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## **HILLARY CLINTON PLANS TO BE A GUN CONTROL PRESIDENT**

When William Jefferson Clinton ran for president in 1991, he promised that not only would he govern but also his wife, Hillary Rodham Clinton would be at his side.

Anti-gun legislation and executive orders poured forth from his administration. And as First Lady, she was at his side.

The first salvo in the eight years of his presidency, was the 1993 Brady Bill. Named after the press Secretary injured in the assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan, it imposed a five day waiting period, a background check. A mere year later, the 1994 Crime Bill included the Public Safety and Recreational Firearms Use Protection Act commonly known as the Assault Weapons Ban. The law banned certain semi-automatic firearms with simple cosmetic features and could hold a magazine of 10 or more rounds. While further legislation attempts were unsuccessful, he did issue executive orders including the ban of the importation of more than 50 types of semiautomatic firearms. He followed the ban on certain assault weapons and increasing restrictions on gun dealers. Clinton managed to bring Smith & Wesson into an agreement concerning smart gun technology, provide ballistic fingerprints among other items. This accommodation was terminated and in 2004 the Assault Weapon was sunset.

Today, Hillary Clinton is the front-runner for the Democratic nomination for President and her collectivist interpretation of Second Amendment rights continues.

She recently made an on air statement, "We have got to do something about gun violence in America—and I will take it on."

According to the *Washington Times*, she said that many people avoid the issue because "it is hard." Adding, "I believe we are smart enough, we are compassionate enough to figure out how to balance the legitimate Second Amendment rights with preventative measures and control ..."

This echoes the sentiments she expressed to Tim Russert, "Everyone who wishes to purchase a gun should have a license, and that every handgun sale and transfer should be registered in a national registry." This is a position that she promoted during her short tenure as Senator from New York.

During her first run for the nomination in 2008, she was rather quiet about her plans for gun control. But in 2015 she has been very open about her plans to be a standard bearer for gun control. One should expect an all out attack on the individual right to keep and bear arms.

# CAL LAWMAKERS CONSIDER NEW GUN CONTROL BILL

New legislation in the California State Senate that would expand the reasons to prohibit gun possession has been dubbed “a testimony to the insidious nature of gun control” by Breitbart.com.

Senate Bill 347 is sponsored by State Sen. Hannah-Beth Jackson, a Santa Barbara Democrat. If passed, the measure would build on the number of crimes that result in a ten-year prohibition. According to Breitbart, “numerous misdemeanors already result in 10-year bans on gun possession in California.”

Jackson reportedly wants the ban “to cover transfers of firearms

to a family member without undergoing a background check via a licensed dealer.” Gun owners in other states where so-called “universal background checks” are now required – and which initially exempt some transfers between family members – should pay attention because this is the kind of incremental gun control they might anticipate.

This appears to be an effort to allow the state to carefully track every legal firearm in California, even if it changes hands only between family members as an heirloom.

Voters in Washington State passed

Initiative 594 in 2014 and a few months later, lawmakers in neighboring Oregon adopted legislation similar to the mandates of the Washington law. Voters in Nevada are being asked to support a similar ballot measure in 2016.

Another measure under consideration is Senate Bill 707, sponsored by State Sen. Lois Wolk (D-Davis). Her bill would ban the carrying of sidearms by people with concealed carry permits on a college campus. There does not appear to have been any crime committed by a permit-holder on any California college or university campus, Breitbart noted in its report.

## S. CAROLINA SEN. TO UNVEIL NEW ANTI-GUN MEASURES

A Charleston Democrat state senator Marlon Kimpson has announced he will introduce new gun control measures in the South Carolina Legislature in January, but he previewed the agenda for *The State* recently.

- Require state registration and permitting of all firearms.
- Ban so-called “assault weapons,” that are defined as semi-automatic firearms “designed and configured for rapid fire,” according to the newspaper.
- Close a three-day so-called “loophole” that allows some gun buyers to take home a firearm before a background check has been completed.
- Require background checks to be conducted through the State Law Enforcement Division and the federal system before a sale can be completed.
- Require the reporting of lost or stolen guns.

According to the newspaper, these proposals may hit a barrier the form of State Sen. Larry Martin (R-Pickens) when they arrive in the legislature. He chairs the Senate Judiciary Committee and told *The State* that he is opposed to new gun control measures that exceed what is required by federal law.

“There is absolutely no appetite for gun control or gun registration,” Martin told the newspaper.

Much if not all of this proposed legislation is a reaction to the church shooting earlier this year in Charleston. Sen. Kimpson reportedly said he wants the proposals to ignite a conversation about how to reduce gun-related violence, but he maintains that none of these ideas should be considered as “penalizing people who lawfully own guns.”

He insisted that passage of his proposed legislation would only impact criminals with stiffer penalties.



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# PEW POLL SAYS MAJORITY FAVORS BACKGROUND CHECKS

A new survey by Pew Research revealed that expanded background checks on gun sales are supported by an overwhelming majority of Americans, with more Democrats than Republicans favoring the checks.

The poll also said more acknowledged Democrats want to ban so-called "assault weapons" (70 percent) while fewer than half self-identified Republicans favor such a ban (48 percent).

The poll was conducted July 14-20 from among 2,002 adults across the country. It found that 88 percent of Democrats and 79 percent of Republicans favor expanded background checks.

Another revelation of the survey was that 85 percent of Democrats want a federal database tracking gun sales, while 55 percent of Republicans like that idea.

Support for making gun rights a priority over gun control has slipped since December. The new poll revealed that 50 percent of the respondents believe it is more important to control gun ownership. Forty-seven percent believe that it is more important to protect gun rights, but a majority of those supporting gun rights protection support expanded background checks.

That's an alarming shift from just nine months ago, when 52 percent of the survey respondents felt protecting

gun rights was more important than controlling gun ownership (46 percent) in a December survey. It represents a five point loss for gun rights and a four-point gain for gun control.

There is a considerable partisan gap in the responses, the poll learned. "There continues to be a substantial partisan gap in opinions about whether it is more important to control gun ownership or protect gun rights—much larger, in fact, than the gap over specific gun proposals," Pew said. "Nearly three-quarters of Democrats (73%) say it is more important to control gun ownership; 71% of Republicans say it is more important to protect gun rights."

# LOUISIANA SHERIFF TELLS PEOPLE TO ARM THEMSELVES

In a controversial move that infuriated some gun prohibitionists, Ascension Parish, La., Sheriff Jeff Wiley recently advised citizens in his jurisdiction to get a concealed carry permit and go armed because the system cannot always protect people.

According to WAFB News, Sheriff Wiley observed, "Get your concealed weapons permit. Ladies, learn how to safely handle a weapon, learn how to safely store a weapon, and when you're in a situation like this shoot him in your back yard before he gets in your house. Drop him."

It was an eye-opener for a lot of people, especially when Wiley followed up with this comment:

"Take the extremes necessary to live a life where you don't have to worry about your kids and your life."

This all came in the wake of a domestic violence murder case in which Monica Butler Johnson's body was found in her back yard. She had been beaten to death with a baseball bat.

According to the story, Johnson had "worked through the legal system to protect herself from her estranged husband." He was arrested and charged in the slaying. He had been arrested once before on domestic abuse charges, the story said.

When WAFB posted the story on its Facebook page, comments came in by the bushel. Many if not most

of the comments agreed with the sheriff's advice.

The local district attorney released a statement following the sheriff's comments that spelled out Louisiana's self-defense statute. It says in part that homicide is justifiable when a person reasonably believes "that he is in imminent danger of losing his life or receiving great bodily harm, and that the killing is necessary to save himself from that danger."

Sheriff Wiley is not the first lawman to offer such advice to citizens in their jurisdictions. It's the kind of advice that anti-gun local politicians are loathe to acknowledge or discuss.

# ARKANSAS GOV. SAYS OPEN CARRY LEGAL

Perhaps putting to rest confusion in Arkansas over whether open carry is legal, Gov. Asa Hutchinson was quoted by 5News that it is allowed so long as there is no intention to commit a crime.

He told KFSM, "My take on the law is unless you have criminal intent, then there's not any prohibition."

The governor is not alone. The station also reported that "Lt. Gov. Tim Griffin and Attorney General Leslie Rutledge are among those who said this week they believe current law in Arkansas allows people to

carry handguns openly."

Open carry is often a prickly subject that has been disputed even among gun owners.

Two years ago, then-Attorney General Dustin McDaniel, said a 2013 law on firearms did not allow the open carry of handguns. He was a Democrat, replaced by Republican Rutledge in last year's election.

But some lawmakers, according to KFSM, are split on the issue. There are some who say the law does not allow open carry and others who say the opposite.

While Hutchinson says the law allows open carry, he was also quoted stating that he isn't keen on widespread open carry.

In 2013, then-Prosecuting Attorney John Threet in Washington County reportedly said open carry was allowed, and now that he has been elected as a Circuit Court judge, he told the station that he has no plans to prosecute citizens who openly carry in that county. Washington County Sheriff Tim Helder said he would rely on that opinion as an instruction to his deputies.

## GARLAND TERRORIST REVELATION PROMPTS CCRKBA TO ASK FOR RENEWED 'FAST & FURIOUS' PROBE

The revelation that one of the two would-be terrorist gunmen killed at a Garland, Texas attack earlier this year had purchased a handgun "through a botched federal firearm sting" is a reason for Congress to re-open its probe of Operation Fast and Furious, the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said.

Fast & Furious is the gun running scandal through which the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives allowed more than 2,000 firearms to be purchased legally in Arizona but then illegally transferred to Mexican drug cartel.

The scandal broke when one of those guns was recovered at the scene of a fatal gun battle in which Border Patrol agent Brian Terry was killed. Other Fast & Furious guns have been recovered at other crime scenes.

The dead would-be terrorist, identified as Nadir Soofi, did purchase a 9mm pistol in 2010 from one of the main gun shops involved.

"But Fast & Furious was a fiasco," CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb recalled. "The gun shop operator even expressed concerns about the way the investigation was being handled. Although the Garland gunman was not connected with Fast and Furious, because he was allowed to buy a handgun after a reported delay was placed on the transaction, we think Congress has good reason to ask more questions about the operation.

"This new revelation shows that not only did the operation put guns into the hands of Mexican drug cartel gunmen," he added, "it now appears that a future would-be terrorist was allowed to buy a handgun at the same time."

During the Congressional investigation of the operation, Gottlieb called on then-Attorney General Eric Holder to resign. At the time, Gottlieb called it an "outrage" that Holder was unable to answer critical questions about the bungled operation after

BATF whistleblowers provided information to Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA) and Congressman Darrell Issa (R-CA) about the scheme.

One BATF special agent, in testimony before Issa's House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, called Fast & Furious the "perfect storm of idiocy." Gottlieb labeled the entire operation a matter of "gross incompetence."

"Nobody in the agency was ever held accountable for this blundering operation," he said.

"While our sources tell us that the gun Soofi bought was not recovered," he stated, "the fact that he was able to buy that gun says the operation should have been called 'Fast and Loose,' and the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, now with a new chairman, should dig back into this mess and find the truth."

# CHARLOTTE PASTOR ARMS HERSELF

The Rev. Brenda Stevenson, lead pastor of the New Outreach Church in North Charlotte, N.C. recently made headlines when she told a local television station that she was arming herself following the Charleston church shooting in neighboring South Carolina.

Stevenson told WSOC News that she would be getting a concealed carry permit and will keep her handgun near the pulpit.

Published reports say she first began thinking about getting a defensive sidearm following the movie theater shooting three years ago in Aurora, Colo. This year's church shooting and the attack at a Louisiana movie theater turned thought into action.

"We just want to make sure that people can come to church and serve God without being afraid," Stevenson told a reporter.

She also noted that several church members also intend to get their carry-conceal weapon permit and provide security during church services.

"It's just so much is going on in this world," she explained.

Stevenson said she paid for the handgun with donations from people all over the country. Her first order of business was to get competent training.

## CITIZEN ACTION PROJECT

President Obama has repeatedly expressed his disappointment in his inability to push his gun control agenda.

Recently federal executive agencies like the Veterans Administration and reportedly the Social Security Administration are reinterpreting findings of "adjudicated a mental defective" under Title 18, US Code section 922(g)(4) to include individuals who have been assigned a "fiduciary" to handle their fiscal affairs, a common practice for those who are undergoing significant treatment or facing certain medical procedures.

These "findings" are then turned over to the FBI for inclusion in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) data base of "prohibited individuals," theoretically because they are disqualified from possessing firearms under Title 18 US Code, section (g)(4) which prohibits such possession by "mental defectives." To date, the VA has turned over the names of nearly 200,000 veterans, and the SSA list could number in the millions.

Senator John Cornyn (R-TX), recently introduced a bill, S. 2002, that would clarify exactly what constitutes "adjudicated as a mental defective" as it relates to firearm possession. The bill would require a formal finding that an individual presents a danger to himself or to others. The bill also adds funding to the NICS and other programs to assist states in properly identifying and reporting those individuals who meet this tightened criteria.

If passed and signed into law, this would prevent the disarming of competent and law-abiding citizens, especially veterans who have already sacrificed so much for this country in defense of our Constitution.

At this time the bill has no cosponsors, nor is there a House counterpart bill. We urge you to contact your two U.S. Senators and ask them to support S. 2002 by signing on as a cosponsor and push Senate leadership into giving the bill a hearing and moving it through the system. You need to also contact your U.S. Representative and ask him or her to file and/or support a similar bill in the House of Representatives.

Contact information for your Senators and Representative may be found at [www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov), at [www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov) and at the "Congressional Information" link in the left margin at [www.ccrkba.org](http://www.ccrkba.org). Contact information on all federal elected officials may also be found in the "blue pages" at the front of your telephone directory.

# IDAHO SHERIFF, POLICE CHIEF STEPPED FORWARD

When word spread that a U.S. Navy veterans' gun rights were in jeopardy because of a decision by the Veteran's Administration, scores of protesters showed up at the man's home in Priest River, Idaho, but the most prominent of them all were Bonner County Sheriff Daryl Wheeler and Priest River Police Chief Drew McLain.

*The Bonner County Daily Bee* reported that both lawmen "were present as firm supporters of the Second Amendment and defenders of Idaho Statute 18-3315B, which prohibits local law enforcement agencies from aiding a federal agency from seizing firearms without an order of the court."

The protest was prompted by a letter sent to Vietnam-era Navy veteran John Arnold following a stroke he suffered nearly a year before. The VA reportedly determined that because Arnold assistance managing his financial affairs, he was "incompetent" and therefore he could not purchase or possess firearms."

But Arnold told the newspaper that while his stroke "screwed me up pretty bad" it "didn't screw up my mind." He retained his faculties and was eager to chat with reporters who showed up to cover the controversy.

News of Arnold's plight set off a chain reaction that brought other veterans and gun rights advocates from all over the landscape, including Idaho State Rep. Heather Scott (R-Blanchard) and Washington State Rep. Matt Shea, a Spokane-area Republican, to Arnold's defense, and his front yard.

But it was Wheeler and McLain whose presence added an official touch to the somewhat spontaneous gathering of friends, neighbors and supporters who were not about to let the federal government disarm the aging veteran. By one count, more than 100 supporters showed up.

David Cooper with the American Legion was one of those who supported Arnold, telling the crowd that the Navy veteran "pays his own bills and does everything else other than drive and to declare

him incompetent is a joke," the newspaper reported.

According to the *Boise Weekly*, "The Bonner County Sheriff's Office and the Priest River Police Department said they would support any effort to resist the seizure of the firearms."

Among those citizens who showed up at Arnold's residence were several who were openly carrying sidearms. The protest gained lots of media notoriety, and in the end, nobody showed up to confiscate firearms belonging to Arnold.

Sheriffs and police chiefs rarely show up in support of a gun rights issue. This time they stood out in a crowd that prevented the seizure of Arnold's firearms and infringement of his rights.

By no small surprise, the VA later rescinded its initial decision and declared Arnold to be competent after all.

For their willingness to step forward and prevent an injustice, Sheriff Wheeler and Chief McLain both earn recognition as Defenders of the Month.

## WALTERS AIRS ARMED AMERICAN RADIO AT CCRKBA HQ

Mark Walters, host of the nationally-syndicated Armed American Radio, broadcast his show live from the headquarters of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms on Aug. 19.

It was part of a national summer tour that will also include broadcasts from Crossbreed Holsters in Springfield, MO on Sept. 13, the Hyatt House in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Sept. 22, and at the annual Gun Rights Policy Conference in Phoenix on both Sept. 25 and 27.

In October, he'll be in Tombstone at the Crystal Palace Saloon and on Oct. 11 his final road tour broadcast will be live from Tucson at the Arizona Citizen Defense League conference.

The visit to CCRKBA headquarters was Walters' first stop and an important one, as he has had both CCRKBA Chairman Alan Gottlieb and Communications Director Dave Workman as guests on several occasions.

Armed American Radio's Daily Defense program airs at 4 p.m.

Eastern/1 p.m. Pacific every weekday and his weekend program airs 8-11 p.m. Eastern/5-8 p.m. Pacific on Sundays. It is distributed nationwide by Salem Radio Networks and is heard on more than 140 affiliate stations and 200 digital cable radio channels. It also is available on Apple TV and via live stream at the Armed American Radio website.

Walters is an author, magazine columnist and public speaker who has survived an attempted carjacking because he was armed.



# QUICK SHOTS

When the body count in Baltimore reached 211 on Aug. 19, according to WBAL News, Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake suggested tougher federal gun laws might be needed to combat the violence, due to so-called “lax” gun laws in other states.

WBAL acknowledged that the city’s violence “surges on despite Maryland’s gun laws, some of the toughest in the country.”

This is how WBAL’s Jayne Miller reported it: “Citing similar increases in violence in other cities, the mayor called for a national response, including a controversial target: tougher federal gun laws. She acknowledged that Baltimore’s violence surges on despite Maryland’s gun laws, some of the toughest in the country. The problem, she said, is that laws in other states are more lax.”

Rawlings-Blake also said that “There are four major strands that are impacting the homicide rate in Baltimore. We can trace it and we can trace the players. There are known entities who are battling it out on the streets like is this is the wild, wild west, and we need help.”

From the only cops should have guns file comes a story from Ohio where one ex-cop is in big trouble.

According to WJW-TV, FBI agents arrested 29-year old Kevin Lumpkin recently on charges he knowingly sold firearms to a pair of felons. Lumpkin is a former police officer for the city of North Randall.

The TV station reported this case stems back to 2012, when a police search of the felons’ home

revealed the weapons, which were then traced back to Lumpkin, who at that time was employed as an officer in North Randall. A second case allegedly involving the ex-cop involves police having recovered a gun during a traffic stop; the person who was stopped in that case was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Supporters of the Second Amendment recently went to bat for an Idaho U.S. Navy vet who apparently is at risk of losing his gun rights.

According to the Associated Press, about 100 pro-gunners staged a demonstration in support of the vet outside his house in Priest River, in the northern Idaho Panhandle. Among the folks who showed up included the local county sheriff and state lawmakers from both Idaho and neighboring Washington state.

Idaho state Rep. Heather Scott told the AP that the vet, John Arnold, had been sent a letter from the federal Department of Veterans’ Affairs informing him that he couldn’t possess or purchase any weapons; the VA told the wire service that indeed a letter had been sent, but refused further comment.

A defensive gun use in Georgia involved an alleged home intruder who ended up in bad shape thanks to an armed resident.

According to WXIA-TV, police responded to a residence in the town of Fayetteville the afternoon of August

6, and once there, the resident told cops he heard someone attempting to break in to his place. Upon investigation, the resident spotted the bad guy in his garage holding his own weapon. Later, the resident, according to police, saw the alleged crook break through a window in the back of the residence. The homeowner confronted the bad guy once that happened, and he shot the alleged intruder. Police told the TV station the bad guy was shot four times, and taken to an Atlanta hospital in extremely critical condition.

From Washington, DC, comes a rather curious story about an employee at the White House who’s in big trouble with the law after an incident involving a gun and a Capitol Hill police officer.

According to CNN, the employee, Barvetta Singletary, was arrested Aug. 7 and accused of assault and reckless endangerment after she allegedly threatened, and shot at, the cop, with whom she was in a relationship.

The incident started with, according to charging documents, a text message from the suspect asking the cop to come to her Maryland residence; the encounter ended with an alleged argument about whether the cop was dating another woman, and subsequently, Singletary is alleged to have fired one shot at the cop – using his service weapon.

She’s out of jail on bond, reports CNN, who also adds that Singletary is on leave and is barred from the White House grounds.

