

The Gottlieb-Tartaro Report

THE INSIDERS GUIDE FOR GUN OWNERS

Issue 172

April, 2009

Dear Subscriber,

The push for **global gun control** is getting mixed reactions.

The **George Soros-funded International Action Network on Small Arms** (IANSA) recently lobbied the Colombian Congress for **"tough new gun control laws,"** touting its petition that gathered **1.4 million signatures** in the South American nation.

IANSA Director Rebecca Peters, who previously worked for **Soros' Open Society Institute**, told congressmen that *Colombia has one of the highest homicide rates in the world* - 33 per 100,000 people - mostly with firearms.

But Colombia's Congress took no action.

Gun control groups fared even worse in **Australia.**

Greens Party Member of Parliament Lee Rhiannon said the Labor government in New South Wales is in **"an unhealthy alliance"** with the **Shooters Party** that has led to a sharp increase in gun ownership around Sydney, largest city in the state.

"The gun lobby is gaining power in New South Wales," she complained. "Recent accidental shootings and murder-suicides are the result of large numbers of guns."

Again, the government did nothing about the complaint.

On the other hand, Great Britain's **Advertising Standards Authority** (ASA) **banned the television ad** for the DVD release of Angelina Jolie's film *Wanted* because **"it gave the impression that using guns was sexy and glamorous."**

The ASA banned the ad because of one complaint.

The *Wanted* ad was less violent than most action film TV ads, and Universal Pictures, the film's maker, said **the complaint was more about a woman in an action lead role than about guns.**

Canada's Prime Minister Stephen Harper has called for **scrapping the nation's long-gun registry**, prompting cheers from gun rights advocates and hoots from the gun control faction.

Harper, who does not have a bill in Parliament that would abolish the registry, recently urged members of the **Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters** to contact opposition Members of Parliament and **pressure them to support legislation that would end the six year old long-gun program.**

But **Wendy Cukier of the Coalition for Gun Control** said, **"Even in Toronto, a substantial proportion of the guns recovered in crime are rifles and shotguns."**

No legislative action is expected. However, a Conservative backbencher has introduced a private member's bill on scrapping the registry.

In Germany, **even a recent shooting spree didn't move government** to drastic action. **Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble** said, **"Germany does not need to tighten its gun laws in response to school shootings by a teenager in southwestern Germany."**

Some German politicians have called for **a ban on private gun ownership** and urged authorities to set up airport-style security systems at schools in response to the shooting, which left 16 people dead, including the killer.

"I can't see how a change in weapons rules would contribute anything to solving the problem," Schaeuble, an ally of German Chancellor Angela Merkel, told reporters.

"It used to be sex. Now violence seems to be the new temptation."

Also in this issue: ● Phoenix gun shop owner cleared ● Several states approve guns-in-parking-lot laws ● U.S. gun shops blamed for supplying Mexican drug cartels with firearms ● "NO GUNS" signs come down in Ohio ● Red's Trading Post settles ARF lawsuit ● 3 Robbers, 3 Outcomes in our Page 8 "Parting Shot"

**AROUND
THE
WORLD**

SAF SUES ERIC HOLDER OVER NON-RESIDENT CITIZENS' GUN RIGHTS

The Second Amendment Foundation has filed a lawsuit in U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, seeking an injunction against enforcement of a federal law that makes it impossible for American citizens who reside outside the United States to purchase firearms while they are in this country. The suit says nothing about non-citizens.

SAF is joined by two natural-born American citizens, Maxwell Hodgkins and Stephen Dearth, who have been denied the opportunity to buy firearms because they do not currently reside in the United States. Hodgkins currently lives in the United Kingdom, and Dearth is a resident of Canada.

The lawsuit alleges that Holder, as attorney general, is enforcing unconstitutional laws that prevent citizens like Hodgkins and Dearth from exercising their Second Amendment rights.

The complaint also asserts that enforcement of the federal gun laws that prevent such citizens from purchasing firearms when they visit the U.S. violates their right of equal protection under the Fifth Amendment.

The plaintiffs are represented by Virginia attorney Alan Gura, who successfully argued the *Heller* case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Hodgkins and Dearth, and many others just like them, are victims of Obama administration anti-gun rights zeal, SAF said in a news release.

**IN THE
COURTS**

JUDGE TOSSES CASE AGAINST PHOENIX GUN-SHOP OWNER

Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Robert Gottsfield has dismissed all 21 gun-related counts against George Iknadosian, owner of X-Caliber Guns in Phoenix.

Iknadosian was accused of arming Mexican drug cartels with more than 700 AK-47s and other firearms through straw purchasers.

In mid-trial, Gottsfield found a flaw in the government's case: evidence against Iknadosian was not sufficient to support conviction because the gun buyers all were eligible to acquire firearms, thus their deception did not amount to a "material falsification."

Further, Gottsfield ruled that "There is no proof whatsoever that any prohibited possessor ended up with the firearms." Consequently, the evidence did not show felonious conduct by Iknadosian.

Gottsfield dismissed jurors and issued a directed verdict of not guilty for Iknadosian, 47, who was charged with fraud, money-laundering and other offenses.

Arizona Attorney General Terry Goddard is preparing an appeal.

The case was considered a landmark prosecution because of cooperation with Mexican authorities, who provided evidence that guns from X-Caliber were used in criminal operations south of the border, now ruled as being false.

JUDGE BLOCKS RULE PERMITTING CONCEALED GUNS IN U.S. PARKS

U.S. District Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly has issued a preliminary injunction in a lawsuit to block a rule allowing national park visitors to carry concealed firearms.

The suit was brought by the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence, the National Parks Conservation Association and the Coalition of National Park Service Retirees. The gun control groups argued that the Interior Department violated several laws.

Kollar-Kotelly ruled that the government's process failed to evaluate the environmental impacts of the rule.

The plaintiffs alleged that the regulation "increases risks of opportunistic poaching of wildlife in the parks, and increases the risk to park visitors."

The Gottlieb-Tartaro Report ® (ISSN 1079-6169) is published monthly by the Second Amendment Foundation, Liberty Park, 12500 N.E. 10th Place, Bellevue, WA 98005. Phone (425)454-7012. FAX (425)451-3959. Please call or write if you have a question regarding your subscription.

Publishers: Alan M. Gottlieb and Joseph P. Tartaro

Subscriptions: Eva Hart

Design: Northwoods Studio

Editor: Ron Arnold

Published by:

Second Amendment Foundation

Subscriptions \$60 per year USA, \$70 elsewhere. Single issues \$5.00. Copyright © 2009 by Alan M. Gottlieb and Joseph P. Tartaro. Photocopying, reproduction or quotation strictly prohibited without written permission of the publishers. Bulk rates on request. Postage paid at Bellevue, WA.

POSTMASTER: send address changes to **The Gottlieb-Tartaro Report**, 12500 N.E. 10th Place, Bellevue, WA 98005.

Printed in the USA.

SUPREME COURT ENDS NEW YORK CITY'S LAWSUIT AGAINST GUNMAKERS

The U.S. Supreme Court has refused to hear New York City's request to continue a lawsuit that sought to hold firearms manufacturers responsible for the criminal misuse of firearms, putting an end to nine years of litigation.

The city's lawsuit was originally filed in 2000 by Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and continued by Mayor Michael Bloomberg. After Congress passed the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act in 2005, a federal judge threw out the New York lawsuit. Then in April of 2008, the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld that decision, saying the new law was constitutional.

IN THE COURTS

New York's final recourse was to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, but now the court has refused the case.

Among the companies sued were Beretta USA Corp., Smith & Wesson Holding Corp., Colt's Manufacturing Co. LLC, Sturm, Ruger & Co. and Glock GmbH.

"Common sense and fairness prevailed," said Lawrence G. Keane, National Shooting Sports Foundation senior vice president and general counsel.

SECOND AMENDMENT FOUNDATION CHALLENGES D.C. HANDGUN BAN SCHEME

The Second Amendment Foundation and three Washington, D.C. residents have filed a lawsuit challenging a regulation by District of Columbia city government that arbitrarily bans handguns based on a roster of "acceptable" handguns approved by the State of California.

The District is using this list despite a ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court last summer that protects handguns that ordinary people traditionally use for self-defense. This scheme could eventually bar the ownership of any new handguns.

Attorney Alan Gura, representing the plaintiffs in this case, noted that District bureaucrats "told Tracy Ambeau Hanson her gun was the wrong color." Americans are not limited to a government list of approved books, or approved religions, he said. A handgun protected by the Second Amendment doesn't need to appear on any government-approved list either.

"The Springfield XD-45 is approved for sale in Washington," Gura noted, "so long as it is black, green, or brown, but her bi-tone version is supposedly 'unsafe.'"

Hanson wondered, "Do we really need a gun-fashion police? I just want to be able to exercise my Second Amendment rights without interference from the District government."

Joining Hanson are Gillian and Paul St. Lawrence. Gillian St. Lawrence's handgun would once have been allowed, until its listing expired, leaving her to observe, "I didn't realize that my constitutional rights had an expiration date."

A SAF news release said, "The Supreme Court's decision is crystal clear: Handguns that are used by people for self-defense and other lawful purposes cannot be banned, whether the city likes it or not. The city needs to accept the Second Amendment reality and stop this nonsense."

FEDERAL APPEALS COURT RULES "NO GUNS AT ATLANTA HARTSFIELD AIRPORT"

A federal appeals court has ruled that the Georgia Legislature can't require Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport to allow people to carry concealed weapons in unsecured locations on airport property.

The United States Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit upheld a lower court decision that the City of Atlanta was entitled to prohibit visitors from carrying concealed firearms in its international airport.

A gun rights group, GeorgiaCarry.org, had sued the City of Atlanta for illegally threatening to arrest concealed carry permit holders for carrying firearms in the unsecured areas of the Airport.

Atlanta's city government won at the trial court level.

The Brady Center to Prevent Gun Violence filed an amicus brief along with Georgians For Gun Safety. They both took credit for the appeals court ruling even though neither was a party to the suit.

ALASKA LAWMAKERS CONSIDERING TWO PRO-GUN MEASURES

All 40 Alaska representatives have signed onto House Joint Resolution 17, sponsored by Rep. John Harris (R-Valdez), urging Congress to oppose H.R. 45, the Blair Holt's Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009.

The federal bill would require a federal license to possess certain firearms, including handguns and some rifles. Violating license-related rules would be a felony.

Introduced by Rep. Bobby Rush, D-Ill., the national bill isn't expected to go far. "Right now, there are no co-sponsors," Harris said.

Also, State Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Fairbanks) says he's drafting the Alaska Firearms Freedom Act, a bill that would allow firearms restricted under federal law to be built and used in Alaska.

IN THE STATES

CONCEALED CARRY PRIVACY BILL PASSES HOUSE 98-1

House Bill 1623, to "prohibit the release of the identities or other information concerning concealed handgun licenses," has passed the Arkansas House almost unanimously, 98-1.

The House vote essentially sent the message that Arkansans do not need to know who has a carry and conceal weapons permit.

The bill was a reaction to Max Brantley, the editor of the *Arkansas Times*, published the entire 56,000-name list of those in Arkansas who carry a gun under the Concealed Carry Permit, in an Excel file on the papers' blog. He received thousands of complaints and took it down several days later.

Representative Randy Stewart (D-Kirby), said he's shocked Max Brantley would publish a list of permit holders. "The very nature of a carry conceal permit is that no one knows about it," he said. The Bill goes to the Senate Judiciary Committee.

ARIZONA HOUSE PANEL APPROVES GUNS IN PARKING LOTS

On a 6-2 vote, the Judiciary Committee of the Arizona House of Representatives has approved House Bill 2474, legislation to allow people to drive into privately owned parking lots with loaded weapons in their vehicles.

With bipartisan support, the bill now goes to the full House.

Gun rights lobbyist Todd Rathner said people have a constitutional right to be armed. "If they carry a gun for self-defense, they're not now able to exercise that right if they carry a gun from their home to their place of work."

But Marc Osborn, lobbyist for the Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry, said the bill ignores the rights of employers to keep their properties free of weapons.

ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS SEND MIXED SIGNALS ON GUNS

House Bill 48, a proposal to impose restrictions on private gun sales, has failed in the Illinois House for the second time in a year, this time on a 55-60 vote, reflecting "urban-downstate" divisions that dominate Illinois politics.

Urban supporters said current law allows guns to get into the hands of criminals, but Downstate lawmakers said Chicago-area lawmakers want to impose stricter gun laws on the rest of the state."

At the same time, the Senate Public Health Committee, which is dominated by Chicago-area lawmakers, defeated Senate Bill 1976, which would allow county sheriff's to issue concealed carry permits to qualified gun owners.

KANSAS MAY GET PRO-GUN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

The Kansas House of Representatives has passed a concurrent resolution that would allow Kansans to vote in November 2010 on whether or not to amend the state Constitution to allow gun ownership for "any lawful purpose." The House vote was 116-9. The bill passed the Senate a day earlier on a 39-1 vote.

Currently the Kansas Constitution reads that "the people have the right to bear arms for their defense and security; but standing armies, in time of peace, are dangerous to liberty, and shall not be tolerated, and the military shall be in strict subordination to the civil power."

LOUISIANA BILL WOULD ALLOW CONCEALED CARRY ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Rep. Ernest Wooton (R-Belle Chasse) has filed House Bill 27, to allow college students, faculty and employees who are licensed to carry concealed handguns to carry them on their campuses.

Concealed handguns are now banned. The measure is identical to one Wooton abandoned on the House floor last year after getting the House committee he chairs to approve it 11-3. Wooton said last year he counted 46 votes of support, seven shy of what was needed, and withdrew the bill in the last stages of the session.

Wooton served notice at that time he would bring the bill back at every session as long as he is in the Legislature.

And as last year, college and university officials are lining up against the measure.

IN THE STATES

MONTANA CLOSER TO CASTLE DOCTRINE LAW

The Montana Senate has passed a "Castle Doctrine" bill on a vote of 40-10, stating that people don't have an obligation to first run away before using a gun in self defense, that people who use self defense should not be presumed guilty by police, and that landlords can't limit the gun rights of tenants.

The bill went to the full Senate floor with significant changes from the version that came from the House. The Senate Judiciary Committee stripped out a provision that would let anyone legally allowed to have a gun carry it in town without a concealed weapon permit.

TENNESSEE GUN BILLS ADVANCE

A 1998 Tennessee state law that requires gun buyers to provide a fingerprint could soon be a thing of the past. A bill that passed 82-11 in the State House is now headed for the Senate. It says firearms dealers in Tennessee would no longer be required to take thumbprints from people buying a gun.

Also, Tennessee's database of state-issued permits to carry loaded handguns could be closed from public inspection under a proposal headed for a full House vote. The House Judiciary Committee voted 6-4 to advance the measure.

TEXAS SENATE PASSES GUNS IN PARKING LOT BILL

Texans could bring their guns and ammunition to work - as long as it stays in the car or pickup truck - under a bill passed by the Senate. The measure by Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, would bar employers from having policies that prohibit their employees from storing legal firearms in their locked vehicles in the parking lot where they work. The measure is intended to protect the rights of the 230,000 Texans who have state permits to carry a concealed weapon.

UTAH BILL WOULD EXPAND GUN RIGHTS

Two gun bills to grant people the ability to keep guns in their cars and homes await a final, mostly technical vote before going to the governor for his signature.

SB78 would require business owners to allow guns in vehicles in private parking lots, although the property owner could require the gun be secured.

HB357 would allow adults to keep a loaded, concealed weapon at home, on private property or in a vehicle. The bill was amended to prevent minors from carrying a gun and also would ban carrying a loaded rifle or shotgun in a moving vehicle. Both bills need a final vote approving amendments.

VIRGINIA GOVERNOR VETOES CONCEALED CARRY IN RESTAURANTS

After vetoing SB1035, Governor Tim Kaine said, "Allowing concealed weapons into restaurants and bars that serve alcohol puts the public, the employees, and our public safety officers at risk. I take seriously the objections of law enforcement to this measure." But last year, the Governor signed a bill permitting Commonwealth Attorneys to carry concealed in restaurants even while consuming alcohol. SB1053 prohibited alcohol while carrying concealed.

MORE DEMOCRAT ASSAULT ON "ASSAULT WEAPONS"

Democrat anti-gun zealots from Sen. John Kerry to Secretary of State Hillary Clinton are continuing an "assault weapons" ban campaign using Mexican crime as an excuse. Kerry, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, held a hearing in El Paso calling for a ban on international imports of AK-47-type rifles into the U.S. on the theory that they end up across the Rio Grande in Mexico's drug cartels.

California Sen. Dianne Feinstein met with the Mexican ambassador to the U.S., who asked her to urge President Obama to "take action against illegal arms trafficking." Feinstein complied with a letter to the president for an import ban.

Clinton visited Mexico and went further, calling for a total ban on such firearms *in the U.S.*, evidently believing that would somehow stop Mexican crime. White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said, "I don't know of any plans" for gun legislation.

In tandem with Democrat politicians, five Democrat-supporting non-profit anti-gun groups used an Alabama shooting last month that left 11 dead, including the shooter, to call for an "effective federal assault weapons ban."

**ON THE
FEDERAL
LEVEL**

ATTORNEY GENERAL HOLDER TOLD TO BACK OFF ON GUN CONTROL

Both of Montana's Democratic Senators, Max Baucus and Jon Tester, sent a letter to U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder saying the Justice Department should enforce existing laws rather than propose additional gun laws.

"We oppose reinstating the ban on the sale of assault weapons, and we call on the Department of Justice to enforce existing laws before it considers imposing any new restrictions on gun ownership," Baucus and Tester wrote.

PRO-GUN DEMOCRATS OPPOSE ANY NEW "ASSAULT WEAPON" BAN

Sixty-five House Democrats informed U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder that they would oppose any attempt by the Obama administration to revive a ban on military-style weapons that expired in 2004.

The pro-gun Democrats, led by Rep. Mike Ross (D-AR), wrote Holder they would "actively oppose any effort to reinstate the 1994 ban, or to pass any similar law."

OBAMA'S OUTRAGEOUS EFFORT TO END ARMED PILOTS PROGRAM

President Barack Obama is trying to quietly end the armed pilot program, making air travel more vulnerable to terrorist attack. The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms called the move outrageous. The *Washington Times* reported Obama is diverting some \$2 million from the training program to hire "supervisory" staff, whose job appears to be harassing armed pilots with needless field inspections.

FEDS LIFT RULE THAT THREATENED AMMO SHORTAGES

The Defense Department has rescinded a rule requiring that spent military bullets be destroyed rather than reloaded for sale to civilians. The rule had temporarily cut off major ammunition manufacturers from the largest supply of brass casings for popular .223- and .308-caliber ammunition for public sale.

FIREARMS FAIRNESS ACT

Sen. Max Baucus (D-MT), chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, has introduced the Firearms Fairness and Affordability Act (FFAA - S. 632) to rectify a longstanding inequity in federal excise tax payments. The FFAA will allow the industry to pay the excise tax on a quarterly basis instead of bi-weekly.

PRESERVE VETS GUN RIGHTS

North Carolina U.S. Senator Richard Burr has introduced legislation that would stop the government from "stripping" veterans of their Second Amendment rights. The Veterans' Second Amendment Protection Act would require a judicial authority to determine that a veteran poses a danger to themselves or others before the VA may send their names to be listed in the FBI's NIC.

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Columbus, Ohio:** The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) has ordered all "NO GUNS" signs at state rest stops and visitor centers to be removed. Senate Bill 184 mandated the removal last September, but compliance was slow and signs remained up. Buckeye Firearms Association (BFA) members monitored the situation. ODOT Assistant Legal Counsel Heather Sullivan said "the districts have reported all of the signs are down." BFA members confirmed the problematic signs were gone.

● **London, England:** The surge in Americans' gun purchases after the election of Barack Obama as U.S. President is still making headlines in the United Kingdom. The *London Telegraph* recently reported "Barack Obama fuels gun buying boom with pledge to tighten laws," saying U.S. gun manufacturers were struggling to keep up with demand and profits were soaring. Smith and Wesson posted third quarter profits of \$2.4 million, reversing a loss of \$1.8 million over the same period last year.

● **Chattanooga, Tennessee:** Thirty-four of the Tennessee legislature's 132 members hold handgun-carry permits, according to the state's Department of Safety records. That amounts to 25.75 percent of the membership of the House and Senate, which is about five times the percentage among the state's general population. In the 33-member Senate, one third or 11 senators, have handgun-carry permit. Twenty-three legislators in the 99-member House, or 23.2 percent, have permits, records show. Statewide, 219,236 Tennesseans have permits.

● **Washington, D.C.:** A Zogby/O'Leary Report poll has found that a majority of American voters don't fault U.S. gun laws for Mexican drug violence. The poll, conducted March 20-23, asked 4,523 likely voters: "Mexican officials, gun control groups and officials at the Department of Homeland Security claim drug cartels are crossing the U.S. border in order to obtain guns illicitly. Others say that the Mexican drug cartels are equipped with military hardware including grenades, anti-tank missiles and mortars - all weapons that are not available to the American public. Which of the following do you think is the main source for Mexican drug cartel arms?" Sixty-five percent of voters said that the international black market is the main source for Mexican drug cartel arms; while only 13.5 percent think these arms are coming from U.S. gun stores (3.5 percent think the arms are coming from somewhere else and 18 percent are not sure).

● **Lewiston, Maine:** 30-year-old Tylor Austin is facing charges for having a 9 mm pistol tucked into her pants when she walked into the principal's office at Montello Elementary School to pick up her three children. She is charged with possession of a firearm on school property. Lt. Mark Cornelio said Austin didn't make any threats and later told police she was carrying the gun for self-defense after taking out a protection order arising from a bad relationship. The school went into lockdown before police arrived. Nobody was hurt.

● **Twin Falls, Idaho:** A four-year legal dispute between Red's Trading Post, Idaho's oldest gun store, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has reached a quiet and uneventful conclusion. Attorneys working on behalf of Ryan Horsley, general manager of Red's, announced an agreement that will end litigation over allegations that the gun store "willfully" sold guns improperly. Neither party admitted any wrongdoing in the case as they reached an agreement in U.S. District Court. A judge had found the ATF hid evidence in the case.

● **Seattle, Washington:** Seattle Mayor Greg Nickels is reviving his plan to ban legally-carried firearms from city property, and the Bellevue, Washington-based Second Amendment Foundation has promised once again to immediately take him to court. This time the mayor is using the gun ban to distract public attention from a public outcry against his handling of unusually heavy snowfall that snarled city traffic for days because of the city's bungling failure at snow removal. Attorney General Rob McKenna has already warned Nickels that neither he, nor the city, has the authority to enact such a ban under state preemption. However, a spokesman for the mayor said the ban "is expected to begin sometime in May."

Parting Shot

THREE ROBBERS, THREE OUTCOMES

Willie Busby, 35, was visiting his mother on Claracona Road near Apoka, Florida, when he found a heavily armed man, Robert Howard, 22, burglarizing the property.

After a short confrontation, Busby pulled out his own registered handgun and shot Howard.

He then ran and hid in the home's back yard, fearing that Howard might have accomplices who would appear at the sound of gunfire.

Orange County Police responded to the scene and found Howard dead.

Busby emerged from hiding and cooperated during the investigation.

Police found no arrests on Busby's record and declared he would not be charged in connection with the shooting.

Howard, on the other hand, was wanted at the time of his death for an armed burglary in which he stole two rifles - an AK-47 and an AR-15 - a .45-caliber semi-automatic handgun, and two shotguns.

Howard also had a long criminal history of drug dealing.

In Opelika, Alabama, a local man walking in the 1000 block of York Avenue was approached by a gunman demanding money.

Opelika police Captain Allan Elkins told reporters that the victim refused to be robbed, drew his own handgun and shot the robber in the buttocks.

The injured robber was transported to East Alabama Medical Center, where he was treated and detained. He was later charged with attempted armed robbery.

In Parker County, just west of Fort Worth, Texas, Laverne Hokett was awakened one recent night by someone breaking through her back door.

She dialed 911 several times from her cell phone but got no answer, so she called her daughter, Deborah Turpin.

Turpin and her husband quickly arrived at Hokett's home and held the intruder at gunpoint while dialing 911 over and over before getting an answer.

Sheriff's Captain Mike Morgan told reporters that department records show that when 911 operators answered the calls, the family had hung up.

Morgan said cell phone calls can take up to 30 seconds to reach the dispatch center.

So we have a dead robber, a robber with a sore bottom, and a robber who has learned something about cell phone calls by robbery victims to 911, handy for when he gets out of prison.

Think what the outcomes would have been if none of the victims owned guns.

Alan M. Gottlieb

Joseph D. Tartaro

Yes, I want to stay informed! Send me the next twelve issues of The Gottlieb-Tartaro Report at half price!

Renewal New Subscription (Make out checks to: Second Amendment Foundation.)

Here's my \$30 (half price) for twelve information-packed issues of The Gottlieb-Tartaro Report!

VISA MasterCard Check Money Order

Card Number _____ Expires _____

Send my Gottlieb-Tartaro Report to:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____



You can telephone or FAX your order for the Gottlieb-Tartaro Report.
Telephone orders: 425-454-7012
FAX 425-451-3959