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Update on Late Licence Renewal Situation

The parties in the SA Hunters case have filed their papers, and the SA Hunters attorneys have approached and written to the Deputy Judge President of the North Gauteng High Court, Justice Ledwaba, for various directions, so that the matter can be set down for hearing. Unfortunately this matter will not be heard this year, it will more than likely be heard mid to late next year. This is of course unless

the Judge makes a direction for an earlier hearing date, due to the urgency and nature of the matter.

There seems to be a general holding pattern at most police stations with respect to the late renewal of firearms, with most DFO's advising persons with late renewals to keep the firearm in a safe and to wait for the outcome of the SA Hunters court case.

If members experience any difficulty with their DFO about this issue, or are threatened with arrest, please contact SAGA for assistance.

SAGA will keep you updated about this important issue as matters develop.

SAGA Insignia - New Golf Shirt

Golf Shirt

SAGA is pleased to advise that we now have a great new collared golf shirt in stock. It is a Barron brand and has SAGA embroidered on the left. Sizes available: Small to 5XL Price: R240



If you never got around to ordering any of our 30-Year Insignia there is still time! We have limited stock of the following:

Cloth Patch

This specially designed cloth patch acknowledges this milestone in SAGA's history. It can be stitched or ironed on. Price: R25



Beanie

A warm SAGA green knitted beanie with matching tone "SAGA" embroidered on the front. Great for those chilly days on the shooting range, or in the hunting field. One size fits all. Price: R60



Biltong Knife

These black-handled Victorinox Biltong Knives have our 30 Year logo tastefully etched onto the blade. A very useful knife from a reputable manufacturer. Price: R185



Regular Stock:

We also have our regular stock of:
Caps @ R60
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Red Handled Victorinox Biltong Knives @ R185

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Donald Trump's Victory: A Must For Our Nation

By Wayne LaPierre
Executive Vice President, NRA
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With the huge 2016 spike in urban armed violence, Donald Trump has pledged to use the NRA-supported crime-fighting tools enacted in the Firearms Owners' Protection Act of 1986 to vigorously enforce laws against armed violent criminals and surgically prosecute the worst, most-dangerous offenders, taking them off the streets - many for a long prison term.

Trump's resolve to enforce federal law against criminal possession and use of firearms will be welcome news, especially for residents of a city like Chicago, which is suffering violence at levels not seen in 20 years.

Republican presidential candidate Trump's call to action throws the light of truth on President Barack Obama's refusal to enforce existing federal law. And it throws a similar light on Democrat Hillary Clinton's refusal to even recognize existing federal statutes.

Current laws already call for tough federal penalties for a criminal who acquires, transports, transfers or even possesses a firearm; he doesn't even have to use it in a crime. If he does, the penalty is compounded. And if murder or narcotics comes into play, the penalty can be up to life in a federal prison. Congress cannot make what criminals do with guns any more illegal.



Chicago is a case study in the Obama Justice Department's criminal malfeasance in refusing to use federal gun laws against violent armed predators. Chicago has been rated 90th out of 90 judicial districts in terms of federal prosecutions for such crimes as felon in possession, which provides a five-year, no-parole penalty.

With starkly few federal prosecutions that could take hundreds of the Windy City's most violent armed criminal predators off the streets, the good citizens of that city are victims of a kind of federally sanctioned anarchy. August 2016 saw the city's shooting and murder rate eclipse the highest on record since 1996. Neither the White House, nor Hillary, nor the elite media, seem to care.

But with the senseless murder in late August of a young cousin of NBA superstar Dwyane Wade, a Chicago Bulls guard, the spotlight was instantly on Chicago's unchecked armed criminal violence.

Nykea Aldridge, a 32-year-old mother of four, was killed with two stray bullets fired by a 22-year-old confessed shooter named Derren Sorrells. Sorrells and his

brother, Darwin Sorrells - both on parole - were charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder. According to the police, the Sorrells' intended victim was an Uber driver whose mistake was to make eye contact with the brothers. When she was murdered, Aldridge was pushing a baby stroller returning from registering her kids for school. A devoted mother senselessly gunned down.

An August 29 abc7chicago.com story headlined "Man confessed in shooting of Dwyane Wade's cousin, prosecutors say," proclaims, "Police said both brothers are on parole for previous gun charges, and had served only a fraction of the time they'd been sentenced to."

During a press conference about the murder, Chicago Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson said, "These two guys are perfect examples of what I've been talking about. Both of 'em on parole for gun offenses."

One source said one of the brothers had been arrested five times for felony gun possession.

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Think about that for a minute. Had prosecution of federal law against these convicted felons and gang members happened at any time in their violent careers, they would have been put behind federal bars with mandatory sentences. Perhaps for a very long time. No early out. Chicago is a case study in the Obama Justice Department's criminal malfeasance in refusing to use federal gun laws against violent armed predators.

For Nykea Aldridge, that would have meant that Aug. 26 would have been a normal day, and she would have pushed her stroller home, fixed dinner and put her babies to bed. Her kids would still have a mother.

Johnson at his press conference made an admission about the city's armed violent criminals, "Clearly, they don't think we're serious. Clearly, they don't think there's a consequence to their actions. And to be quite honest, we're showing them that there's not. If we're not going to keep you in jail because you choose to use a gun - then what are we doing?"

The answer to that question is obvious. Not the right thing.

But it gets stranger. Johnson, when asked about remarks made by Trump, replied, "If you have a magic bullet to stop the violence, not only in Chicago but anywhere in the country, please share it with us."

Trump has shared it! Enforce existing federal law! It is the same message NRA has been saying for years. I have demanded it. Chris W. Cox has demanded it. You have demanded it.

Again, there is nothing that criminals do with guns that is not already covered by tough federal felony provisions. And among all those laws, the most straightforward is possession of a firearm by a felon, which provides a five-year, no-parole sentence. Period.

Chicago's top cop has said that 1,400 habitual violent felons commit 85 percent of the armed criminal violence that is terrorizing the good citizens of his city. The media has called it a "hot list," and the ACLU has warned it is profiling. Calling a violent criminal a criminal is profiling? Lord help the people of Chicago.

So why haven't these 1,400 - many the most dangerous of the most dangerous - been the subject of intensive federal investigation and prosecution?

For the bosses of big-city political machines, and for gun-ban Democrats like Hillary Clinton, the answer is clear. If the public knew the truth about tough federal laws dealing with criminals and guns, their demands for gun control for the law-abiding would be DOA. But to keep his promise, Trump must be elected, and Hillary - the most anti-Second Amendment candidate ever to run - must lose. It's up to us.

Let me inject an explicitly clear headline from chicagoreporter.com into this sad tale: "Thousands of felony gun cases are being dismissed in Cook County criminal courts." The truth is that many of these cases involving the most violent offenders could have been tried in the federal court, with swift and sure justice for the criminals.

For anyone who might have doubts about this fact, be sure to tell them about Project Exile - a truly remarkable cooperative law enforcement project in Richmond, Va., instituted in 1997. With close coordination between local, state and federal law enforcement divisions and the federal courts, and a massive public awareness campaign about federal law and its sure enforcement, criminals literally disarmed themselves. The murder rate and all armed crime went down dramatically.

As I said at the outset, Trump, as president, will be committed to giving Project Exile new life. If he does, then we will see real crime control, and what that means for the people who are victimized by armed violence is that their communities will see a return to domestic tranquility. Bank on it.

But to keep his promise, Trump must be elected, and Hillary - the most anti-Second Amendment candidate ever to run - must lose. It's up to us. And we must elect pro-Second Amendment majorities in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. We are 5 million strong, and as NRA members, we are the heart of a much larger Second Amendment movement. We absolutely must get our friends, family and colleagues to the polls Nov. 8. The future of the nation and the freedoms we cherish depend upon our votes.

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20161026/donald-trump-s-victory-a-must-for-our-nation>

Australia Admits Gun Buyback Failure, Announces Amnesty



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The Australian government has begrudging and indirectly admitted the failure of their strict gun control laws, which included a gun buyback scheme that has been ignored by hundreds of thousands of citizens. In a desperate attempt to get guns out of the hands of citizens who refuse to give them up, the Justice Minister has lamely offered an amnesty...

Australia on Friday announced a gun amnesty for next year after a criminal intelligence report estimated there were 260,000 illegal firearms in the country.

Australia introduced tight curbs on gun ownership after the massacre of 35 people by a lone gunman in and around a cafe at a former prison colony in Tasmania in 1996. The country has had no mass shootings since and has been held up by many abroad as an example of the need for tight controls.

The amnesty comes amid a debate over gun laws that has opened up a rift in the ruling Liberal Party, pitting Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull against the man he overthrew ahead of a key party gathering this weekend.

"The amnesty will provide an opportunity for those individuals who, for whatever reason are in possession of an unregistered

firearm, to hand it in without fear of being prosecuted," Justice Minister Michael Keenan told reporters in Melbourne.

"While Australia has some of the strongest firearm controls in the world, illicit firearms remain the weapon of choice for criminals."

While forced buybacks under the threat of prosecution for failure to turn in firearms are favored by Liberals in Australia and radical progressive presidential candidate Hillary Clinton in the USA, the fact of the matter is that most people have simply chosen to ignore the law, as it violates the core human right to armed self-defense. All the law has done in Australia is to turn otherwise law-abiding but non-compliant citizens into criminals in the eyes of the law, while having very little effect on crime at all. In fact, according to the Australian government's own statistics, a number of serious crimes peaked in the years after the ban. Manslaughter, sexual assault, kidnapping, armed robbery, and unarmed robbery all saw peaks in the years following the ban, and most remain near or above pre-ban rates. The effects of the 1996 ban on violent crime are, frankly, unimpressive at best.

It's even less impressive when again compared to America's decrease in violent crime over the same period. According to data from the U.S. Justice Department, violent crime fell nearly 72 percent between 1993 and 2011. Again, this happened as guns were being manufactured and purchased at an ever-increasing rate.

By the way, reporters love to claim that there have been "no mass shootings" in Australia since their restrictive gun law went into effect in 1996, but that simply isn't true. At Monash, seven people were shot (two fatally) by a murderous student who was armed

with multiple handguns. All six handguns were acquired legally. The attacker was later determined to be mentally ill.

The Hectorville siege that saw seven people shot (three fatally) was conducted with a shotgun that was legal under Australian law. The attacker in this incident was also found to be mentally ill. The Hunt family murders were likewise carried out with a legally-owned shotgun. The murderer in this instance was thought to be highly stressed due to his wife's head injury.

Laws are nothing more or less than an agreement by the citizenry that they will abide by certain guidelines in order for a civil society to work. The paradox of laws is that the more there are, and the more restrictive they are, the less likely even good people are to follow them. Once laws rise to a certain level of absurdity, then the legitimacy of the government itself falls into question, and good people begin ignoring government edicts nearly as much as criminals do. It is at this point where governments and constitutions fall.

Australians are engaging in so-called "Irish Democracy" by ignoring an absurdly restrictive gun law, and instead of having a regulated arms trade as there is in the United States, their 20-year experiment has had the effect of moving the personal firearms market underground without significant impacting demand or for that matter, supply.

There are more than a quarter million "illegal" firearms in Australia, despite the government's attempt to ban them, and despite the fact that Australians lack the "gun culture" found in many other nations.

Gun control and democracy cannot coexist. Free peoples want to be armed.

“Safe Storage” Media Blitz Ignores Historic Trend of Firearm Safety

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20161014/safe-storage-media-blitz-ignores-historic-trend-of-firearm-safety>

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For months, the Clinton campaign has dealt with a series of damaging and embarrassing email leaks that indicate widespread collusion between the campaign and the Democratic National Committee (during what was supposed to be a contested primary) and with the media (including in debates).

This has reinforced the belief of many that the so-called “independent media” is anything but, and in fact functions more in an advocacy role than as a neutral purveyor of information.

Close watchers of the gun control debate also cannot help but notice how multiple media outlets tend to push similar gun control storylines at the same, or nearly the same, time. A recent example concerns the theme of accidental firearm deaths among children and how this supposedly argues in favor of states imposing “safe storage” laws that seek to punish gun owners for unauthorized access of their firearms.

No one would accuse The Trace, a Michael Bloomberg-funded antigun website, of being neutral in its views on firearms. So it’s no surprise that it sensationalizes the issue of firearm accidents to promote more restrictive laws. An entire section of its website, in fact, catalogs stories designed to promote criminal penalties for “unsafe” firearm storage. In April, a story on The Trace criticized the NRA for opposing a bill in Tennessee that sought to criminalize supposedly unsafe storage practices.

More recently, a lengthy story in Newsweek recounted the same

legislative effort and promoted the same takeaway: that NRA’s opposition prevented enactment of a measure that would save the lives of children. Presented as “journalism,” rather than opinion or commentary, it at least acknowledges at the end that the article was first published by The Trace and that its author is a staff writer at The Trace. More dubiously, it characterizes The Trace as “an independent, nonprofit media organization.”

Less than a week later, yet another article appeared pushing “safe storage” laws, this one in USA Today. While there’s no mention of The Trace’s involvement in that piece, it follows the template of the Newsweek story by opening with the tragic story of a young child shot by a family member’s firearm. “But whose fault was it?” the authors ask rhetorically.

Seemingly, they answer their own question by pointing out the NRA’s opposition to punitive laws and support for better education and training.

The USA Today story also recycles a claim from a 2013 article in the New York Times, which posits official statistics on firearm deaths mischaracterize accidental shootings of children as homicides, obscuring an urgent need for legal intervention on firearm storage. (Ironically, the argument in both articles would imply that firearm homicides were being over-counted, consequently exaggerating the need for laws aimed at that problem).

However they’re counted, the fact is that over the last two decades, the number of accidental firearm deaths has dramatically decreased, even as the private stock of firearms in America has dramatically increased.

Moreover, NRA’s firearm safety programs reach over one million participants annually, while its Eddie Eagle GunSafe® program has been used by 26,000 schools, civic groups, and law enforcement agencies to reach more than 28 million children since 1988.

Simply put, no one – and especially the self-styled “gun violence prevention” groups – has done more to positively impact firearm safety in the United States than the NRA. Other groups point fingers, but NRA’s extensive network of certified instructors and range safety officers conduct the hands-on work of ensuring America’s 100+ million plus firearm owners have access to information and training to competently and safely use, maintain, and store their firearms. That founding commitment remains as strong as ever.

NRA certainly agrees that every firearm owner should take responsible steps to secure their firearms from unauthorized access.

It says something about the proponents of these laws that they think fear of the law is a more powerful motivator than love and concern for one’s own child.

It also says something that they would look at a grieving parent who just lost a child to a tragic accident and think that putting the parent in jail would prevent the next such incident.

Common sense, good parenting, and proper training allow many millions of parents to safely and responsibly own guns to protect their families. And while no intervention can completely eliminate accidents, the progress made in firearm safety over the last century is one of the great untold stories of America’s history with firearms.