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UK Police Tell Subjects Not to Harm Their Attackers

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The latest dispatch from the United Kingdom's ongoing campaign to eliminate all forms of armed self-defense seems too incredible to be true. Unfortunately, after tracking down the origin of a publicly distributed statement regarding self-defense products on the country's "Ask the Police" website, we can confirm that British subjects continue to live at the mercy of their potential attackers. Even to the point of baffling absurdity.

The statement appears in the Frequently Asked Questions section of www.askthe.police.uk – a site that is operated by the Police National Legal Database. Information provided by the PNLDB and its site are used by local police constabularies to help inform the public.

The question at issue asks, "Are there any legal self defence products that I can buy?" Succinctly epitomizing the sad state of natural rights in Great Britain, the first sentence states, "The only fully legal self defence product at the moment is a rape alarm."

And to add even more insult to human dignity, the statement cautions subjects against the use of nearly any other type of defense product, and reads like an appeal for victims to graciously suffer criminal violence. The answer makes clear "You must not get a

product which is made or adapted to cause a person injury. Possession of such a product in public (and in private in specific circumstances) is against the law." So even in the sanctity of one's home, the statement seems to suggest that care for violent offenders outweighs the rights of potential victims to be safe and secure against attack.

The statement then addresses the legality of inert dye sprays that merely mark one's attacker for later identification; in contrast to self-defense sprays like mace or pepper spray that inflict pain in order to halt an attack. The site is so concerned with the well-being of violent criminals, that in the context of dye sprays, it states, "be aware that even a seemingly safe product, deliberately aimed and sprayed in someone's eyes, would become an offensive weapon because it would be used in a way that was intended to cause injury."

Whether it's this detestable advice, police warning a woman not to display a knife in order to ward off intruders, warrantless firearm storage inspections, or desperate subjects being forced to defend their lives and property with cricket and baseball bats during riots, the UK government appears intent on wiping out any remaining vestiges of the traditional right to self-defense.

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Serious About 2016, Ruger Issues "Two Million Gun Challenge"

In a very big way, the nation's largest gun manufacturer, the manufacturer's largest distributor, gun owners, and the NRA are going to be working together to get America moving in the right direction on Election Day 2016.

NRA's American Rifleman membership magazine reports that for every new Ruger rifle, handgun and shotgun bought between the 2015 and 2016 NRA Annual Meetings, Ruger is donating \$2 to the NRA Institute for Legislative Action (NRA-ILA). Additionally, Ruger's largest distributor, Davidson's, is donating \$1 for every Ruger that it sells.

Ruger says that its goal is to donate \$4 million to ILA, which over the next 17 months will be educating and activating Second Amendment supporters in the crucial 2016 elections. "The most important aspect in this cooperative effort between Ruger and NRA is that, coming out of the 2016 elections, we end up with a Congress and a president who respect and support our rights to own and use firearms," said the company's CEO, Mike Fifer. Progress of Ruger's new campaign can be tracked on the 2015-16 Two Million Gun Challenge page of the Ruger.com website.



NRA Executive Vice-President Wayne LaPierre praised Ruger for being part of the effort to take back the White House and expand pro-Second Amendment majorities in both houses of Congress next year. ILA Executive Director Chris W. Cox added, "[b]y supporting the NRA's fight to defend the right to keep and bear arms, Ruger not only advances the rights of American gun owners and hunters – they also directly benefit the freedoms and safety of all Americans."

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<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20150605/serious-about-2016-ruger-issues-two-million-gun-challenge>

Mackrill Knife for SAGA



Stephen Mackrill (on left in the photo) recently presented John Welch (right) with the custom-made knife he has kindly sponsored to SAGA for our membership drive this year.

This really is a beautiful knife and well worth the effort of getting someone you know to join SAGA in order to get your name entered in the draw.

For more details please contact the office.



SAGA at East Cape HuntEx

SAGA had a very successful stand at the first East Cape HuntEx. Thank you to the volunteers who helped out. Welcome to the members who joined.

Feedback from the HuntEx Organisers.....

The first HuntEx E-Cape Hunter's Fair surpassed all expectations. Eastern Cape hunters flocked to Mentors Kraal Country Estate outside Jeffreys Bay where more than 50 exhibitors sold everything from the latest hunting rifles to sophisticated refrigerated trailers.

...4 194 visitors streamed through the gates and participated in a variety of activities including archery, target and clay shooting competitions, and meat processing demonstrations.

All indications are that the HuntEx E-Cape Hunter's Fair is here to stay and will become an important event on the Eastern Cape hunting calendar.

Terugvoering van die HuntEx Organiseerders...

Huntex se eerste E-Cape Hunter's Fair het alle verwagtinge oortref. Die Oos-Kaapse jagterspubliek het gestroom na Mentors Kraal net buite Jeffreys Baai waar meer as 50 uitstallers alles van die nuutste jaggewere tot gesofistikeerde koelwaens ten toon gestel het.

....4 194 besoekers deur die hekke gekom en kon hulle deelneem aan verskeie aktiwiteite soos ondermeer boogskiet-, randslag-, kleiduifskietkompetisies en vleisverwerking-demonstrasies.

Alle tekens dui daarop dat Die E-Cape Hunter's Fair gekom het om te bly en 'n belangrike geleentheid op die Oos-Kaapse jagterskalender gaan word.



Gunplay Rises in New York



Extracted from: <http://www.nytimes.com/2015/06/02/nyregion/gunplay-rises-in-new-york-reviving-issue-for-de-blasio.html>

By Al Baker and J. David Goodman
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Shootings in New York City have been rising for two straight years, the first time that has happened since the end of the 1990s, when the city was still in the early years of a remarkable downturn in crime.

Homicides by gunfire, seen as a key measure of preventable violence, are up steeply this year. Of the 135 killings through May, 98 involved a gun, up from 69 such killings at this point in 2013 and in 2014.

Taken together, the trends raise concern heading into the summer months, when street violence is often most pronounced. So far this year, there have been 439 shootings, 20 percent higher than the same period in 2013, which was a historically low year. But this year's figure is still well under the more than 2,000 logged over the same period two decades ago.

For Mayor Bill de Blasio, a Democrat whose efforts to improve police-community relations depend on a force often skeptical of him, increases in violence have re-activated an issue that has stalked him since his campaign for City Hall. The question: How to quell gunplay in an era when stop-and-frisk tactics — for years among the Police Department's principal tools for curbing street violence — are employed far less frequently than before its excessive use came under widespread criticism.

That question has grown more complicated, and urgent, in recent months. Police officers around the country have faced greater scrutiny in the aftermath of police killings of unarmed black men in Missouri, South Carolina, Ohio and elsewhere. On the presidential campaign trail and at protests nationwide, there have been ever louder calls to end decades of aggressive tactics borne of a time when crime was much higher.

The recent increase in violence has done little to alter the perception, and experience, of many New Yorkers and most visitors. To them, the city remains as safe as ever, even after several high-profile killings in Midtown Manhattan and even as shootings are up significantly in some neighborhoods, including those north of Central Park.

New York is not alone in seeing a rise in violence. In some cities, like Baltimore and Chicago, the increase has been far greater, ...

This year, officers have stepped back from some areas of policing, particularly with regard to marijuana possession and some other low-level offenses. They have logged hundreds of thousands fewer stops, summonses and arrests than in previous years. Mr. Bratton, the nation's pre-eminent practitioner of so-called quality-of-life policing, has called the drop in police activity a "peace dividend" gained from low crime and paid to average New Yorkers.

Whether that approach could be sustained amid increases in violence is a question increasingly being put to the mayor and police officials, who were asked repeatedly on Monday whether they were considering ramping up street stops.

"If we see an area where there is an increase in violence, of course we're going to put more resources in there," Chief O'Neill said. "But the stops that we want are good stops."

....At the same time, the number of guns seized from the street has declined roughly 20 percent over the last five years. The police recorded 3,648 guns recovered during arrests in 2010. By 2014, the police recovered 2,942 guns. So far this year, the number is flat, officials said

At a similar briefing with reporters last month, officials stressed the high concentration of homicides in particular precincts,

"It's criminals, career criminals, killing and shooting other career criminals," Mr. Bratton said....

Watch this space ...for more interesting firearm snippets

PHASA Hopeful for a Reversal of SAA'S Cargo Ban

Pretoria, 1 June 2015 - The Professional Hunter's Association of South Africa (PHASA) said today it was hopeful that South African Airways (SAA) would reverse a decision to impose an embargo on the shipment of certain hunting trophies and elect instead to place more stringent requirements on the requisite paperwork for transporting animal products.

On 21 April this year, SAA implemented an immediate embargo on the transportation of rhino, elephant, lion and tiger trophies on the carrier's services world-wide. While no reasons were given in the notice, it later emerged that the decision was prompted by a shipment of elephant tusks misdeclared as machinery parts.

PHASA chief executive Adri Kitshoff, who has been negotiating with SAA to reverse its position on the shipment of trophies, said she believes the airline now has a better understanding of the government's policy of sustainable utilisation, which is enshrined in South Africa's constitution and includes trophy hunting.

"Legal, responsible trophy hunting has been a cornerstone of South Africa's flourishing wildlife industry and the headcount of game under private ownership now exceeds that of all the state parks combined by a ratio of three to one," she said.

Kitshoff expressed her thanks to the Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) for their intervention in the matter as well as to SAA for the opportunity to meet with the carrier's executives and to ex-

plain to them the importance of hunting to South Africa's economy and conservation programmes.

However, she raised concern over the decision by Emirates Airlines to also stop the transport of certain hunting trophies irrespective of the CITES appendix which allows for the transport of these trophies and Lufthansa to stop the shipment of hunting trophies from "all Africa origins". "If other airlines were to follow suit, it may have unintended consequences for conservation programmes across Africa," she said.



Kitshoff said it becomes hugely problematic when commercial enterprises believe they can do a better job of conserving wildlife than CITES, the most authoritative institution on this subject. "This is especially so when it is quite clear that some subjective, unscientific considerations have crept into the decision-making without due considerations of the facts."

"There is a clear distinction between illegal wildlife products, such as poached rhino horn or ivory, and legitimate hunting trophies. The export of trophies is strictly regulated by both the country of origin, the country of

import and, where applicable, CITES. No trophy may be exported without a relevant permit and while abuses of the system may happen, these are extremely rare."

While the trade of rhino and elephant products is currently prohibited by CITES, it allows a set amount of permits each year for the hunting of these animals, the number for which is determined by scientific research into the health of the population of that species.

"CITES supports the sustainable and controlled hunting of listed species because hunting has proved to assist with that species' population recovery. This was the case of the Southern white rhino in South Africa, where landowners realised the commercial potential of keeping rhino and marketing them to hunters resulting in an unprecedented growth of the species outside of state parks. Hunting forms part of many wildlife management programmes across the continent and any attempt aimed at curbing it could negatively impact conservation funding in Africa as well as communities and industries such as the taxidermists and specialised freight forwarders who depend on hunting for their livelihoods," she said.