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To Prevent Gun Violence

SENSIBLE GUN LAWS SAVE LIVES

## ASSORTED CRIMES AND MISDEEDS BY CCW LICENSEES

The gun lobby claims that only “law-abiding citizens” receive carrying-concealed weapons (CCW) licenses, and that because licensees are “law abiding,” having more people carrying loaded, hidden firearms will make society safer. Both claims are patently false.

"[T]he weight of the evidence is now firmly behind those who have found that right-to-carry laws do not reduce, and may even increase, the overall level of crime."<sup>1</sup> Moreover, scores of dangerous people have obtained CCW licenses and used their firearms in violent acts. Abusive husbands, mentally unstable individuals, disgruntled employees, and people who are simply careless or uneducated about firearms safety can, and do, get CCW licenses, posing real dangers to their co-workers, families and communities. According to one official who processes CCW license applications, “I would hazard a fairly educated guess that better than 50 percent of the applicants have a criminal background of some kind.... The only ones who get denied are the ones who have very current offenses or serious offenses.”<sup>2</sup> A spokesman from the Georgia Bureau of Investigation stated, “A blind person can get a permit in Georgia, since all you have to do is pass a background check. And that person can be arrested the very next week for a felony, convicted of that felony the next month and still have that permit for the next five years.”<sup>3</sup>

The following incidents, chronicling individual shootings obtained from newspaper articles, exposes, public records requests, and detailed reports, involve people who were *legally* licensed to carry concealed weapons. It is important to note that these represent *only a fraction* of the total number of dangerous and deadly incidents involving CCW licensees. Often, a suspect’s status as a CCW licensee is not reported by law enforcement or the media, nor is that information easily available to the public.

**Plantation, FL • October 29, 2008.** A retired police officer shot a neighbor’s puppy, wounding it in the tail, because the puppy allegedly bit him on the leg. The man declined to be treated for the bite but the puppy was taken to a veterinarian for treatment.<sup>4</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> J.J. Donohue, *The Final Bullet in the Body of the More Guns, Less Crime Hypothesis*, 2 CRIMINOLOGY & PUB. POL’Y 397, 399 (July 2003).

<sup>2</sup> Dan Harrie, *Crimes Trigger Revocation of 584 Concealed-Weapons Permits*, SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, March 25, 2002.

<sup>3</sup> *Safely obscuring gun facts: There’s no monitoring of whether permit holders fall afoul of the law*, THE ATLANTA JOURNAL-CONSTITUTION, Aug. 24, 2008.

<sup>4</sup> Sallie James, *Retired cop shoots neighbor’s dog*, SOUTH FLORIDA SUN SENTINEL, Oct. 29, 2008.

**Huntsville, AL • October 20, 2008.** Milton Tyson, a 39-year-old high school teacher, was arrested on charges of marijuana possession and selling counterfeit merchandise. He had a loaded .40-caliber pistol in his possession at the time of his arrest.<sup>5</sup>

**Lubbock, TX • October 18, 2008.** Tye Burke, 25, was arrested and faces felony charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon after pulling a gun on another parent at a children's soccer game. Burke pointed his handgun at the victim's head.

**Uniontown, PA • October 18, 2008.** Leroy S. Higinbotham Jr., 39, was arrested while sitting in his vehicle outside the home of his ex-wife, Jodie Higinbotham. He was charged with two counts of making terroristic threats for telling the couple's 16-year-old son that he planned to shoot Jodie and her boyfriend, Mark Faris, 45. Leroy showed his son a gun at the time he made the statements and the handgun was found in his car at the time of his arrest.

**Pittsburgh, PA • October 12, 2008.** Justin Dunlap, 22, was charged with reckless endangerment, aggravated assault, and discharging a gun in public after investigators said he fired shots at a 19-year-old man outside a nightclub.

**Cleveland, OH • October 7, 2008.** A man was pulled over at 12:37 a.m. and the police computer showed that he had a CCW license and three open driving-under-suspension cases.<sup>6</sup>

**Philadelphia, PA • October 5, 2008.** Christian Squillaciotti, 33, was charged with two counts of attempted murder, aggravated assault, and related offenses stemming from a road rage incident. Squillaciotti, a CCW licensee, fired at least four times toward a vehicle being driven by Thomas Timko on a Philadelphia expressway. Timko was wounded on the side of his forehead but his eight-year-old daughter, who was in the vehicle with him, was not injured.

**Upper Darby, Pennsylvania • October 5, 2008.** Deaone McNeal, a 24-year-old CCW licensee, was driving with his 7-year-old daughter when he was arrested for pulling a gun on a woman and her 2-year-old daughter. The victim was turning at an intersection when McNeal ran a red light and almost hit her. McNeal then chased the victim and tried to run her car off the road; he pulled up alongside her screaming obscenities and pointed his gun at her. The victim called police and McNeal was pulled over and found wearing an empty holster, he denied that he had a gun, but police searched McNeal's vehicle and found a .45-caliber semiautomatic pistol loaded with 16 hollow-point bullets in an extended clip. McNeal was charged with several misdemeanors, including assault, stalking and harassment, and endangering the welfare of a child. McNeal was granted his CCW license about 10 months earlier, in January 2008, and two months after being granted the license he was arrested in another incident for aggravated assault and simple assault.<sup>7</sup>

**Windsor, CO • October 2, 2008.** 26-year-old CCW licensee Thomas Krueger was charged with unlawful carrying of a weapon, having a weapon on school grounds, and the prohibited use of a

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<sup>5</sup> Victoria Cumbow & Steve Campbell, *Lee teacher charged with counterfeits*, THE HUNTSVILLE TIMES, Oct. 22, 2008.

<sup>6</sup> Regina Brett, *Regina Brett: Police Officer Jim Simone offers a tour of the dangerous streets*, CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER, October 7, 2008.

<sup>7</sup> Joelle Farrell, *U. Darby man charged in road-rage incident*, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, Oct. 7, 2008.

weapon. At the time of his arrest, he was consuming alcohol and had a fully-loaded Glock 23 handgun and a large folding knife on him.<sup>8</sup>

**Sand Springs, OK • September 25, 2008.** CCW licensee James Michael Martin, 40, is accused of shooting a pistol into the ground at his neighbor's feet because he was upset that his neighbor mowed some of his grass. The neighbor told police that Martin pointed the pistol at him before and after Martin fired into the ground.<sup>9</sup>

**Hernando County, FL • September 19, 2008.** Gerald K. Deaguiar was arrested on charges of possession of a firearm while intoxicated, driving while intoxicated, and racing his automobile. Deaguiar was stopped by police for racing his car with a motorcycle at over 90 miles per hour. Subsequent to the stop, police suspected that Deaguiar was drinking and determined that his blood alcohol level was nearly four times the legal limit. Deaguiar, a CCW licensee, told police that he was armed; police removed a semiautomatic pistol from each hip, fully loaded with extra magazines.<sup>10</sup>

**Lancaster, PA • September 15, 2008.** Anthony Roberts, 31, was arrested after leaving his loaded pistol at a playground. The gun was found by a 7-year-old girl who gave it to an adult at the playground who called the police. Roberts, a CCW licensee, said he must have dropped the gun at the playground, which is a no gun zone, so Roberts was charged with trespassing after notice for bringing the gun to the playground.<sup>11</sup>

**Denton County, TX • September 6, 2008.** A CCW licensee shot himself in the leg as he attempted to unload his pistol after a night of drinking.<sup>12</sup>

**Shelby County, TN • August 27, 2008.** A CCW licensee was arrested for impersonating a police officer and pulling over motorists. At the time of his arrest, the suspect was standing next to a car he pulled over and was dressed in plain clothes with a badge hanging from his neck and a pistol strapped to his side. The suspect stated that he had pulled over a female to get her phone number.<sup>13</sup>

**Jefferson County, KY • August 25, 2008.** Dorene Seidl sought a protective order from her husband of 47-years, William Seidl, because he kept guns in the home and Dorene was afraid for her safety since William had threatened her with gun violence in the past. A judge denied Dorene's petition for protective order and five days later William shot Dorene multiple times, killing her. After the murder, William barricaded himself in the home, creating a 4-hour standoff with police.<sup>14</sup>

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<sup>8</sup> Askley Keesis-Wood, *Armed man on school grounds arrested*, WINDSOR BEACON, Oct. 2, 2008.

<sup>9</sup> Dustin Hughes, *Man arrested after argument over lawn leads to gunplay, cops say*, SAND SPRINGS LEADER, October 3, 2008.

<sup>10</sup> Dave Nicholson, *Armed man charged with drunken driving in 90 MPH street race*, THE TAMPA TRIBUNE, Sept. 20, 2008.

<sup>11</sup> Charles D. Perry, *Lancaster man arrested after child finds his gun*, THE HERALD, Sept. 15, 2008.

<sup>12</sup> Donna Fielder, *Blotter: Gun fires on man in compromising position*, DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE, Sept. 6, 2008.

<sup>13</sup> Carla Underwood, *Man posed as law officer and stopped female drivers, deputies day [sic]*, MEMPHIS COMMERCIAL APPEAL, Aug. 27, 2008.

<sup>14</sup> Jason Riley, *Request for protective order says woman feared husband*, THE COURIER-JOURNAL, Aug. 27, 2008.

**Niagara, NY • August 22, 2008.** William P. Rosati was charged with reckless endangerment and menacing after a workplace shooting. He shot into the floor, the wall, a briefcase, a desk, and a water cooler, and pointed a gun at a co-worker. Rosai has a CCW license.<sup>15</sup>

**Fishers, IN • August 13, 2008.** Gregory M. Schmoll, 55, shot at a fellow driver on an Indiana interstate. Police say Schmoll was upset that the driver was crowding him as she tried to merge into his lane so he shot at her vehicle and hit her right front bumper. The two vehicles exited the interstate and Schmoll allegedly again pointed the gun at the other driver and threatened her. The other driver called 911 and Schmoll also called 911 to report himself. Schmoll faces several charges including pointing a firearm and intimidation.<sup>16</sup>

**Pembroke Pines, FL • August 5, 2008.** James Patrick Wonder, 65, was charged with first-degree murder in the shooting of Donald Pettit, a federal agent with U.S. Customs and Border Protection.<sup>17</sup> The incident apparently stemmed from a road rage incident that resulted in both men pulling into a post office parking lot. There, Wonder, a CCW licensee, shot Pettit in the head in front of Pettit's twelve-year-old daughter. Wonder was arrested the next day at a dialysis center.<sup>18</sup>

**St. Albans, West Virginia • July 31, 2008.** CCW licensee Timothy Bradley, 29, was charged with wanton endangerment for aiming a gun at a woman who he felt was driving too slowly.<sup>19</sup>

**St. Louis Park, MN • July 24, 2008.** Michael C. Iheme, 50, was charged with first-degree murder in the death of his wife, Anthonia E. Iheme, 28, who was shot in a parking lot as she was leaving work. Anthonia had an active restraining order against her husband and there was an alleged history of domestic abuse. After shooting his wife, Michael called 911 and said, "I have killed the woman that mess my life up...."<sup>20</sup>

**Murray, UT • July 23, 2008.** Vitaly Kovtun, 22, was charged with aggravated assault, a third-degree felony, after pointing his gun at a group of teenagers. The teenagers had pulled up next to Kovtun at a stop light and imitated a Grey Poupon commercial by saying to Kovtun: "Pardon me, do you have any Grey Poupon?" Instead of replying "but of course," Kovtun pulled a gun on them.<sup>21</sup>

**Winston-Salem, NC • July 17, 2008.** John Gallaher III, a CCW licensee and owner of three handguns, committed double homicide when he killed his best friend, Sean Gallagher, 23, and an acquaintance, Lori Fioravanti, 24. He shot both victims in the head. Police are working on a

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<sup>15</sup> Rick Pfeiffer, *Niagara Falls: Workplace shooting goes unreported for days*, NIAGARA GAZETTE, Aug. 25, 2008.

<sup>16</sup> *Woman Talks About Road Rage Shooting*, Reported by Mike Corbin, WISH TV 8, available at <http://www.wishtv.com/global/story.asp?s=8834865> (last visited Aug. 15, 2008).

<sup>17</sup> Brian Haas, Andrew Tran, et. al., *Neighbors Surprised by Arrest of Miramar Suspect in Agent's Killing*, SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL, Aug. 7, 2008.

<sup>18</sup> Jennifer Mooney Piedra, Ani Martinez, et. al., *Driver Arrested in Fatal Shooting of Federal Agent*, MIAMI HERALD, Aug. 6, 2008.

<sup>19</sup> *Man accused of pointing gun at slow driver*, CHARLESTON DAILY MAIL, Sept. 9, 2008.

<sup>20</sup> Jim Adams, *911 Call: 'I Have Killed the Woman That Mess Up My Life'*, STAR TRIBUNE, July 26, 2008.

<sup>21</sup> *Motorist Draws Gun at 'Grey Poupon' Question*, July 23, 2008, KSL.com (last viewed Aug. 8, 2008).

timeline for the killings and a motive. It is known that Gallaher and Gallagher had been friends since middle school and that Gallagher worked with Fioravanti.<sup>22</sup>

**Southlake, TX • July 14, 2008.** Russ Martin was charged with aggravated assault-bodily injury with a deadly weapon following an argument with his fiancée. During the argument he beat her and brandished a handgun. The argument started because Martin was upset that his fiancée did not make a phone call that Martin asked her to make.<sup>23</sup>

**Twinsburg, OH • July 13, 2008.** Ashford Thompson, 23, who faces the death penalty if convicted of killing Twinsburg police officer Joshua Miktarian, was indicted on charges of aggravated murder, escape, resisting arrest, tampering with evidence, and carrying a concealed weapon. He is accused of killing Miktarian during a traffic stop; he shot the officer four times in the head. Thompson had a CCW permit but is charged with carrying a concealed weapon because it is illegal to hold or use a weapon while stopped for a law enforcement reason.<sup>24</sup>

**South Bend, IN • June 26, 2008.** 25-year-old CCW licensee Stephen Range was arrested for intimidation after threatening Gene Mikolajewski, a retired South Bend police officer whose security firm formerly employed Range. After Mikolajewski fired Range, Range came to the office to return some equipment and the two argued about overtime pay that Range believed he was owed. At that time, Range displayed his holstered handgun and made threatening comments to Mikolajewski.<sup>25</sup>

**College Hill, OH • June 23, 2008.** Thomas Howell, 71, was convicted of aggravated menacing for pointing a gun at another driver, April Evans, who cut him off in a June 23, 2008 road rage incident. After Evans cut Howell off, Howell pulled up alongside her car and threatened to shoot her. The cars chased each other and Howell continuously pointed the gun at Evans until Howell arrived at the church where he is a preacher and Evans went to a local store to call 911.<sup>26</sup>

**Jeffersonville, IN • June 17, 2008.** Yalanda Parrish, 39, was indicted on two felonies for shooting a fellow motorist, Wesley Mosier Jr., 52. Following a road rage incident, Parrish shot Mosier in the chest.<sup>27</sup>

**Mahoning County, OH • June 10, 2008.** Dallas Lough, 64, was charged with aggravated menacing after a baseball coach said Lough pointed a handgun at him during a confrontation following a baseball game. Lough is a CCW licensee.<sup>28</sup>

**Seattle, WA • May 24, 2008.** Clinton Grainger, 22, injured three people at the Northwest Folklife Festival when he discharged his concealed Glock 19 handgun. Grainger brought the

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<sup>22</sup> Dan Galindo, *Reason for Shooting Deaths Still Unclear: John Gallaher III is Charged with Killing Best Friend and a Woman he Scarcely Knew*, WINSTON-SALEM JOURNAL, July 17, 2008.

<sup>23</sup> Domingo Ramirez Jr., *Radio Host Still Off the Air After Being Charged with Assault*, STAR TELEGRAM, Aug. 7, 2008.

<sup>24</sup> Karen Farkas, *Ashford Thompson Indicted in Killing of Twinsburg Officer Joshua Miktarian*, THE PLAIN DEALER, July 22, 2008.

<sup>25</sup> Jeff Parrott, *Man banned from city offices could lose gun permit*, WSBT 2, Sept. 15, 2008.

<sup>26</sup> Kimberly Perry, *Road Ragin' Preacher Convicted*, CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, Aug. 4, 2008.

<sup>27</sup> Matt Thacker, *Parrish' Gun Permit to be Suspended*, NEW ALBANY TRIBUNE, July 24, 2008

<sup>28</sup> *Trial set for man accused of pointing gun at coach*, VINDY.COM, Sept. 16, 2008.

weapon and 15 rounds of ammunition in an ankle holster to the event, where he got into a fight with another man leading him to fire the weapon once. The single bullet hit three people; the bullet passed through the first victim's nasal cavity and the second victim's wrist before lodging in the third victim's leg. Grainger, who received his concealed weapons license in January 2007, is a diagnosed schizophrenic who has been enrolled in a methadone maintenance program since the age of 18. He also had a series of juvenile convictions and a long history of traffic offenses, but none of this information disqualified him from receiving a CCW permit under state and federal law.<sup>29</sup> In August 2008, Grainger pleaded guilty to two counts of third degree assault.<sup>30</sup>

**Georgetown, OH • May 23, 2008.** J.R. Lawrence pled guilty to operating a vehicle impaired and to improper handling of a firearm following a drunk driving incident. Lawrence's blood alcohol content was twice the legal limit and he was carrying a concealed firearm at the time he was stopped by police.<sup>31</sup>

**Boca Raton, FL • April 30, 2008.** During a fight at a campus party at Florida Atlantic University, Omar Graham, Jr. fired two shots in a crowded room, one grazing the ear of a 21-year-old college student. Graham claimed that the victim and a friend "were looking at him like they wanted a fight."<sup>32</sup>

**Columbus, OH • April 30, 2008.** Derrick Foster, 38, shot at a team of police officers who attempted to break through the barricaded door of a neighborhood dice game. The officers, two of whom were wounded, one seriously, were part of a tactical drug investigation unit and announced their presence before Foster opened fire. Foster, who initially believed the officers to be robbers, surrendered when he saw the police team as he attempted to escape with his weapon through a basement window.<sup>33</sup>

**Quincy, MA • April 22, 2008.** John Tasserini, 29, who was issued a CCW license in 2004, shot and killed his wife in the driveway of the couple's home. Tassinari, a notoriously controlling spouse who called his wife dozens of times daily, used two .45 caliber handguns from his collection to carry out the attack.<sup>34</sup>

**Columbus, GA • March 27, 2008.** Charles Johnson, 63, a CCW licensee, took three weapons and extra ammunition into Doctors Hospital where his mother had died of natural causes in 2004. Johnson shot an intensive care nurse and an administrative assistant inside the hospital building and a 76-year-old man in the parking lot. After pulling a gun on a plainclothes detective, Johnson was shot in the shoulder and taken into custody.<sup>35</sup>

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<sup>29</sup> Scott Gutierrez, *Alleged Folklife shooter had mental health history and gun permit*, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, May 27, 2008.

<sup>30</sup> Jennifer Sullivan, *Folklife Shooter Pleads Guilty to Assault*, THE SEATTLE TIMES, Aug. 13, 2008.

<sup>31</sup> Barbara Goldman, *Aberdeen Council Member Sentenced for Impaired Driving Incident*, THE LEDGER INDEPENDENT, July 22, 2008.

<sup>32</sup> *FAU Suspect Held on \$35,000 Bail*, SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINAL, May 2, 2008.

<sup>33</sup> Bruce Cadwallader, *Man feared raid was a robbery, police told*, THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH, May 3, 2008.

<sup>34</sup> John Ellement, *Victim's kin say spouse was controlling: Family says wife was not fearful*, BOSTON GLOBE, Apr. 25, 2008.

<sup>35</sup> Daniel Yee, *Ga. Town Reeling From Hospital Slayings*, ASSOCIATED PRESS, Mar. 27, 2008 & *Information Released About The Weapons Used in Doctor's Hospital Shooting*, WTVM, Mar. 28, 2008, available at: <http://www.wtvm.com/Global/story.asp?S=8086511&nav=8fap>

**Hollywood, FL • March 23, 2008.** Ronald Khan, 35, shot an off-duty firefighter after a dispute in which the victim asked Khan to stop driving his go-kart on a public street. After a brief physical altercation, Khan left the scene. Ten minutes later, Khan returned with several friends and shot the victim. Despite two prior arrests in Florida, Khan held a valid CCW license.<sup>36</sup>

**Marathon, FL • March 22, 2008.** 26-year-old CCW licensee Dam Lopez was charged with negligent manslaughter after the shooting death of his 20-year-old girlfriend, Andrea Anzola Villafrade, who died while on vacation in the Florida Keys. The couple were sharing a hotel room with another couple who witnessed the shooting. They told police that Lopez picked up his handgun and stood behind Villafrade as she did her hair, at which time Lopez shot her in the chest.<sup>37</sup>

**Palm Beach, FL • March 10, 2008.** During a domestic dispute, a bleeding Christine Burroughs fled to a neighbor's home. Her husband, Arthur Burroughs, 66, followed, shooting and killing the owner of the home to which his wife had fled, before barricading himself in a bathroom with his wife and turning the gun on himself. Burroughs, a former loss-prevention specialist, had held a CCW license since at least 1999.<sup>38</sup>

**Thonotosassa, FL • February 29, 2008.** Charles Podany, 47, got into an altercation with two men driving a pickup truck at high speeds. When Podany approached the truck and asked the men to drive more slowly, the passenger got out of the vehicle and hit Podany in the face. After the two men fell to the ground, Podany fired two shots from his .40 caliber Glock, one of which struck the other man in the face, killing him instantly. Podany claimed that his life was endangered, but the only evidence of injuries were abrasions and a single cut. Podany had a CCW license despite an aggravated battery conviction in 2006 and numerous charges for vehicle theft, driving without a license, marijuana possession, DUI, and probation violations.<sup>39</sup>

**Orange County, FL • February 20, 2008.** A "road rage" incident between Louis Davis, 40, and Victor Vilchez, 44, both holders of CCW licenses, resulted in an exchange of gunfire in a residential neighborhood. Davis, who was taking his 6 and 11-year-old daughters to elementary school, began firing at Vilchez, who returned fire. Davis dropped his daughters off and continued to pursue Vilchez until Vilchez crashed into a passing vehicle. Police recovered a .45 caliber semi-automatic weapon and a .38 caliber fully automatic weapon from the vehicles.<sup>40</sup>

**Lauderdale Lakes, FL • February 8, 2008.** After a year-long dispute regarding the precise location of a property line and the appropriate length of grass, Lee Macon, 49, fatally shot his neighbor four or more times, mortally wounding the victim.<sup>41</sup>

**Sarasota, FL • February 4, 2008.** Paul Kallenbach, 40, shot a fellow customer after a dispute in a convenience store. Kallenbach pulled one gun during an argument, which the victim

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<sup>36</sup> Jennifer Mooney Pierda, *Hollywood: Wounded Fireman is doing better*" MIAMI HERALD, Mar. 26, 2008.

<sup>37</sup> Joel Marino, *Plantation man charged with killing girlfriend*, SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL, Oct. 1, 2008.

<sup>38</sup> Ana X. Ceron, *Domestic Dispute Spurred Shooter*, PALM BEACH POST, Mar. 10, 2008.

<sup>39</sup> Jessica Vander Velde, *Man Shot Following Spat Over Speeding*, ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, Mar. 2, 2008.

<sup>40</sup> Walter Pacheco, *Deputies arrest 2 drivers after gunfight blamed on road rage*, ORLANDO SENTINEL, Feb. 21, 2008.

<sup>41</sup> Adam Beasley & Diana Moskovitz, *Lauderdale Lakes: Lawn dispute escalates into fatal shooting*, MIAMI HERALD, Feb. 8, 2008.

successfully wrestled away. Kallenbach then drew two other weapons he had been carrying on his person and repeatedly fired at the victim, killing him. He then exited the store and fired into the parking lot. The previous June, Kallenbach had been required to submit to a psychiatric evaluation after police found him with three handguns strapped to his waist, three more firearms, and 651 rounds of ammunition in his vehicle. Kallenbach claimed that the weapons “helped him feel safe.” A review of Kallenbach’s CCW license was apparently pending at the time of his mental evaluation, but police were not permitted to revoke his license.<sup>42</sup>

**Florida • January-February 2007.** The *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* found that the state had not suspended or revoked the licenses of 216 people with active warrants, 128 people with domestic violence restraining orders, 9 people charged with felonies or violent reckless misdemeanors, 6 registered sex offenders, and at least 1 prison inmate. Another 1,400 people who had pled guilty or no-contest to felony charges also have CCW licenses in Florida. Before the newspaper published its investigation, the State of Florida admitted to only 158 criminal CCW license holders, almost 10 times fewer than the actual number.<sup>43</sup>

**Seattle Washington • October 23, 2007.** A 23-year-old college student who police declined to identify was apprehended at Seattle Central Community College after a fellow student reported him to campus security. The man had one loaded weapon in his waistband and two more in his backpack, along with ammunition. The man appeared “extremely nervous” and began to cry and shake uncontrollably when questioned by police. Although the college had a policy prohibiting possession of firearms on campus, the policy could not be enforced because the young man had a valid CCW license.<sup>44</sup>

**Las Vegas, NV • September 13, 2007.** Michael McClinton, a 50-year-old CCW licensee, wielded a .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun during a six-minute holdup of two sports memorabilia dealers and was charged with robbery and kidnapping, among other charges. He pled guilty to robbery and conspiracy to commit robbery under a plea agreement. Also charged in the case was O.J. Simpson.

**Cincinnati, OH • August 13, 2007.** Geraldine Beasley, 62, shot and killed a panhandler outside a Cincinnati gas station. Beasley complained about the victim to another person and, when the victim approached and asked for 25 cents, Beasley shot him twice. Beasley had been fined for unlawful transportation of a firearm in 2003, but the charge was not serious enough to prevent her from qualifying for a CCW license in Ohio.<sup>45</sup>

**Cleveland, OH • July 4, 2007.** Enraged by the fireworks being set off at a neighbor’s party, Terrence Hough, Jr., 35, confronted them with a handgun. Hough opened fire on the guests, killing three and wounding two others. According to his co-workers at the Cleveland fire department, Hough was a “ticking time bomb” with a prior DUI conviction, yet he managed to qualify for a CCW license in 2004. Police seized twelve other firearms from Hough’s home.<sup>46</sup>

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<sup>42</sup> Tom Lyons, *Police saw what psychiatric team didn’t*, SARASOTA HERALD-TRIBUNE, Feb. 10, 2008.

<sup>43</sup> *License to Carry: A Sun-Sentinel Investigation*, SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL, Jan. 28-Feb. 15, 2007.

<sup>44</sup> Jonah Sprangenthal-Lee, *Dodging a Bullet*, THE STRANGER, Volume 17, Issue 8, Nov. 1, 2007.

<sup>45</sup> *Shooting Suspect Had Gun Permit*, AKRON BEACON JOURNAL, Aug. 13, 2007.

<sup>46</sup> Mike Tobin, *Hough known for bursts of anger*, CLEVELAND PLAINS DEALER, July 7, 2007.

**Boynton Beach, FL • June 21, 2007.** A known gang member and key player in a gang feud which culminated in a Christmas Eve shooting at a shopping mall, Berson Dieudonne, 25, was arrested for aggravated assault with a firearm. Dieudonne, who threatened police with a loaded .45 caliber pistol, had a valid CCW license despite previous arrests on aggravated battery and grand theft auto charges.<sup>47</sup>

**Tulsa, OK • June 10, 2007.** Kenneth Ray Gumm, 67, a retired security guard and CCW licensee, shot and killed another man in a “road rage” incident. The victim had been tailgating Gumm. After both men pulled into a parking lot there was a verbal altercation, during which the victim shoved Gumm’s shoulder. Gumm shot the victim in the chest from a distance of several feet.<sup>48</sup>

**Moscow, ID • May 20, 2007.** A card-carrying member of the Aryan Nation with a lengthy criminal record, Jason Kenneth Hamilton, 36, went on a killing spree with a semi-automatic military rifle. Hamilton shot his wife in their home before opening fire on the Latah County courthouse, killing one police officer and wounding three others. Hamilton then took refuge in a nearby church, killing a church sexton before turning the gun on himself. Hamilton had a long criminal history across four states, including arrests for violent crimes, domestic violence, drugs, and weapons offenses, yet he was licensed to own fully automatic weapons and to carry concealed weapons.<sup>49</sup>

**Tulsa, OK • April 27, 2007.** Phillip Wayne Stephenson, who had been driving with his wife and another passenger, exited his vehicle when a pedestrian passed in front of the car obstructing its path. Stephenson became engaged in a physical confrontation with the pedestrian and Stephenson retrieved a pistol from his car. Stephenson’s gun discharged during the altercation which now included a friend of the pedestrian, shooting the pedestrian’s friend in the shoulder.<sup>50</sup>

**Myrtle Beach, SC • March 20, 2007.** Robert Kaufman, 64, shot his wife with a handgun inside the couple’s vacation home. Kaufman was arrested and charged with his wife’s death, in addition to twelve counts related to sex with a child.<sup>51</sup>

**St. Petersburg, FL • March 3, 2007.** South Florida bail bondsman Norman Britten, Jr., 33, shot at a passing vehicle driven by a man Britten claimed had previously skipped bail on a traffic offense. No one was hurt in the incident, but police noted that children were playing in the immediate area.<sup>52</sup>

**Wesley Chapel, FL • February 17, 2007.** Terry Enyart, 56, returned intoxicated to the home he shared with his wife and son. Enyart attempted to strangle the family dog, attacked his wife with a bottle, and shot his son in the hand before shooting himself in the head on his front lawn. Enyart was known as a violent drunk who frequently threatened and hit his son.<sup>53</sup>

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<sup>47</sup> Michael LaForgia, *Boynton Police Arrest Man Involved in Fatal Gang Feud*, PALM BEACH POST, Aug. 21, 2007.

<sup>48</sup> Bill Braun, *Ex-guard due trial in killing*, TULSA WORLD, Oct. 24, 2007.

<sup>49</sup> Taryn Brodwater et al., *Shooter Linked to Aryans*, THE SPOKESMAN REVIEW, May 23, 2007.

<sup>50</sup> Nicole Marshall, *Confrontation was linked to road-rage*, TULSA WORLD, June 12, 2007.

<sup>51</sup> Jason Rodriguez, *Brunswick County: Husband charged in wife’s death*, THE SUN NEWS, Mar. 20, 2007.

<sup>52</sup> Alisa Ulferts, *Bondsman charged in shooting*, ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, Mar. 3, 2007.

<sup>53</sup> Gina Pace & Molly Moorhead, *Man shoots son’s hand, kills self*, ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, Feb. 17, 2007.

**Deland, OH • November 24, 2006.** During an argument over a game of pool that spilled out into the street, Joseph Attardo fired his 9mm pistol, killing a popular downtown restaurant manager.<sup>54</sup>

**Vancouver, WA • October 3, 2006.** Jon W. Loveless - unemployed for ten years, a daily marijuana smoker, and father of two – said that he shot “until my gun was empty” at Kenneth Eichorn because Eichorn had “a weird look” on his face. Loveless also claimed that Eichorn held a handgun but the Eichorn family disputes the claim. Loveless was charged with one count of second-degree murder.<sup>55</sup>

**Northville Township, Michigan • July 13, 2006.** A group of three possibly drunken friends were about to explore the tunnels underneath a state hospital when one accidentally shot another in the leg with his handgun.<sup>56</sup>

**Miami-Dade County, Florida • June 28, 2006.** Ksotja Roy, a one-time School Board police officer, was arrested for impersonating a police officer and false imprisonment after a string of roadside motorist stops. One motorist witnessed Roy with a gun in his hand.<sup>57</sup>

**St. Louis, Missouri • April 29, 2006.** Randolph Stevens allegedly shot Henry Kotyla to death with a .45- caliber handgun. According to reports, Stevens had a CCW license from Florida that Missouri law recognized by reciprocity. Stevens was charged with first-degree murder and unlawful use of a weapon. While police reportedly recovered eight shell casings, Kotyla was wounded 14 times.<sup>58</sup>

**Everett, WA • May 30, 2006.** A fistfight turned into a gun battle outside the home of Dale Cramm, 44, resulting in the death of two teens. Cramm's son was later charged in the deaths, and Cramm himself was charged with witness tampering, tampering with physical evidence, and three drug-related felonies. Police also confiscated an arsenal of weapons, including five shotguns, three SKS assault rifles, 3 other rifles, bayonets and high-capacity magazines. Within days of the weapon confiscation, Cramm, who was out on bail, allegedly went to a local gun show and purchased more firearms. According to police, Cramm used his CCW license as identification to purchase guns at the gun show.<sup>59</sup>

**Richmond, Virginia, January 26, 2006.** Del. John S. “Jack” Reid (R-72nd Dist.), Delegate to the Virginia Assembly, accidentally discharged his .380 handgun inside his Assembly office, shooting the bulletproof vest that was hanging on his coat rack. No injuries were reported.<sup>60</sup>

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<sup>54</sup> Patricio Balona, *Deltona man sentenced to 14 years: Shooter killed restaurateur*, DAYTON NEWS-JOURNAL, Sept. 22, 2007.

<sup>55</sup> *Documents: Suspect Fired Gun ‘Until Empty,’* COLUMBIAN, Oct. 3, 2006.

<sup>56</sup> *Shooting Renews demands to Secure Hospital; Northville Officials Call on State to Exercise More Control of Shuttered Psychiatric Facility*, DETROIT NEWS, July 14, 2006.

<sup>57</sup> *Fired Cop Arrested in Blue-Light Charade: An Ex-Cop Was Arrested and Charged with Playing the Role After He Should Have Turned in His Badge*, MIAMI HERALD, July 1, 2006.

<sup>58</sup> *Man with Permit Is Charged with Murder in Shooting*, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, May 2, 2006.

<sup>59</sup> *The guns of Dale Cramm*, DAILY HERALD, Aug. 14, 2000.

<sup>60</sup> *Gun-Toting Delegate Misfires at Va. Capitol*, WASHINGTON POST, Jan. 27, 2006.

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida • January 1, 2006.** Rogelio Monero, 49, allegedly shot and killed Victor Manuel Villanueva, 17, during a New Year's Eve altercation as Moreno tried to stop a fight between Villanueva and a third party. Moreno was charged with manslaughter.<sup>61</sup>

**Florida • 2006.** Lyglenson Lemorin was an accused terrorist alleged to have ties to al-Qaeda, yet he retained his CCW license after two domestic violence arrests in 1997 and 1998. The first time he allegedly threw a beer bottle at his girlfriend's neck. The second time he allegedly punched a pregnant former girlfriend, flashed his gun and warned her, "I'll kill you." His CCW license was suspended in February 2000 for carrying a weapon with a restraining order against him but was reinstated a month later. It was finally suspended in 2006 when Lemorin was arrested under suspicion of a terrorist plot. Lemorin was indicted with six other defendants in a terrorist plot to destroy the Sears Tower in Chicago. An acquaintance of Lemorin used Lemorin's Hi-Point 9mm to shoot at a third party.<sup>62</sup>

**Detroit, Michigan • November 16, 2005.** A man was arrested on suspicion of drunk driving. His gun and license were seized because Michigan law forbids carrying a concealed weapon while intoxicated.<sup>63</sup>

**Sunrise, Florida • August 5, 2005.** Anthony Diotaiuto, a suspected drug dealer, was shot to death in a confrontation with the SWAT team assigned to arrest him.<sup>64</sup>

**Orange County, California • August 1, 2005.** Raymond K. Yi, a sheriff's reserve deputy, was arrested for brandishing a firearm on a golf course. Reserve deputies are honorary and have no police power. Reportedly, a golfer ahead of Yi hit Yi's ball out of the fairway. Yi confronted the man with his badge and gun and, after some escalation, allegedly pointed his weapon at the other man and said, "I will kill you."<sup>65</sup>

**Fairfax County, VA • April 26, 2005.** Timothy D. Fudd, a teacher in Fairfax County, VA, was charged with carrying a loaded handgun in his car onto the property of Westfield High School in violation of Virginia law.<sup>66</sup>

**Ocala, Florida • January 12, 2005.** Steven Ekberg was arrested for carrying a weapon into a bar, a violation of Florida law, as well as cocaine possession. Ekberg was also under suspicion for possession of ricin, a lethal biological agent.<sup>67</sup>

**Florida • 2005.** Nathaniel Ferguson retained his CCW license for some 18 months after he was arrested for shooting a woman – the 30 year-old mother of a young son – in a parking lot outside a bar.<sup>68</sup>

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<sup>61</sup> *Argument at a New Year's Party Ends in Teen's Death*, MIAMI HERALD, Jan. 2, 2006.

<sup>62</sup> *Terrorism Suspect's Commitment Waned*, MIAMI HERALD, Aug. 6, 2006.

<sup>63</sup> *Police Beat*, DETROIT FREE PRESS, Nov. 25, 2005.

<sup>64</sup> *Officers Cleared in Deadly Shooting*, MIAMI HERALD, Oct. 19, 2006.

<sup>65</sup> *Golfers Say Deputy Drew Gun; Orange County Sheriff's Reserve Officer Is Arrested After Players Say He Threatened Them*, LOS ANGELES TIMES, Aug. 4, 2005.

<sup>66</sup> *Va. Teacher Accused of Taking Gun to School; Loaded Weapon Found in Locked Car*, WASHINGTON POST, Apr. 27, 2005.

<sup>67</sup> *Ocala Man Had Biotxin, Police Charge*, MIAMI HERALD, Jan. 14, 2005.

<sup>68</sup> *System Under the Gun*, SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL, Jan. 29, 2007.

**Prince William County, Maryland • October 3, 2004.** Michael G. Fouche accidentally left his handgun in the bag of supplies taken to school by his special-needs son. Mr. Fouche, charged with allowing children access to firearms, took full responsibility for the mistake after the school discovered the weapon.<sup>69</sup>

**Louisville, Kentucky • August 10, 2004.** U.S. Rep. John Hostettler (R-IN, 8<sup>th</sup> Dist.) pled guilty to a misdemeanor charge of carrying a concealed deadly weapon into Louisville International Airport in April. Rep. Hostettler agreed to a discharged 60-day jail sentence conditional on his good behavior over the following two years, and had to surrender his semi-automatic handgun. In the 2006 election the NRA gave Rep. Hostettler an A grade and endorsed him for re-election.<sup>70</sup>

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania • July 13, 2004.** Arabo “Raybo” Allen allegedly shot a bystander in the leg with a 9mm pistol during an altercation with another person. Allen was later arraigned on charges of aggravated assault, attempted homicide, and reckless endangerment. The charges were later dropped when a witness failed to appear in court.<sup>71</sup>

**Miami Beach, Florida • February 18, 2004.** Deborah Cubides, wife of a Miami Beach police officer, held up the Pembroke Pines bank, apparently to get enough money to keep her family’s house from foreclosure proceedings. Cubides said she used a gun during the robbery, but police never recovered one.<sup>72</sup>

**Miami, Florida • January 19, 2004.** Travis Jenkins, Jr., age 3, found his father’s 9mm semi-automatic handgun on the floor of his father’s car and shot himself in the head, rendering him brain dead. Mr. Jenkins, Sr., a CCW licensee, was later charged with culpable negligence. He agreed to probation and the surrender of his weapon and his CCW license.<sup>73</sup>

**Greenacres, Florida • January 13, 2004.** It was reported that James Anthony Settembre, a vocal gun advocate, shot his wife Debra twice and then shot himself in the head.<sup>74</sup>

**Lexington, Kentucky • December 18, 2003.** Donald Byrom, a lawyer and former interim circuit judge, was cited for bringing a loaded Ruger .22-caliber pistol into the Blue Grass Airport. Byrom said his crime was one of “carelessness.” He later pled guilty to a federal misdemeanor and paid a \$500 fine.<sup>75</sup>

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<sup>69</sup> *Va. Father Who Left Gun in Pack Praises School’s Action*, WASHINGTON POST, Oct. 4, 2004.

<sup>70</sup> *Congressman Guilty in Gun Case*, LOUISVILLE COURIER-JOURNAL, Aug. 11, 2004.

<sup>71</sup> *Legwork, Luck Led Police to Suspect – Within Hours of Downtown Shooting, Detectives Were Hot on the Trail of the Accused Gunman*, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, July 17, 2004, & *News Briefs*, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, Nov. 30, 2004.

<sup>72</sup> *Arrest of Officer’s Wife Stuns Suburb*, MIAMI HERALD, Feb. 21, 2004 & *Cop’s Wife Gets Year for Bank Job*, MIAMI HERALD, Aug. 13, 2005.

<sup>73</sup> *Doctor: ‘Brain Doesn’t Work Anymore,’* MIAMI HERALD, Jan. 21, 2004 & *Around Miami-Dade*, MIAMI HERALD, Mar. 27, 2004.

<sup>74</sup> *Around Florida*, MIAMI HERALD, Jan. 13, 2004.

<sup>75</sup> *Lawyer Fined for Gun in Airport*, LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, Mar. 3, 2004 & *You’re Busted – Have a Nice Flight: Guns, Knives Land Passengers in Court*, LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER, Feb. 8, 2004.

**Bethesda, Maryland • November 24, 2003.** A man threatening to commit suicide was taken to the hospital after police seized 17 rifles, 10 handguns, a homemade silencer, two stun guns, two blowguns, two concealed-weapons permits, more than 1,300 rounds of ammunition, 48 knives, and six samurai swords from his apartment.<sup>76</sup>

**Chartiers Valley School District, Pennsylvania • August 29, 2003.** Charles Bolden, transportation director of the Chartiers Valley School District, carried a loaded Glock .40-caliber handgun onto school property in one of his motorcycle saddlebags. The School Board later suspended Bolden for four months without pay for incompetency, neglect of duty, unintentionally bringing a loaded firearm onto school property and hindering an investigation.<sup>77</sup>

**Manchester, New Hampshire • July 19, 2003.** New Hampshire State Rep. Howard Dickinson (R-Conway) put a loaded .38 caliber handgun in his carry-on luggage which he brought to Manchester Airport. Dickinson was the first person to be caught doing so at the Airport since federal employees took over screening. In 2006, Dickinson received an A+ rating from the NRA and was endorsed for re-election.<sup>78</sup>

**Davie, Florida • April 30, 2003.** Michael Pecora walked into his business partner's office, sat down, shot the partner twice in the head, then shot himself.<sup>79</sup>

**Key West, Florida • April 8, 2003.** Gerald Norman Leggett, senior director of communications and reserve deputy for the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, was arrested at Key West International Airport for attempting to board an aircraft with a concealed dangerous weapon, a loaded Llama .380 semi-automatic handgun. Leggett later pled guilty and was sentenced to one year of probation.<sup>80</sup>

**Tucson, Arizona • October 29, 2002.** Robert Flores, Jr. shot and killed three professors and then himself in a rampage at the University of Arizona School of Nursing, where he was a failing student. Reportedly, he told classmates about a year before that he had obtained a CCW license.<sup>81</sup>

**Tampa, Florida • October 28, 2002.** Quinn Burchfield, age 3, found his father Steven's .32-caliber pistol in the pocket of his jeans and accidentally shot himself in the neck. Quinn died five days later. Steven Burchfield, a CCW licensee, was charged with culpable negligence.<sup>82</sup>

**Indianapolis, Indiana • January 24, 2002.** A derringer belonging to Ronald T. Cox, 54, accidentally discharged at an Indianapolis restaurant, wounding another patron. Investigators say

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<sup>76</sup> *Metro in Brief*, WASHINGTON POST, Nov. 26, 2003.

<sup>77</sup> *Bolden v. Chartiers Valley School Dist.*, 869 A.2d 1134 (Pa. Commonw. Ct. 2005).

<sup>78</sup> *Dickinson Says Carrying Gun in Luggage Was 'A Total Mistake'*, PORTSMOUTH HERALD, July 21, 2003.

<sup>79</sup> *Police: Tension Escalated Before Shootings*, MIAMI HERALD, May 1, 2003.

<sup>80</sup> *Loaded Gun Brings Arrest at Airport*, MIAMI HERALD, Apr. 9, 2003 & Judgment, *U.S.A. v. Leggett*, No. 4:03-cr-10023-KMM (S.D. Fla. filed June 13, 2003).

<sup>81</sup> *3 Professors Shot Dead at University of Arizona*, WASHINGTON POST, Oct. 29, 2002.

<sup>82</sup> *Dad Charged After Son, 3, Shoots Self*, MIAMI HERALD, Jan. 7, 2003.

the gun was in the pocket of Cox's leather coat; it went off when he placed the coat on the back of a chair. Cox had a CCW license. Police also found marijuana in Cox's coat.<sup>83</sup>

**Memphis, Tennessee • December 28, 2001.** Barry Brunstein of Tampa, FL, was caught with a loaded .9-mm Beretta in his briefcase at Memphis International Airport during a random security stop. Brunstein, a transportation safety consultant, said that he had forgotten that the gun was in his briefcase. Alarming, Brunstein had passed through security at Tampa International Airport on the first leg of his flight without the weapon being detected.<sup>84</sup>

**Vancouver, Washington • November 25, 2001.** James Craig Wilson became frustrated and angry when he had trouble untangling the Christmas lights he planned to hang at his suburban home. After going inside to calm down, Wilson went outside and fired his .45-caliber pistol into the ground multiple times. After an arrest for reckless endangerment, Wilson said that he had attended anger management classes six months earlier.<sup>85</sup>

**Chester County, Pennsylvania • November 14, 2001.** A gun carried by 32-year-old Cesar Solis accidentally went off in a Chester County tavern, injuring three people including himself – one seriously. Solis was charged with two counts of aggravated assault, two counts of recklessly endangering another person, and one count of discharging a weapon in a building. Police said Solis, who had a license to carry the gun, was at the Birch Inn late Sunday night with his brother when Cesar Solis pulled the gun from his waistband. The gun discharged and hit his brother and Sandra Pierson, who was seated at a nearby table.<sup>86</sup>

**Anchorage, Alaska • October, 2001.** Timothy Wagner walked into an Anchorage store and told an employee that he needed to soak out the chemicals that had been injected into him or else he would die. Wagner also claimed that a computer chip had been implanted in his head. When police were called to the scene, Wagner failed to tell police immediately that he was armed, as required by law. Despite a history of mental illness, Wagner was able to get and retain a CCW license because the Alaska Court of Appeals ruled, several months earlier, that a judge could not take into account a person's mental illness when revoking a CCW license.<sup>87</sup>

**Seattle, Washington • October 11, 2001.** An unnamed Washington state woman was stopped for having a loaded two-shot derringer in her carry-on baggage at Sea-Tac Airport.<sup>88</sup>

**Texas • January 1, 1996 – August 31, 2001.** The Violence Policy Center has published four reports on CCW licensees in Texas. They found that Texas CCW licensees were arrested for 5,314 crimes between January 1, 1996 and August 31, 2001, and since Texas' CCW licensing law went into effect, licensees have been arrested for an average of 2 \_ crimes per day. These incidents include 1,315 arrests for driving under the influence of intoxicants, 404 arrests for drug related crimes, 279 arrests for assault or aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, 134 arrests for

<sup>83</sup> *Safer handling of derringers urged*, INDIANAPOLIS STAR, Feb. 15, 2002 & *Man whose handgun went off charged with drug possession*, INDIANAPOLIS STAR, Jan. 30, 2002.

<sup>84</sup> *Man 'forgot' loaded gun in briefcase*, ASSOCIATED PRESS, Dec. 30, 2001.

<sup>85</sup> *Man jailed for firing gun in frustration with Christmas lights*, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, Nov. 28, 2001.

<sup>86</sup> *Man held in tavern shooting*, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, Nov. 14, 2001.

<sup>87</sup> *Alaska Court Rules on Concealed Gun*, ASSOCIATED PRESS, Jan. 10, 2002.

<sup>88</sup> *Two at Sea-Tac found with guns*, SEATTLE TIMES, Oct. 12, 2001.

sexual misconduct, 79 arrests for rape or sexual assault, 60 arrests for indecency with children, 41 arrests for murder or attempted murder, 19 arrests for impersonating a police officer, 14 arrests for kidnapping or false imprisonment, and 8 arrests for arson. From 1996 to 2000, Texas CCW licensees were arrested for weapon related crimes at a rate of 81% higher than Texas' general population, age 21 and over. In addition to the 279 assaults listed above, weapons related crimes include 671 arrests for unlawfully carrying a weapon and 172 arrests for deadly conduct or discharge of a firearm. Individual case stories are also provided.<sup>89</sup>

**Spokane, Washington • July 6, 2001.** An unnamed man fatally shot 17-year-old Jacob W. Walton during an apparent “road rage” incident. Walton was a passenger in a car that got into an altercation with the shooter. According to police, the shooter had a CCW license.<sup>90</sup>

**Troy, Michigan • July 5, 2001.** An unnamed 75-year-old businessman was arrested for pulling a .38-caliber handgun on two associates. The man, a CCW licensee, had gotten into an argument with the other two men over debris in a lot he was going to lease to them. When the two men refused to clean up the debris for which they were not responsible, the man "became angry, made threats, pointed the gun at one man, even threatening to shoot out the tires on his truck."<sup>91</sup>

**Tampa, Florida • April 21, 2001.** 44-year-old substitute teacher, Cynthia Seymour, was caught with a loaded .38-caliber revolver at Tampa Bay Technical High School in Florida. A school resource officer discovered the gun when he noticed the butt of the gun sticking out from her back pocket. School district policy prohibits employees from bringing weapons to school unless they are law enforcement officers.<sup>92</sup>

**King County, Washington • February 15, 2001.** Renee Rudenick, 53, was arrested for possessing a firearm on school grounds. Police confirmed that Rudenick has a license for the weapon, but it is illegal for anyone, including CCW licensees, to have a gun on school grounds. Rudenick's boyfriend said that he usually takes the gun with him when he drops her off at work but that he must have forgotten to take the gun out of her purse that morning. The incident was brought to the attention of school officials after Rudenick told a principal that she had misplaced her purse and thought her loaded .38-caliber revolver might be in it. She was fired by the school district.<sup>93</sup>

**Texas • 1995 – 2000.** An investigation published by the *Los Angeles Times* revealed that more than 400 individuals received CCW licenses despite prior criminal convictions and that over 3,000 others were arrested after obtaining their licenses. Although Texas does not release the names of “problem licensees,” the *Times* was able to track down information on some 200 licensees with criminal records. It found that licenses had been issued to persons being treated for mental illness and individuals with previous convictions for offenses such as armed robbery,

<sup>89</sup> *License to Kill IV: More Guns, More Crime*, VIOLENCE POLICY CENTER, June 2002; *License to Kill III: The Texas Concealed Handgun Law's Legacy of Crime and Violence*, VIOLENCE POLICY CENTER, Aug. 2000; *License to Kill, and Kidnap, and Rape, and Drive Drunk*, VIOLENCE POLICY CENTER, Mar. 1999; *License to Kill: Arrests Involving Texas Concealed Handgun License Holders*, VIOLENCE POLICY CENTER, Jan. 1998, available at: <http://www.vpc.org/studyndx.htm>.

<sup>90</sup> *Road rage shooter had gun permit*, SEATTLE POST-INTELLIGENCER, July 10, 2001

<sup>91</sup> *Police save suspect from heart failure*, DETROIT NEWS, July 6, 2001.

<sup>92</sup> *Teacher brings gun to school*, ST. PETERSBURG TIMES, April 21, 2001.

<sup>93</sup> *Teacher said to have carried pistol into school by mistake*, EASTSIDE JOURNAL, Mar. 13, 2001.

rape, manslaughter, aggravated assault, and domestic violence. The great majority of problems were caused, however, by individuals who committed crimes *after* receiving their CCW licenses, like Paul Leuders, who shot a Houston bus driver when he nearly missed his bus, or Diane Brown James, who was convicted of kidnapping an El Paso woman and imprisoning her as a sex slave. Additional case examples were provided in the *Times'* report.<sup>94</sup>

**Hoover, Alabama • November 25, 2000.** Richard Nelson, 43, accidentally shot himself in the abdomen with a Glock 17 9-mm pistol after viewing *102 Dalmatians* at a movie theater. After the movie ended, Nelson was putting on his jacket when something hung on the trigger of his gun, causing it to discharge.<sup>95</sup>

**Austin, Texas • October 21, 2000.** Taxi driver Wayne Franklin Lambert Jr. shot and killed two unarmed men, both high-tech professionals, who were his passengers. According to police, Lambert, a gun enthusiast with a Texas concealed-handgun license, shot one of the men three times in the back. The other victim gave a deathbed statement, saying that the taxi driver became angry over something his friend had said and challenged him to a fight. Other cab drivers gave police sworn statements saying Lambert was "very short-tempered" and "always angry at just about everything." Lambert was previously charged with assault after beating, choking and threatening to kill another taxi driver in August 1994. Lambert was charged with capital murder, representing the second multiple murder case brought against a Texas CCW licensee in the last three years.<sup>96</sup>

**Kentucky • July 1, 2000.** The *Courier-Journal* (KY) reported that a man with a concealed weapon and a bystander were injured when the gun fired after falling from the man's pocket at the concession stand of the Tinseltown movie theater. William Newman, 34, who had a license to carry his concealed .22-caliber derringer, was hit in the leg and Juanita Sparks, 60, in the hip. Signs at the box office say firearms are prohibited in the theater.<sup>97</sup>

**Providence, Rhode Island • June 20, 2000.** The *Providence Journal* (RI) reported that police were investigating Ira S. Nasberg, a freelance photographer whose stolen .40-caliber handgun was allegedly used in the murder of two college students. Over an eight year period, Nasberg reported six guns either lost or stolen. When Nasberg reported the .40-caliber handgun stolen, he told police that the gun was taken from his "unattended" car while he was in a convenience store. Later, he said that another man, Gregory Floyd, was in the car at the time of the theft. Floyd was arrested along with four other men for the abduction and shooting of the college students. Police suspect that Nasberg, a CCW licensee with no criminal record, acted as a straw purchaser for people who could not legally purchase guns.<sup>98</sup>

**Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania • June 11, 2000.** Jamie Cokes, 26, shot and killed 30-year-old Leon Blair. In 1998, Cokes was shot in the face by a robber while driving his cab. He later told a local paper that he had a license to carry a gun and would shoot the man who had shot him. Cokes and Blair knew each other, and, according to the victim's brother, Cokes "was always talking about

<sup>94</sup> Richard A. Serrano, *Texas' Concealed Gun License Law*, LOS ANGELES TIMES, Oct. 3, 2000

<sup>95</sup> *Man shot in theater wasn't holding pistol*, THE BIRMINGHAM PRESS, Nov. 28, 2000.

<sup>96</sup> *Packing Heat*, ABC NEWS 20/20 DOWNTOWN, July 16, 2001.

<sup>97</sup> *Concealed gun falls, fires; two are injured*, THE COURIER-JOURNAL, July 1, 2000.

<sup>98</sup> *Gun owner under scrutiny*, PROVIDENCE JOURNAL, June 20, 2000.

shooting people." Cokes later admitted to police that Blair was not the man who shot him in 1998.<sup>99</sup>

**Woodbridge, Virginia • March 2000.** Deena Estaban, 42, was charged with bringing a gun onto school property. Estaban, who has a Virginia CCW license, mistakenly brought the gun in a backpack to the elementary school where she is an art teacher. The gun was loaded and had been left unattended in her classroom until another teacher discovered it. Police said that it was likely that students were near the bag during the school day.<sup>100</sup>

**Miami, Florida • February 14, 2000.** Roberto Ortega, 30, and Kendria Vann, 19, got into a gunfight when Ortega, a licensed reposessor, tried to tow Vann's car away for repossession. While it is unclear who fired first, police said that both men fired multiple shots, hitting each other once – Vann in the chest and Ortega in the head – killing both men. Vann's stepfather said that Vann thought that Ortega was stealing his car. Ortega had a Florida CCW license.<sup>101</sup>

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania • January 27, 2000.** Louis Mockewich, 34, shot and killed a neighbor who was shoveling snow behind his row house. The two neighbors were arguing over where the victim was placing the snow, and Mockewich's responded by pulling out his gun, for which he had a CCW license, and shooting the 31-year-old man. The victim also had a CCW license.<sup>102</sup>

**Naples, Florida • December 14, 1999.** Adam Sousa, 25, shot two men with a .357 from his holster before leaving the dog track where he had been playing poker. Sousa, angry over an argument at the poker table, was asked to leave the game. As he headed toward the door, Sousa pulled the gun and pointed it, threatening to kill the track parking attendant. Sousa then shot two others. Sousa, a CCW licensee, was intoxicated at the time of the shooting.<sup>103</sup>

**Fountain City, Tennessee • December 1999.** William Manies, 52, returned to his former office to seek revenge against the 45-year-old woman who fired him a month before. Manies, a CCW licensee, walked into the office and pointed a .38-caliber pistol at the victim and executed her while she sat in her chair, talking on the telephone.<sup>104</sup>

**Tualatin, Oregon • November 17, 1999.** David Tanski, 53, rammed his car into another car that had taken a parking space he felt belonged to him. When the driver of the second car approached Tanski, Tanski pulled out a gun. Tanski, who has a CCW license, was charged with menacing.<sup>105</sup>

**Alabaster, Alabama • November 8, 1999.** Shirley Henson, 40, ended a battle for position in heavy rush-hour traffic by pulling out her .38 revolver and shooting the 34-year-old woman with whom she had played cat-and-mouse on I-65. The two women cut each other off, tailgated, lane-

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<sup>99</sup> *Man Held in Killing Claims Self-Defense*, TRIBUNE-REVIEW, July 7, 2000.

<sup>100</sup> *Teacher Unaware of Gun in Her Backpack*, WASHINGTON POST, Mar. 9, 2000.

<sup>101</sup> *Two men killed over repossessed car*, MIAMI HERALD, Feb. 15, 2000.

<sup>102</sup> *Deadly clash in the snow*, PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS, Jan. 27, 2000.

<sup>103</sup> *Collier man accused of shooting 2 workers at Bonita dog track jailed on \$250,000 bond*, NAPLES DAILY NEWS, Dec. 16, 1999.

<sup>104</sup> *Victim tried to help alleged killer*, KNOXVILLE NEWS-SENTINEL, Dec. 8, 1999.

<sup>105</sup> *Gun pulled in dispute over Northwest parking space*, THE OREGONIAN, Nov. 19, 1999.

changed, and slammed on brakes for about 4 miles along the southbound highway from Birmingham, until they both exited. As the victim, who was on her way to pick up her 4-year-old daughter, got out and approached Henson's vehicle. Henson reached into the console, pulled out the gun for which she had a CCW license, rolled down her window, and shot the woman in the face, killing her. Henson was later convicted of manslaughter.<sup>106</sup>

**Milwaukie, Oregon • September of 1999.** Greg King brought a semiautomatic handgun in a backpack to the elementary school where he worked, and was consequently fired from his job. King, a CCW licensee, worked as a night custodian and says he needed to remain armed for his protection. Oregon law gives the state authority to regulate the possession of concealed handguns. King sued the school district.<sup>107</sup>

**Southlake, Texas • July 1999.** Scott Stone, Jr., flew halfway across the country to murder his ex-wife in Southlake, Texas. Stone, a former resident of Southlake, and a North Carolina CCW licensee, ambushed his ex-wife, Marisa Jackson, as she jogged along a trail near her house. He then turned the gun on himself.<sup>108</sup>

**Indiana • March 18, 1999.** Raymond Cruz, a CCW licensee, was arrested for criminal recklessness with a handgun and resisting law enforcement after shooting a toilet to pieces in a restaurant. Cruz, 49, was drinking at Zuni's Restaurant and Lounge into the early morning hours when he opened fire on the toilet because "it didn't flush fast enough." According to police, Cruz was "highly intoxicated" with a blood-alcohol content level of 0.18 percent, nearly twice the legal driving limit in Indiana. No one else was in the restroom at the time of the shooting."<sup>109</sup>

**Black Oak, Arkansas • February 25, 1999.** Clay "Junior" Wallace, 76, an Arkansas CCW licensee, shot and killed Robert Qualls, 65, after an argument over new sewer service for the town of Black Oak. The two men had been arguing inside Vera's Cafe but went outside to settle the argument with a fist fight. After Qualls knocked down Wallace twice, Wallace pulled out a .38 caliber revolver that he was carrying and shot Qualls twice in the stomach.<sup>110</sup>

**Phoenix, AZ • January 30, 1999.** During a golf tournament, Brian Murphy, an Arizona CCW licensee, was arrested after scuffling with police. According to police, an intoxicated Murphy began heckling golf-superstar Tiger Woods on the sixth hole of the Phoenix Open. When confronted by Scottsdale police officer Robert Rucker, Murphy became belligerent. "I told the fan to be quiet," said Officer Rucker, "and he said 'I've got a gun, too' and squared off on me." After tackling Murphy, police found a semi-automatic pistol in his fanny pack. Tiger Woods noted that it was the second time armed fans had gotten onto a golf course while he was playing.<sup>111</sup>

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<sup>106</sup> *Woman Charged in Ala. Road Rage Shooting Death*, WASHINGTON POST, Nov. 16, 1999 & *Road rage shooter reports for prison*, BIRMINGHAM NEWS, Jan. 8, 2001.

<sup>107</sup> *Janitor fired for bringing gun to school sues district*, THE OREGONIAN, Dec. 16, 1999.

<sup>108</sup> *North Carolina shooter planned slaying of former wife and himself, police say*, FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM, July 7, 1999.

<sup>109</sup> *St. Patrick's Day reveler blows away slow-flushing toilet*, INDIANAPOLIS STAR-NEWS, Mar. 20, 1999.

<sup>110</sup> *Black Oak man is killed following argument at cafe*, JONESBORO SUN, Feb. 25, 1999.

<sup>111</sup> *Fan, Cops scuffle: Gun-toting spectator subdued at Open*, ARIZONA REPUBLIC, Feb. 1, 1999.

**Aventura, Florida • January 1999.** A disabled handyman was arrested after the brutal murder of a popular surgeon, Dr. Bradley Silverman. Robert Herndon, a Florida CCW licensee, was accused of gunning down Dr. Silverman outside his office. Authorities later discovered that Herndon had been twice charged with assault, the first charge being dropped, the second reduced to a misdemeanor. Herndon was described by neighbors as "a man who easily lost his temper and who threatened them with his gun." After questioning, police found that Herndon had a long history of mental illness and had voluntarily committed himself to a local mental health facility."<sup>112</sup>

**Seattle, Washington • December 9, 1998.** Carlton Evans, a 37-year-old CCW licensee, was accused of killing his wife and baby daughter after months of abuse. Fearing for her life, Evans' estranged wife, Melanie Edwards took her 2-year-old daughter and fled the family home. Edwards filed for a protection order on October 19, 1998. One day later, Evans applied for, and was granted, a Washington CCW license. On December 9th, armed with his 9mm semi-automatic pistol, Evans killed his wife and daughter. Evans fled, and later killed himself when police attempted to arrest him.<sup>113</sup>

**Bald Knob, Arkansas • November 25, 1998.** James H. Miller, 53, a CCW licensee, was convicted of manslaughter in the shooting death of Charles Starks Jr., 31. Miller shot both Starks and Starks' father, Charles Starks Sr., in the chest during a confrontation in the parking lot of a convenience store Nov. 25, 1998. Miller's weapon was not one of several for which he had a concealed-handgun license. He maintained during the trial that he acted in self-defense out of fear of being beaten. The elder Starks said he and his son were angry because Miller had accused them of trespassing. The prosecutor argued that the shootings were unjustified because neither of the Starks' had weapons.<sup>114</sup>

**Tampa, Florida • October 10, 1998.** Joseph Mule, a CCW licensee, led police on a high-speed chase through the streets of Tampa before being killed by deputies. According to the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, Mule began the chase after police attempted to pull him over for drunk driving. Mule made a run for it, beginning a chase through suburban streets. When he attempted to cross a parking lot, he crashed into a parked truck, whereupon deputies ordered him out of the car. When he refused, deputies approached the vehicle, opening fire when Mule drew his concealed weapon from his holster.<sup>115</sup>

**Connecticut • September 3, 1998.** Three Connecticut State Troopers sustained multiple gunshot wounds when they questioned a suspect, Edward Premo, who had a Connecticut CCW license. Two of the Troopers were questioning Premo at his home on suspicion that he had vandalized a neighbor's car when he became hostile. Suddenly, Premo pulled a .9mm semi-automatic pistol from his waistband and shot both at close range. As the officers fired back, Premo ran into his house, returning seconds later with a high-powered rifle. Two more Troopers responded to the call and were fired upon by the suspect. Fortunately, all three Troopers who were hit survived the attack. After inspecting Premo's home, law enforcement investigators found nine explosive

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<sup>112</sup> *Police Link Grudge to Doctor's Slaying; Handyman with Disability Arrested in Surgeon's Death*, SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL, Jan. 16, 1999.

<sup>113</sup> *Mother 'Played by the Rules' and She and Daughter Died*, ASSOCIATED PRESS, Dec. 21, 1998.

<sup>114</sup> *Fatal shootings involving concealed handguns*, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, Feb. 8, 2001.

<sup>115</sup> *Report: Deputies fired 42 shots at driver who aimed gun at them*, TAMPA TRIBUNE, Oct. 9, 1998.

booby traps, hand grenades, dynamite, pipe bombs and guns. Premo, who had a history of mental illness, was later found innocent of charges related to the shooting by reason of insanity.<sup>116</sup>

**Groveland, Florida • July 19, 1998.** Thomas P. Kelly, 28, was charged with attempted murder after shooting Amerida Dale Woods during an argument. While the two men were arguing, Kelly went to his vehicle, grabbed a handgun and shot Woods. According to police investigators called to the scene, Kelly shot the victim twice before running away. Kelly was also charged with use of the firearm in commission of a felony, use of a firearm under the influence of alcohol, and aggravated assault. The Florida Department of Law Enforcement later verified that Kelly had a valid CCW license.<sup>117</sup>

**Phoenix, Arizona • July 1998.** Three men got into a confrontation at a local convenience store which ended with one man dead and another wounded. According to police, Toby Mack and Kenneth April began "to bounce chests and start to fight" in front of the Texaco Star Mart. Mack then pulled a gun on April, who responded by pulling his own concealed handgun. April's friend, Mike Willey, came out of the market and pulled his gun, whereupon several shots were exchanged by all three men. When the shooting stopped, Mack lay on the ground dead and April was wounded in the stomach. Both April and Willey possessed valid Arizona CCW licenses.<sup>118</sup>

**Palm Beach, Florida • June 3, 1998.** Steven Dobric, a CCW licensee with no prior criminal record, gunned down his estranged wife outside an all-night Cuban restaurant before turning the gun on himself. According to investigators, Dobric, whom his wife had described as "unpredictable," followed her and a friend as they left a local restaurant. Senada Dobric, upon noticing her husband following her, fled. Dobric chased her down and shot her twice in the head before shooting himself. Dobric's weapon, a .40 caliber handgun, had been issued to him by the security company for which he worked. Senada Dobric had filed a restraining order one month earlier, accusing her husband of abuse and death threats.<sup>119</sup>

**Florida • March 25, 1998.** Billy Ray Beagle, a Florida CCW licensee, was killed in a shootout with police after locking himself in a police station bathroom with his gun while being questioned about the slaying of two hunters. During the nine hour standoff, Beagle confessed that he had killed the two hunters in separate attacks in 1993. Both men had been shot at close range and then robbed. Police did not check Beagle for weapons when he came to the police station because he had come to them voluntarily.<sup>120</sup>

**Tigard, Oregon • December 1997.** CCW licensee John L. Paasch was arrested and charged with reckless endangerment, second-degree criminal mischief, and disorderly conduct after shooting his gun in a bar. According to the police report, Paasch was "goofing off" and pretending to shoot his gun. As he was putting it back into its holster, the gun went off and hit the bar, causing about \$350 worth of damage. No one was injured.<sup>121</sup>

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<sup>116</sup> *Suspect No Stranger to Guns, Explosives*, HARTFORD COURANT, Sept. 4, 1998 & *State Police Commissioner investigating trooper shooting 2 years ago*, THE NEWS-TIMES, Aug. 20, 2000.

<sup>117</sup> *I Shot, I Arrested After Fight Erupts into Gunfire*, ORLANDO SENTINEL, July 20, 1998.

<sup>118</sup> *Market Confrontation Ends In Fatal Shooting*, ARIZONA REPUBLIC, July 11, 1998.

<sup>119</sup> *Ambush, then Murder-Suicide; Husband had made Death Threats after She requested a Divorce*, SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL, June 4, 1998.

<sup>120</sup> *Murder Suspect Slain After Standoff*, ASSOCIATE PRESS, Mar. 25, 1998.

<sup>121</sup> *Police: Man was 'goofing off' when he fired gun in bar*, THE OREGONIAN, Dec. 12, 1997.

**Indianapolis, Indiana • November 11, 1997.** Two women enjoying a meal at a restaurant were accidentally shot when a CCW licensee's gun fell out of his pocket. Thomas Neuman, the CCW licensee, bent over to help retrieve a broken necklace. His .32 caliber Derringer pistol, which he kept in his shirt pocket, fell to the floor, discharging one bullet that struck both women.<sup>122</sup>

**Broward County, Florida • September 1997.** Former Broward County judicial candidate and CCW licensee Daniel Blackman pulled his gun on an emergency room doctor at St. Mary's Medical Center after the doctor refused to write him a prescription. The doctor fled from the examining room and summoned a police officer who confronted Blackman. Blackman then pointed his gun at the officer. The officer did not shoot at Blackman and managed to wrestle the gun from him. In 1996, Blackman was accused of threatening to put three bullets in the head of an officer after receiving a parking ticket at an airport and was also arrested after hitting another officer with his car and fleeing the scene. Police found a loaded .9mm automatic handgun, several knives, and other weapons in his car. Charges were dropped on assurances Blackman would receive psychological treatment. Under Florida law, he was able to retain his CCW license.<sup>123</sup>

**Baldwin, Pennsylvania • September 1997.** Five men got into an argument outside of Big Willy's Saloon. All five individuals had valid Pennsylvania CCW licenses. Shots were fired, and five people were injured, two critically. Five weapons were recovered. Although only five bullets had been fired from three of the guns, each shot managed to injure someone. Changes to state law eliminated the requirement that CCW licensees receive training.<sup>124</sup>

**Provo, Utah • August 31, 1997.** Jackson Adkins, 79, a former mayoral candidate, was arrested after refusing a request by police to turn over his concealed handgun. Officers, responding to a report that Adkins had stolen a neighbor's screen door, asked Adkins to turn over his concealed handgun in interests of safety. When Officer Barson attempted to remove the gun, Adkins resisted. In the ensuing struggle, the former candidate reached for the officer's service revolver. Adkins was charged with misdemeanor assault. At the time of the incident, Adkins possessed a valid CCW license.<sup>125</sup>

**Indiana • July 1997.** Indiana CCW licensee Joseph Corcoran was charged with four counts of murder for shooting his brother and three others in the living room of their home. Corcoran shot the four after overhearing them talking about him. In 1992, Corcoran was tried and acquitted for the shotgun slayings of his parents. In 1993, he pled guilty to criminal mischief for shooting telephone lines. Corcoran had applied for a permit to purchase a machine gun in 1996, but was denied. He was eligible, however, for a CCW license, despite his violent past.<sup>126</sup>

**Tulsa, OK • January 1997.** Harold Glover shot and killed Cecil Herndon as 250 4-year-old children watched. Police stated that Glover and Herndon showed up at Bunche Early Childhood Development Center and argued about who would take their 4-year-old grandson home from

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<sup>122</sup> *Accidental gunshot hurts 2 at restaurant*, INDIANAPOLIS STAR-NEWS, Nov. 11, 1997.

<sup>123</sup> *Ex-Judge Candidate Pulls Gun On Doctor*, SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL, Sept. 17, 1997.

<sup>124</sup> *Pistols Aplenty: State's Requirements for Handgun Licensing Are Easy to Meet*, PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE, Sept. 10, 1997.

<sup>125</sup> *Provo Mayoral Candidate Charged in Scuffle with Police Officer*, SALT LAKE TRIBUNE, Aug. 31, 1997.

<sup>126</sup> *Corcoran was Denied a Machine Gun Permit*, FORT WAYNE JOURNAL GAZETTE, July 31, 1997.

school. Glover was in his car with his wife and grandson when he pulled out his .357 Magnum and shot Herndon, who was standing outside the vehicle, once in the chest. Glover claimed self-defense, stating that Herndon had threatened him with a pocketknife. However, authorities determined that Herndon was not acting in a "life-threatening" manner and that Glover acted without cause.<sup>127</sup>

**Houston, Texas • May 1996.** Pete Kanakidis shot and killed Alejandro Cruz Arroyo after a dispute over the ownership of some tools with two other men. The investigation indicated that Kanakidis approached Arroyo, who was sitting in his vehicle, and fired point blank into Arroyo's face. Although Kanakidis indicated that he felt his life in danger, police later determined that Arroyo was not involved in the argument and was sitting alone in the driver's seat of a truck. Texas's CCW law went into effect in January 1996, four months before the shooting.<sup>128</sup>

**Little Rock, Arkansas • March 1996.** Clarence Wilbon, then 48, had a license to carry a concealed handgun and he fatally shot Gary Allen Smith once in the chest with a .44-caliber revolver during a gambling dispute. Wilbon fired one round into Smith's leg as he and Smith, who was also armed, struggled for control of Smith's gun. Wilbon had a license despite a record of misdemeanor charges for gambling, as well as arrests but no convictions on drug charges and in the assault of a policeman.<sup>129</sup>

**Blacksburg, Virginia • February 1996.** Robert Asbury died of a self-inflicted gun-shot wound after he shot and killed his estranged wife and one of his wife's former co-workers at her home. On his CCW license application, Asbury wrote that he had owned and used guns for fifty years and regularly practiced at a gun range.<sup>130</sup>

**Florida • May 31, 1995 – May 31, 1996.** In two reports that focused on the State of Florida, the Violence Policy Center found that as of July 1995, 469 Florida CCW licensees had been identified as having committed a wide variety of crimes. In just one year, between May 1995 and May 1996, 159 Florida CCW licensees had their licenses revoked. 84 of the 159 licensees had their CCW license revoked for crimes committed after receiving their license, with 20% of the revocations for crimes involving the use of a firearm, and 65 licensees had their CCW license revoked for crimes committed before receiving their license. The report was based on those CCW licensees who requested a public hearing. Specific case examples were also provided.<sup>131</sup>

**Florida, prior to 1996.** In 1996, the Brady Center filed a public records request with the Florida Department of Licensing to obtain case files on Florida CCW licensees who had committed crimes since the state passed its CCW law in October 1987. From those files, we found that, up

<sup>127</sup> Michael Smith, *Charges Approved for Concealed Gun Licensee; Man Faces Manslaughter Count in School Shooting*, TULSA WORLD, Feb. 12, 1997, A1.

<sup>128</sup> *Man Shot to Death in Flap Over Tools*, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, May 31, 1996 & Jerry Urban, *Murder Charge in Man's Death*, HOUSTON CHRONICLE, June 1, 1996.

<sup>129</sup> *Fatal shootings involving concealed handguns*, ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE, Feb. 8, 2001.

<sup>130</sup> Kathy Loan, *Blacksburg Shootings Called Murder-Suicide*, THE ROANOKE TIMES, Feb. 27, 1996.

<sup>131</sup> *Concealed Carry: The Criminals Companion: Florida's Concealed Weapons Law—A Model for the Nation?*, VIOLENCE POLICY CENTER, Nov. 1995 & *Concealing the Risk: Real World Effects of Lax Concealed Weapons Laws*, VIOLENCE POLICY CENTER, 1996, available at: <http://www.vpc.org/studyndx.htm>.

to that point, 897 Florida CCW license holders had their licenses revoked, and 304 of those revocations were for the commission of crimes by the licensee *before issuance*. The nature of the offenses mandating revocation included homicide, manslaughter, aggravated assault, drug trafficking, and various sex offenses, some involving children. A list of the specific crimes and their associated case numbers was published as an appendix to *Guns & Business Don't Mix*.<sup>132</sup>

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<sup>132</sup> Division of Licensing, Florida Department of State, 7/31/97, available at: <http://www.bradycenter.org/xshare/pdf/reports/gunsnbusiness.pdf>.