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Dear Subscriber,

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives requires gun buyers to answer questions about race and ethnicity when filling out their 4473 application form. Gun dealers who don't disclose the information are subject to fines and other penalties.

Members of Congress Reps. **DIANE BLACK**, R-Tenn., and **TED POE**, R-Texas, are pushing a bill to block the feds from forcing gun buyers to disclose their race in applications, saying the government should be "color blind" when it comes to the Second Amendment.

"This intrusive reporting requirement by ATF is **nothing more than backdoor gun control**," **BLACK** wrote in a press release. "An individual's race and ethnicity has nothing to do with their ability to safely own a firearm."

**AT THE
FEDERAL
LEVEL**

A rider in the Energy and Water spending bill has cleared a Senate subcommittee and would allow for the possession of firearms on lands of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which controls 12 million acres of federal land and water, 422 government lake and river projects, and 7,700 miles of government trails, and allows firearms only for target ranges and hunters.

You can't carry your personal gun on any Corps of Engineers land. By contrast, the National Park Service allows loaded firearms that meet state regulations under a policy enacted in 2010.

A bill from GOP Sen. **MIKE CRAPO** of Idaho was included in a bipartisan sportsmen's bill alongside other measures on hunting, fishing, and camping and has a companion bill awaiting action in the House. **CRAPO** said, "Americans' Second Amendment rights must be restored to lands managed by the Corps."

The House Oversight and Government Reform Committee has voted 20-16, along party lines, to block a new District of Columbia law relating to discrimination issues, but it also reignited Republican efforts to undo D.C. gun laws. To succeed, the repeal would still have to pass a vote of the full House and Senate, and **PRESIDENT OBAMA** would have to sign it. But even if that fails, the gun law issue could be rescued by House budget leaders to block funding for enforcement.

In an interview with *The Washington Post*, Rep. **JASON CHAFFETZ** (R-Utah), chairman of the powerful Oversight Committee, said he was inclined to support proposals to roll back D.C. gun laws. "I come from a belief that the Second Amendment should be equally implemented here in the District of Columbia. I should be able to carry if I so choose. I feel safer doing so."

Senator **MIKE CRAPO** is taking aim at *Operation Choke Point*, an initiative pushed by United States Department of Justice and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in which they investigate banks in the United States and the business they do with companies they deem to be at higher risk for fraud and money laundering. **CRAPO** said, "They're trying to choke the access to financing in the marketplace away from certain industries," which includes firearms and ammunition.

CRAPO said, "And for the government and our financial regulators to engage in that kind of an effort to chill the exercise of second amendment rights I think is outrageous."

The senator has brought an amendment forward which opens the door for legislation that would defund that program. The amendment was approved in a 13-9 vote by the Senate Budget Committee.

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Congressional Democrats have a grand scheme to make America's streets safer; incentivize people to cannibalize their Second Amendment rights for tax credits. **Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) introduced the Support Assault Firearm Elimination and Education of our Streets Act**, which will do just that. Gun owners would receive tax breaks for voluntarily turning in high-powered assault rifles under the Support Assault Firearm Elimination and Education of our Streets Act. "Assault weapons are not about hunting, or even self-defense," DeLauro said. "There is no reason on earth, other than to kill as many people as possible in as short a time as possible, that anyone needs a gun designed for a battlefield."

The co-sponsors include Reps. Betty McCollum (D-Minn.), Ra'l Grijalva (D-Ariz.), Elijah Cummings (D-Md.), Keith Ellison (D-Minn.), Eric Swalwell (D-Calif.), and David Cicilline (D-R.I.). Rifles are seldom used in crimes. *The New York Times* published ProPublica's Lois Beckett's piece on the assault weapons in 2014, where she wrote it's a "myth" that banning these firearms would curb gun violence; something we on the pro-civil rights side-have been saying for quite some time. Don't worry about handgun bans; that'll never get off the ground. Also, this bill is being introduced when gun violence is at a two-decade low.

Since Congressman Steve Israel (D-NY) first called for legislation that would ban 3-D printed guns, those plastic-printed firearms have evolved from a few simple components to a full one-shot pistol to rifles and multi-shot revolvers, with more advances on the horizon. Israel's bill, meanwhile, has gone nowhere, leaving a widening gap between DIY weapons and the law. But Israel says he hasn't given up: he plans to introduce new legislation that would ban all undetectable weapons – an umbrella he intends to include 3-D printed ones.

Like the bill he already introduced, the new one will require that crucial functional components be made of detectable metal. In rifles and shotguns, the combination of the slide, barrel and receiver would have to be as detectable as a 3.7-ounce piece of steel. In handguns, the same would be required of the gun's cylinder and barrel. All of that would make a working, fully 3-D printed gun essentially impossible to legally produce. "What we're trying to do is make it clear that if you choose to construct a weapon or weapon component using a 3-D printer, and it's homemade, you'll be subject to penalties," Israel said. He doesn't intend to target 3-D printing specifically: The bill he intends to introduce probably won't mention 3-D printing by name.

President Obama is emphasizing that he hasn't given up on pushing for tighter gun controls, but many of his fellow Democrats in Congress are wishing he would drop it, having concluded that the issue is an electoral loser for them.

If anything, Democrats fear the politics are getting worse. The politics of gun rights and gun control was a hot topic on the first full day of the National Rifle Association's three-day annual meeting, in particular the political peril involved in attacking the right to bear arms.

"Every time a Democrat starts talking about guns, they lose numbers because it is the Second Amendment," said Dave "Mudcat" Saunders, a Democratic strategist and lifelong gun owner.

"How many gun owners are there in America now? Look it up. There is a bunch of them, and anytime you start talking about guns, you are going to take from your numbers. So there is just less talk about gun control now than there has been in forever."

**AT THE
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MORE AFRICAN-AMERICANS SUPPORT CARRYING LEGAL GUNS FOR SELF-DEFENSE

Rev. Samuel Mosteller, the local Georgia leader of the famed Southern Christian Leadership Conference civil rights group co-founded by national icon Martin Luther King, Jr., called for black families to defend themselves with force if necessary because "nonviolence hasn't worked."

The president of the SCLC's Georgia chapter said black people need to protect themselves after the recent spate of police shootings of unarmed black men.

"You know, the SCLC stands for nonviolence, but nonviolence hasn't worked in this instance," Mosteller said. "You stand there, police shoot. You run, they shoot. We're going to have to take a different tack. I am going to have to advocate, at this point, that all African-Americans avail themselves of their 2nd Amendment rights." He stopped short of telling people to arm themselves.

"We're going to have to do something in our community to let the rest of America know that we are not going to be victimized by just anybody," he said at a rally in Atlanta. "Whether it be police or folks that decide that, 'Oh, black people are thugs and we need to control that black community.'"

**SPECIAL REPORT
BLACKS
AND GUNS**

Within 24 hours, Mosteller was relieved of his leadership position. In a letter, National SCLC president

Dr. Charles Steele, Jr. explained his decision:

"The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was founded and maintains its position against violence of ANY type. We are founded on the bedrock of non-violence and we encourage those principles as we seek social justice and social change in American society and around the world.

Although our organization does concur that the justice system in America has too often failed communities of color, particularly Black youth, in reviewing the comments made by the Rev. Mosteller, we have found that his comments do not represent, nor reflect the principles and position of this organization.

Rev. Mosteller agreed to three repercussions: 1) indefinite suspension as State President, effective immediately, 2) participation in an internal investigation, and 3) undergo internal training program.

But after decades of failed efforts to stop crime and police brutality, the mood is changing in Rev. Mosteller's direction. There's mounting evidence that African-Americans are embracing gun ownership.

A national poll published by the Pew Research Center chronicled this stunning change in attitudes. It reported: "Currently, 54% of blacks say gun ownership does more to protect people than endanger personal safety, nearly double the percentage saying this in 2012 (29%)." Indeed, the massive and swift flip in black opinion was a key reason why for the first time ever that Americans overall support gun rights over so-called gun control.

James Craig, Detroit's police chief since 2013 - and who is black - endorsed a trend that was already well under way - the trend toward more people carrying legal guns because he understood why. "It was a well-known fact here in Detroit," he says. "People didn't have a lot of confidence that when they dialed 911, that the police were going to show up. In fact, we know they didn't."

Pastor Haman Cross of Rosedale Park Baptist Church in Detroit said, "I love the Lord; I'm a Christian," he says. "But like I told the congregation, let's send a message right in front. I want the word out in the community, if you steal any of our cars, I'm coming after you."

At another black church, **Greater St. Matthew Baptist, Pastor David Bullock** points out the pews where his armed congregants usually sit.

Bullock doesn't think it's a sin to carry a gun, especially in a town where whole churches have been held up for their offerings. But he's decided he can't recommend it to his congregants, either. For this simple reason: "If you use it, you're going to get prosecuted," he says. But he's realistic. He said, "the concealed-carry movement got going in the white suburbs. And now "the black community is just catching up."

SAF WINS PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION IN NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT ALIEN CCW CASE

The Second Amendment Foundation has won a preliminary injunction against a North Carolina statute that requires a permanent resident to demonstrate American citizenship prior to obtaining a concealed carry permit.

SAF filed this lawsuit on behalf of Felicity Veasey, an Australian citizen who is a legal permanent resident. While it is legal for resident aliens to possess firearms and even carry them openly in North Carolina, they may not obtain a concealed carry permit because of the citizenship requirement. Federal District Judge Terrance W. Boyle handed down the five-page ruling.

"We're delighted with the ruling from Judge Boyle, and we will move for a permanent injunction," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb. "We are equally impressed that the main defendant in this case, Sheriff Brindell B. Wilkins, Jr., agreed in court that the law at issue in this case is unconstitutional, and the judge noted this in his decision."

US COURT UPHOLDS CHICAGO SUBURB'S ASSAULT WEAPONS BAN

A U.S. appeals court upheld a Chicago suburb's assault weapons ban that had become a focus in the statewide debate over gun control, though a dissenting judge sharply criticized the majority opinion. In a 2-to-1 decision, a panel of the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago concluded the city of Highland Park's 2013 ban does not violate the Second Amendment, saying municipalities ought to have leeway in deciding how to regulate firearms. "If a ban on semi-automatic guns and large-capacity magazines reduces the perceived risk from a mass shooting, and makes the public feel safer as a result, that's a substantial benefit," the 12-page majority opinion says.

**IN THE
COURTS**

WAL-MART BEATS CHURCH IN COURT BATTLE OVER GUN SALES

A federal appeals court has ruled that Wal-Mart's investors did not have the right to challenge the company's sales policies on guns and any other item shareholders may think socially offensive, slapping down a previous ruling from a judge appointed by President Obama.

Unless the Supreme Court agrees to hear the case, legal scholars agree that the ruling this week has killed, for now, Trinity Wall Street Church's chances of meddling with Wal-Mart's sales policies by buying shares of the firm and then asserting a right to change the company's business rules and practices.

Gun rights advocates applauded the court's decision to recognize the need for business decisions to be separated from the political agenda of company shareholders.

SAF TAKES CASE OF ARIZONA NAVY VET WHOSE GUNS WERE SEIZED

The Second Amendment Foundation announced that it has taken on funding the case of a retired Glendale, Arizona Navy veteran whose gun collection was seized by authorities because of an on-going dispute with a neighbor who obtained a protection order. Rick Bailey had complained to the City of Glendale about the neighbor's habit of parking dump trucks used in his landscaping company.

The dispute unfolded over several months until Bailey called police over concerns of toxic chemical odors apparently coming from the neighbor's property. The neighbor apparently alleged that Bailey had threatened him, and obtained a harassment order against Bailey. Police showed up and took Bailey's gun collection, and he wants his property back. SAF is working with Chandler, Arizona attorney Mark J. Victor to secure the return of Bailey's firearms. Bailey's collection has an estimated value of more than \$25,000 and took more than a decade to collect.

JUDGE RULES GUNS CAN'T BE BANNED FROM NORMAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

A decision by organizers of the Norman Music Festival to ban weapons during the three-day event in the Oklahoma college town prompted a lawsuit by the Oklahoma Second Amendment Association, whose members want to carry their firearms at the outdoor concert. The lawsuit seeks to stop the ban from taking effect. The association claims the city has no right to prohibit people with a gun license from carrying concealed or openly displayed firearms on city streets and sidewalks. A judge decided that licensed gun owners will be allowed to carry their guns to the festival without fear of being asked to leave, or being ticketed, and that the city of Norman cannot enforce their "no guns" request.

APPEAL FILED IN FLORIDA SUPREME COURT TO STRIKE DOWN BAN

Florida Carry, Inc., a non-profit grassroots organization, filed an appeal in the Florida Supreme Court to strike down the current ban on open carry presumption that carry in the home is illegal. *Norman v. State (FL)* has already secured that there is a right to bear arms outside your home, but the lower appellate court ruled that you can be arrested for the exercise that right and then be forced to prove to a judge and jury that you were exercising that right as a defense to the crime of carrying a firearm in Florida. When the right to bear arms is nothing more than an "affirmative defense", rather than a necessary element of a crime, gun owners are guilty until proven innocent. This cannot be allowed to stand. Florida self-defense laws are under unprecedented attack. Florida Carry is fighting back hard in local government, the courts, and the state legislature.

DISTRICT DROPS APPEAL OF SAF CONCEALED CARRY VICTORY

IN THE COURTS

The Second Amendment Foundation will continue fighting the District of Columbia's new concealed carry law, while notching a small victory with the decision by the city to drop its appeal of SAF's victory in the Palmer case that forced the city to adopt a carry permitting structure. "While we're happy to see the city drop their appeal of our earlier victory," said SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb, "we were eager to face them in court, as there was no possible way they could have successfully argued in favor of continuing an outright ban on carry in the District. This is one more critical Second Amendment Foundation victory for gun rights," he said. "But we will continue to keep suing the city of Washington, D.C. over their new carry law that is still an unconstitutional infringement on our Second Amendment rights."

OHIO GUN RIGHTS GROUP CHALLENGES CLEVELAND'S NEW LEGISLATION

Ohioans for Concealed Carry, a gun rights advocacy group, has filed a lawsuit challenging legislation recently passed in Cleveland that requires gun offenders to register with the city. The group filed the suit in Cuyahoga County, requesting an injunction of the new law passed by Cleveland City Council.

The legislation also requires private sellers to report sales to police and prohibits the concealed carry of handguns, which state law allows. Ohioans for Concealed Carry argues in its complaint that state law prohibits local municipalities from making their own gun laws. President Jeff Garvas told the Northeast Ohio Media Group that the legislation is the city's attempt to solve its violence epidemic.

ACLU FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST NORTH SMITHFIELD POLICE OVER SEIZURE OF GUNS

The ACLU filed a lawsuit in federal district court on behalf of a North Smithfield, Rhode Island resident, seeking the return of weapons that were seized from him over six years ago by the local police department and which the department still refuses to return to him.

The lawsuit, filed by RI ACLU volunteer attorney Thomas W. Lyons on behalf of Jason Richer, argues that the North Smithfield Police Department violated his right to due process and his right to keep and bear arms by retaining his property without just cause. "The North Smithfield Police Department has no legitimate reason to keep these guns. This is a clear violation of Mr. Richer's constitutional rights," said Lyons. The ACLU successfully filed a similar lawsuit against the Cranston Police Department three years ago.

LAWSUIT CHALLENGES ANN ARBOR SCHOOLS' GUN BAN

Michigan Gun Owners, a statewide gun-rights group and a father with children in the Ann Arbor schools are suing the school district over its new policies that ban firearms on school grounds. The lawsuit, filed in Washtenaw County Circuit Court, comes just as a crowd of about 500 gun-rights advocates prepared for the annual Second Amendment March around the Capitol Building in Lansing.

After hearing speakers, the crowd of pistol packers customarily stride into the chambers of state lawmakers, prominently bearing their arm. "We like to remind the legislators who we are and what our rights are," said Jim Makowski, a Dearborn lawyer who filed the lawsuit.

PRO-GUN LEGISLATION RECEIVES FINAL PASSAGE, HEADS TO ARKANSAS GOVERNOR

Arkansas Senate Bill 159, to allow carrying a concealed firearm into a county courthouse for employees with a concealed handgun license, has been transmitted to Gov. Asa Hutchinson (R) for his signature. Two additional pro-gun bills were transmitted to the Governor: House Bill 1505, to allow a firearm in a vehicle while in certain public parking lots for license holders, and House Bill 1240, to protect a person from civil damages stemming from lawfully using deadly physical force in self-defense or in defense of another person.

CALIFORNIA MEASURE COULD ALLOW COPS TO IGNORE COURT ORDER FOR GUN RIGHTS

The California State Legislature is considering AB 1134, which would allow police agencies to circumvent a California Superior Court order to consider the applications of those who wanted concealed carry permits without first having the applicant apply for – and be denied – a permit from their local city police chief. The proposal would effectively reinstate the requirement that was struck down by the state court as illegal.

COLORADO GOP GUN RIGHTS BILLS GO DOWN IN LOPSIDED BATTLE

Six gun-rights bills were shot down as expected in the General Assembly's Democratic-controlled House State Affairs Committee. The slate of bills under consideration contained proposals aimed at repealing background checks for gun purchases, restrictions on carrying firearms and a ban on high-capacity magazines. The committee also heard a bill that sought to open up public school grounds to armed staff and visitors licensed to carry concealed weapons.

FLORIDA HOUSE OKS GUN BILL, AWAITS GOV. SCOTT'S SIGNATURE

A measure that would allow people without concealed-weapons permits to pocket their legally owned guns during a declared emergency is now headed to the governor. Gov. Rick Scott prodded the Florida National Guard to back a similar measure last year. The House voted 86-26 to approve a proposal (SB 290) that would allow people to carry guns without concealed-weapons licenses for 48 hours during mandatory emergency evacuations. The bill would only apply to people who legally own guns.

INDIANA LEGISLATURE PASSES TWO PRO-GUN BILLS

Senate Joint Resolution 2 would create a state Constitutional Right to Hunt and Fish has passed, which qualifies it for the General Election ballot, where Hoosiers will decide if the joint resolution becomes an Indiana constitutional amendment on Election Day 2016. Senate Bill 98 modifies the current law and would prevent a person from bringing certain actions against a firearms manufacturer, ammunition manufacturer, trade association, or seller.

IOWA HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE PASSES NEW PRO-GUN BILL

The Iowa House of Representatives, in a contest over SF427, a gun rights bill seriously weakened by the Senate, made it a priority for immediate consideration. The House Judiciary Committee took up the bill, added an amendment restoring important language from a strongly pro-gun Omnibus Gun Bill, and promptly passed it 19 to 2 – a great showing of this bill's massive bipartisan support among state legislators.

GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL ALLOWING PERMIT-FREE CONCEALED CARRY IN KANSAS

Gov. Sam Brownback signed legislation adding Kansas to the short list of states allowing unlicensed possession of concealed firearms and eliminating a weapons training mandate for people to carry hidden guns. The new law, which kicks in July 1, makes Kansas the sixth state to allow "constitutional carry." It will allow Kansans 21 and older to carry concealed firearms regardless of whether they have obtained a permit.

MINNESOTA SENATE APPROVES GUN-SILENCER MEASURE DESPITE GOVERNOR'S VETO THREAT

Hours before the Senate approved a measure legalizing gun silencers, Gov. Mark Dayton sent legislators a letter threatening to veto the provision. "Nowhere in the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution does it refer to the right to bear a silencer," the governor wrote. "To allow gunshots to be silenced increases the danger to law enforcement officers, and to innocent bystanders." The Senate passed the measure and also approved a package of gun rights bills that match similar legislation passed by the House.

IN THE STATES

MISSISSIPPI GOVERNOR SIGNS TWO GUN RIGHTS BILLS INTO LAW

Governor Phil Bryant approved Senate Bill 2394, which will allow Mississippians to carry a handgun in a purse, briefcase or other fully enclosed case without a concealed carry permit. The second bill signed into law, Senate Bill 2619, allows active duty military, veterans and honorably retired law enforcement officers to count firearms training toward the requirements needed for an enhanced concealed carry permit.

NEVADA BILL REINSTATES RIGHTS FOR EX-CONS

Governor Steve Beshear (D) has signed Senate Bill 67 and House Bill 91 into law. Both of these training standards bills passed through their respective chambers with strong bipartisan support. SB 67 passed in the House of Representatives by a 89-5 vote after passing unanimously in the Senate. HB 91 passed in the Senate by a 33-3 vote after passing in the House on February 25 by a 70-21 vote.

EASING OF NORTH CAROLINA GUN LAWS BACKED BY HOUSE COMMITTEE

A House committee advanced legislation to block schools from telling permitted concealed handgun owners they cannot store a weapon in their car. It also would reduce the penalty for taking guns into businesses that want to keep them out. The proposal also allows the state agriculture commissioner to prohibit visitors to the annual State Fair from carrying guns at the fairgrounds. Also, doctors could not ask about gun ownership on intake questionnaires. People convicted of misdemeanor crimes would become eligible again for a concealed handgun permit after three years.

TWO BILLS EXPANDING GUN RIGHTS ENACTED INTO NORTH DAKOTA LAW

Governor Jack Dalrymple (R) signed two significant pro-gun bills into law after receiving wide support in both legislative chambers: House Bill 1450, allows employees and students of universities to store firearms in their vehicles while parked on campus. House Bill 1457 will require state agencies to sell off seized, abandoned or forfeited firearms at auction if the owner cannot be located.

NEW HAMPSHIRE GOVERNOR VETOS PRO-GUN BILL

New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan pledged to veto Senate Bill 116 - legislation to repeal the requirement for a concealed carry permit in that state. Her pledge to veto came the very day on which Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America was delivering "hundreds of postcards" urging her to veto. According to the Union Leader, Hassan likes her state's gun laws the way they are.

OREGON COMMITTEE OKS MORE BACKGROUND CHECKS ON FIREARM SALES

Despite several attempts by Oregon Republican lawmakers to derail legislation expanding background checks on gun sales, the proposal will get a full House vote. In a 5-4 party-line vote, Democrats on the House Rules Committee narrowly approved a bill requiring background checks for nearly all private firearm sales. Two previous attempts to pass similar legislation failed in the Senate.

CONCEALED CARRY REFORM BILL PASSES IN SOUTH CAROLINA HOUSE

The South Carolina House of Representatives took up H. 3025, the Right-to-Carry (RTC) Straight Recognition bill, which would replace the current conditional reciprocity system for recognizing RTC permits issued by other states with a straight recognition standard. In other words, any valid permit issued by another state would automatically be recognized in South Carolina.

GOVERNOR SIGNS TENNESSEE GUNS-IN-PARKING-LOTS BILL

Gov. Bill Haslam has signed legislation that allows workers to sue their employers if they are fired for storing guns in cars parked on company lots. The state in 2013 enacted a law to give handgun-carry permit holders the right to store their firearms in vehicles on company lots regardless of their employers' wishes.

SENATE VOTES TO END WISCONSIN'S HANDGUN WAITING PERIOD

Current Wisconsin State Law prohibits consumers from taking a handgun from the store until 48 hours after a background check is started. The State Senate, supported by Gov. Scott Walker, approved repeal of the waiting period. Handgun purchasers could take possession of them as soon as they clear state background checks that typically take a matter of hours.

IN THE STATES

Parting Shot

AT HOME OR AWAY, ARMED SELF DEFENSE SAVES THE DAY

It happened at around 2:35 a.m. at the Salem Terrace Apartments in the 3400 block of Salem Road in Covington, Georgia. In one of the apartments were three men and three women after a night out.

One of the women left the unit and encountered 30-year-old Quintavious Reed in a breezeway. Reed forced the woman back inside the apartment where he demanded money.

One of the men inside the unit refused to be robbed and got into a struggle with Reed, who was armed with a handgun.

The victim, who also had a gun, shot Reed, called 911 and law enforcement officers responded to the scene, where they found Reed dead from a single gunshot wound.

A second man inside the apartment was grazed by a bullet.

Two guns, including one Reed was carrying, were confiscated by investigators. Authorities are currently investigating the incident to determine whether Reed knew his victims or was attempting to commit a random crime.

Police said they will complete their investigation and pass along their findings to the district attorney. No one has been arrested.

The headlines said, "Would-be Robber Doesn't Make It Out Of His Victims' House Alive."

In Chicago, a defensive shooting incident involving a legally-armed Uber driver who intervened when a gunman opened fire on a crowd in Logan Square could not have happened without a concealed carry law that was passed by the Illinois Legislature because of a federal lawsuit brought by the Second Amendment Foundation.

No charges will be filed against the unidentified Uber driver, who used his licensed handgun to stop the alleged shooter, a 22-year-old man who now faces criminal prosecution. SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb noted that, had this armed citizen not been present, this incident could have turned out much differently, and much worse.

"This widely-reported incident could not have happened without our lawsuit in Moore v. Madigan, which forced Illinois to adopt a concealed carry statute allowing law-abiding citizens to be armed," Gottlieb said. "The concealed carry law our case demanded needs no further justification, based on the standard so often tossed out by gun control proponents to push restrictions. It has saved one life, and possibly more lives.

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