

Newtown Changes Everything: A Conversation on Gun Violence Prevention

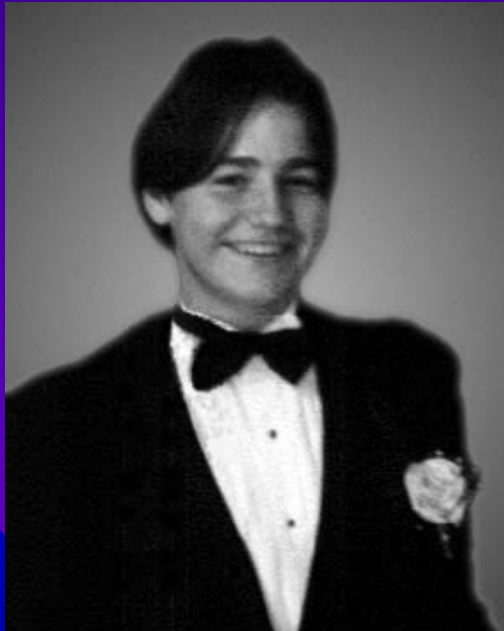
Northwest Suburban Organizing for Action
Palatine Public Library
January 31, 2013

Bill Jenkins

Father of Shooting Victim

Associate Professor, Dominican University

Author, *What To Do When The Police Leave: A Guide To The
First Days of Traumatic Loss*

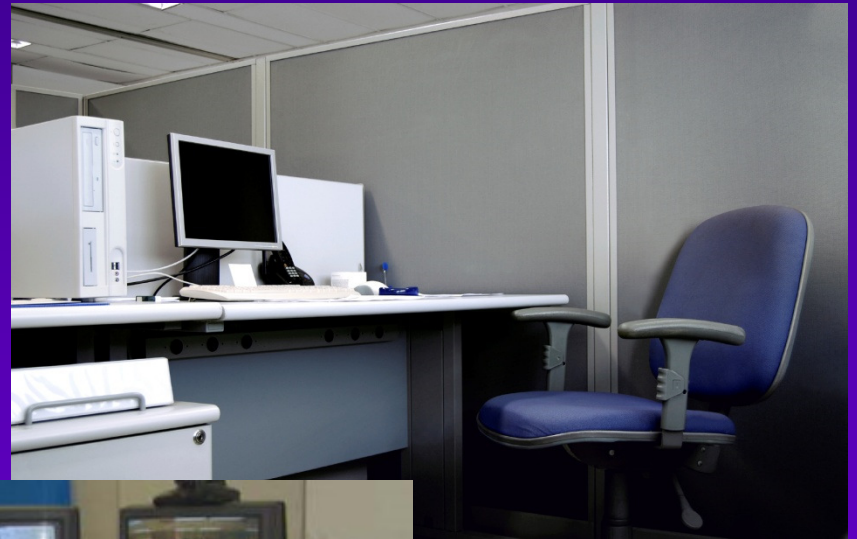


William Benjamin Jenkins
Shot and Killed in 1997
At the age of 16
Richmond, Virginia

Faces of Gun Violence



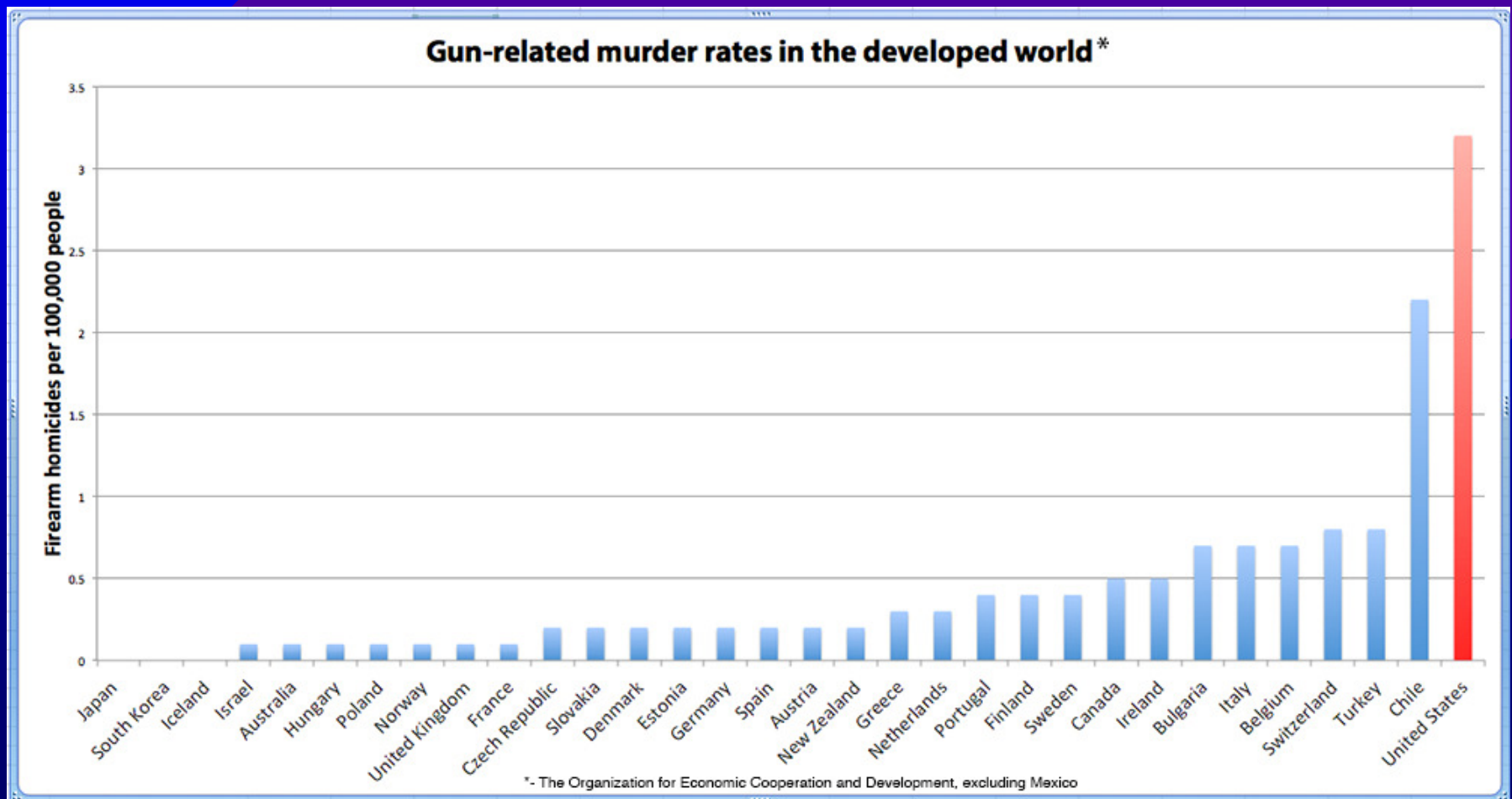
Gun Violence Can Happen Anywhere



Our Goal: Save Lives! Pass Sensible Gun Laws



How Do We Compare To Other Industrialized Countries



How Many Die And Are Injured?



Some Scary Numbers

- 30,000 killed + 90,000 injured = 120,000/yr.
 - Over Half are Suicides
 - Canada's total gun homicide rate = 200/yr.
 - Australia's is less than one day in the US – 65
- 85 firearm related deaths per day in the US
 - 35 are homicides
 - 8 are under 19 years old
- Est. 300,000,000 guns in private ownership
 - 60% guns are owned by 20% of gun owners
 - 40% of guns are bought privately, without a background check

As to the "gun-grabbing" fear-mongering from the NRA:
It would take confiscating 2000 guns in **every state, every day**, for a period of **10 years** to completely disarm America's private citizens.
Clearly, a ridiculous proposition . . . that NO one is suggesting.

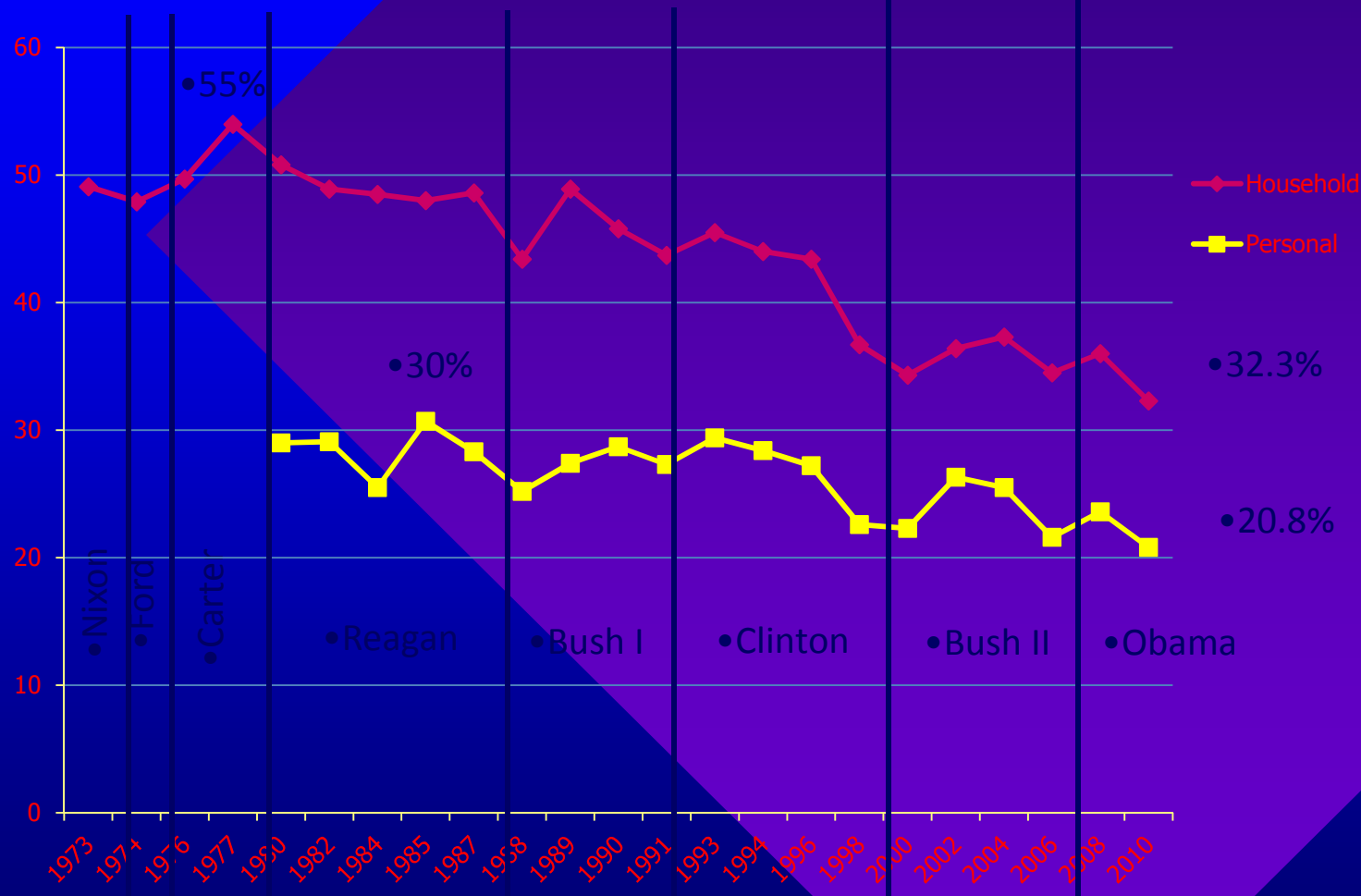
Why Is This Happening?

We make it too easy for dangerous people to get dangerous weapons in America

Example: AK-47 – 30 Round Magazine Hunting Rifle?



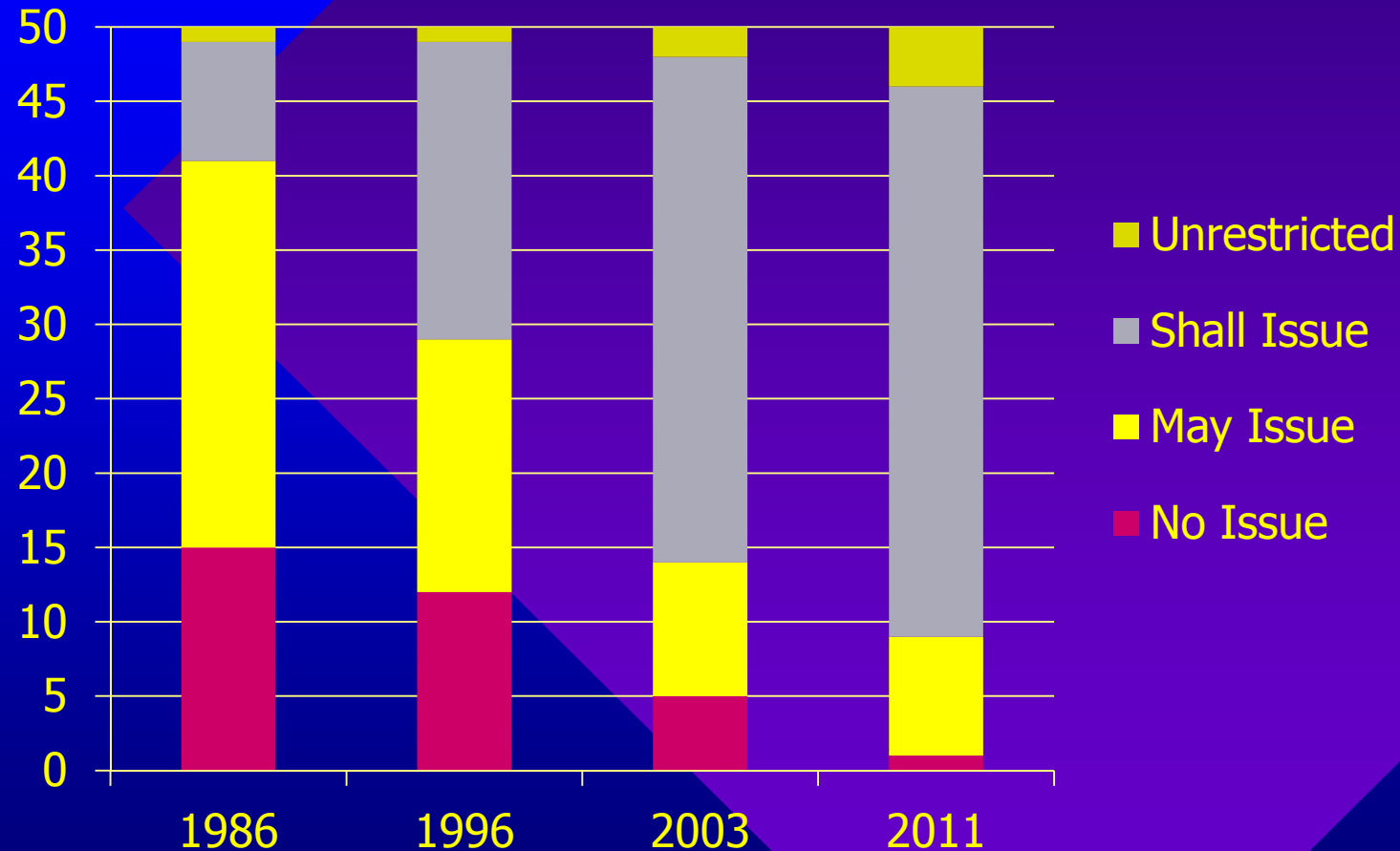
Gun Ownership Trends for the US



From the National Opinion Research Center, 2011

Profile of an industry in trouble in America

The Real "Slippery Slope"



The NRA's goal is No Limits On Firearms

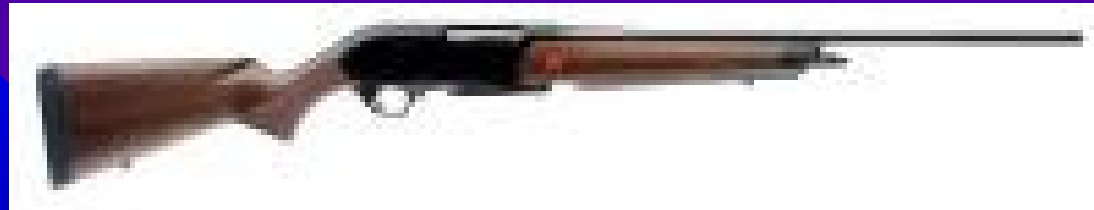
No training, no restrictions, no rules.

Gun Violence and Victims

- Guns enable about 70% of all violent victimization
- Guns significantly increase lethality and damage done in a violent crime
- Guns seriously increase the range from and degree to which a person can impact another person and has a stunning effect on who can hurt whom and under what circumstances
- A gun makes any person, no matter their other attributes (age, gender, physical strength, mental capability, etc) completely deadly and dangerous
- Guns take more than ever can be measured, but the economic costs alone are \$100 Billion plus a year

The REAL difference is easy to see

Rifles For Hunting



Military Style Assault Weapons





THE NRA's "Significant Contribution" To The Discussion



January 13, 2013

In Lapeer, MI, a firearms instructor recently retired from the Sheriff's Dept. was hired as an armed security guard at The Chatfield School and within 24 hours accidentally left his pistol in a student restroom.

• You can't defend against an ambush



40% of Gun Sales Unregulated

The Retail Market

Check NICS Database for Prohibited Purchasers

- Adjudicated Mentally ill – only 25% are in the database
- Convicted Felons – 75% in Database
 - (expungement an issue)
- Under age

The Secondary Market

- Completely unregulated
- Source of Illegal Guns
- Gun Shows and private sales almost completely unregulated

There are only THREE National Gun Laws

- The Machine Gun Ban
- The 1968 Gun Control Act
- The Brady Criminal Background Check Law

Patchwork of State and Local Laws do not comprehensively solve the problem in a nation with porous borders.

What do we REALLY need?

With Rights Go Responsibilities: The Laws We Need

Universal Background Checks

Every gun, every time, no exceptions, no excuses

Revive Law on Military-Style Assault Weapons

Especially, ban all high capacity ammunition clips

Safe Storage and Child Access Prevention

Regulate trafficking of guns

Bad Dealers

Bulk and straw purchases

The President's Gun Violence Prevention Legislative Plan

Require background checks for ALL gun sales

Strengthen the background check system for gun sales

Pass a new, stronger ban on assault weapons

Limit ammunition magazines to 10 rounds

Finish the job of getting armor-piercing bullets off the streets

Give law enforcement additional tools to prevent and prosecute gun crime

End the freeze on gun violence research

The Tiahrt amendments block funding for collecting gun crime data and research on weapons' impact on society

Make our schools safer

With new resource officers and counselors, better emergency response plans, and more nurturing school climates

Ensure quality coverage of mental health treatment,
particularly for young people

Presidential Executive Actions

1. Issue a Presidential Memorandum to require federal agencies to make relevant data available to the federal background check system.
2. Address unnecessary legal barriers, particularly relating to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, that may prevent states from making information available to the background check system.
3. Improve incentives for states to share information with the background check system.
4. Direct the Attorney General to review categories of individuals prohibited from having a gun to make sure dangerous people are not slipping through the cracks.
5. Propose rulemaking to give law enforcement the ability to run a full background check on an individual before returning a seized gun.
6. Publish a letter from ATF to federally licensed gun dealers providing guidance on how to run background checks for private sellers.
7. Launch a national safe and responsible gun ownership campaign.
8. Review safety standards for gun locks and gun safes (Consumer Product Safety Commission).
9. Issue a Presidential Memorandum to require federal law enforcement to trace guns recovered in criminal investigations.
10. Release a DOJ report analyzing information on lost and stolen guns and make it widely available to law enforcement.

Presidential Executive Actions (cont.)

11. Nominate an ATF director.
12. Provide law enforcement, first responders, and school officials with proper training for active shooter situations.
13. Maximize enforcement efforts to prevent gun violence and prosecute gun crime.
14. Issue a Presidential Memorandum directing the Centers for Disease Control to research the causes and prevention of gun violence.
15. Direct the Attorney General to issue a report on the availability and most effective use of new gun safety technologies and challenge the private sector to develop innovative technologies.
16. Clarify that the Affordable Care Act does not prohibit doctors asking their patients about guns in their homes.
17. Release a letter to health care providers clarifying that no federal law prohibits them from reporting threats of violence to law enforcement authorities.
18. Provide incentives for schools to hire school resource officers.
19. Develop model emergency response plans for schools, houses of worship and institutions of higher education.
20. Release a letter to state health officials clarifying the scope of mental health services that Medicaid plans must cover.
21. Finalize regulations clarifying essential health benefits and parity requirements within ACA exchanges.
22. Commit to finalizing mental health parity regulations.
23. Launch a national dialogue led by Secretaries Sebelius and Duncan on mental health.

Strengthen Background Checks

- **Require Brady criminal background checks** on all private gun sales, including closing the gun show loophole



Ban Military-Style Assault Weapons

- Restrict access to **military-style assault weapons** and **high-capacity magazines**



Strengthen Law Enforcement

- Fix the NICS Database
- Strengthening law enforcement's efforts to **stop the illegal gun market, like cracking down on "straw purchasers" and limiting the number of guns that can be bought at one time**



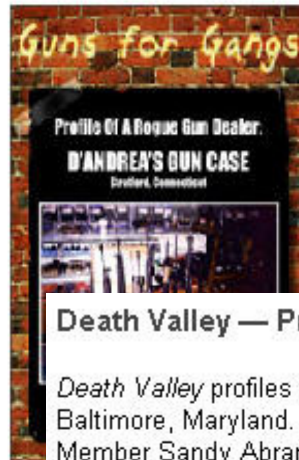
Expose Corrupt Gun Dealers and Restore Public Research on Guns

Brady Report Exposes Gun Dealer Who Supplied Guns for Gangs

A new Brady Center report tells the story of Frank D'Andrea's Connecticut gun shop - "a convenient, one-stop shopping place for violent and prolific narcotics traffickers, convicted felons and other prohibited persons," according to law enforcement.

D'Andrea's gun store in the Bridgeport, CT area sold hundreds of guns to gangsters and drug traffickers and was cited for hundreds of legal violations.

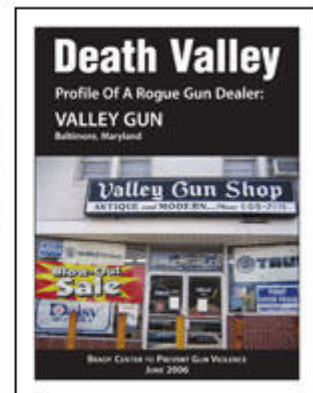
Weak gun laws allowed D'Andrea to stay in business for more than two decades, until he was finally arrested and pled guilty to violating federal gun law.



Death Valley — Profile Of A Rogue Gun Dealer: Valley Gun

Death Valley profiles rogue gun dealer Valley Gun of Baltimore, Maryland. Valley Gun, owned by NRA Board Member Sandy Abrams, is one of the leading suppliers of crime guns in America, ranking 37 out of nearly 80,000 gun dealers nationwide in total crime guns traced to their stores. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has documented over 900 violations of federal law at Valley Gun, including illegal gun sales.

The report exposes how the NRA has come to Sandy Abrams' defense, providing him with an attorney to help him continue selling guns and re-electing him to its Board despite his many legal violations. The NRA is also lobbying Congress to pass legislation which would gut ATF's ability to revoke corrupt gun dealers' firearms licenses and allow shops with revoked licenses to continue selling guns through years of legal appeals.



The Triangle of Death

Break the Triangle of Death



AT THE NRA'S DIRECTION, CONGRESS
IS COVERING FOR CORRUPT GUN
DEALERS... AND AMERICANS ARE DYING
EVERY DAY FROM ILLEGAL GUNS.



"If there is even one step we can take to save another child, or another parent, or another town, from the grief that has visited Tucson, and Aurora, and Oak Creek, and Newtown, and communities from Columbine to Blacksburg before that -- then surely we have an obligation to try."

- President Barack Obama, Jan. 2013

No More Victims

