attempted theft.

In Las Vegas, Nevada, 56-year-old Sothy Seang was in the back room of his store, the Donut Hut, when he heard a commotion and ran to see what it was.

The one-time Cambodian Army soldier heard a man saying, "Give me money. Give me money," and saw a man wearing a hood trying to rob two customers and Seang's girlfriend, who was working by the register.

The man saw Seang and hopped over the counter. Seang's girlfriend grabbed a gun they keep at the store and while the suspect was struggling with Seang, she passed it to him and he shot the robber, who ran away.

Las Vegas police arrested 32-year-old Alfonso Montellano later that night after he drove himself to University Medical Center with a gunshot wound. Montellano faces burglary with a deadly weapon and robbery charges.

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