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## This Week in Firearms

National and International Gun Control News for the week ending 2020-12-31  
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Happy New Year!

With the new year comes the relaunch of Dennis Young's weekly newsletters covering the week's top stories on the firearms front.

Next week I'll publish a formal update on all of Dennis Young's outstanding ATIP requests and complaints to privacy commissioners. I'm still working my way through the list.

If you have content you would like to see added to this weekly newsletter, please send your stories to [Christopher@DennisRYoung.ca](mailto:Christopher@DennisRYoung.ca)

Yours in Liberty,

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### CANADA

**IBM Awarded Contract for Designing Firearm Confiscation Compensation Program**

<https://buyandsell.gc.ca/procurement-data/award-notice/PW-20-00930144-001?fbclid=IwAR3Y42SoaCiWb5L1QBBf4i56GXoTGFfe1V1CnSGqazyVfXoPpUXP6FI19ju8>

Compensation Model and Program Design Options for a Potential Buyback Program for Recently Prohibited Firearms (7247366)

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/feds-enlist-ibm-to-help-design-gun-buyback-program-1.5249995>

**IBM Canada Wins Contract to Work on Mass Gun Confiscations**

<https://thegunblog.ca/2020/12/30/ibm-canada-wins-contract-to-work-on-mass-gun-confiscations/>



### **Body-Worn Cameras Introduced by Peel Regional Police**

<https://www.blueline.ca/body-worn-cameras-introduced-by-peel-regional-police/>

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### **Judge dismisses Joshua McCabe's manslaughter, firearm charges**

<https://www.sootoday.com/local-news/judge-dismisses-joshua-mccabes-manslaughter-firearm-charges-3179015>

"On the totality of the evidence, I conclude beyond a reasonable doubt that the single shot was fired by the accused after providing a warning, and that the shot was fired by the accused for a defensive purpose," Judge Gareau said, dismissing manslaughter and reckless use of a firearm charges against Saultite Joshua Perry McCabe.

### **Police lay charges against man whose son was killed by police**

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/toronto/article-police-lay-charges-against-man-whose-son-was-killed-by-police/>

The father of a Black man fatally shot by police in Mississauga last winter has been criminally charged in connection with a protest where fake blood was used to deface police property.

### **SIU investigating after Niagara police shoot, injure man in St. Catharines, Ont.**

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/canada/article-siu-investigating-after-niagara-police-shoot-injure-man-in-st-2/>

Ontario's police watchdog is investigating after a 30-year-old man was shot and injured by Niagara police early on Christmas morning.



## UNITED STATES

### **ATF Rescinds Stabilizing Brace Notice**

<https://www.nssf.org/atf-rescinds-stabilizing-brace-notice/>

NEWTOWN, Conn. – NSSF®, the trade association for the firearm industry, reports that late today the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) rescinded its Notice of “Objective Factors for Classifying Weapons with Stabilizing Braces” that was published just last week.

### **Glendale police pinpoint gunfire with ShotSpotter tech**

<https://us.newschant.com/us-news/phoenix/glendale-police-pinpoint-gunfire-with-tech/>

Celebratory gunfire during the holiday season is nothing new for the Valley, but one law enforcement agency is cracking down to try and put an end to the dangerous practice.

### **The Future Of The Second Amendment All Comes Down To Georgia**

<https://www.ammoland.com/2020/12/the-future-of-the-second-amendment-all-comes-down-to-georgia/>

The Second Amendment will be around in some form or another in the future. But what form will it exist in? Will it be a right that we are able to exercise in a manner close to what the Founders intended? What happens in the Georgia runoffs could decide that future.

### **Stand Your Ground Legislation Introduced in Arkansas**

<https://www.ammoland.com/2020/12/nra-backed-stand-your-ground-legislation-introduced-in-arkansas/>

The National Rifle Association Institute for Legislative Action is pleased to announce the filing of NRA-backed legislation, Senate Bill 24, in Arkansas. This important piece of legislation would eliminate the duty to retreat for victims of a crime — if passed, a victim who is attacked will no longer be required by law to try and run away.

### **Nashville bomber's girlfriend told police he was building explosives in an RV in 2019: documents**

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/article-nashville-bombers-girlfriend-told-police-he-was-building-explosives-in/>

More than a year before Anthony Warner detonated a Christmas Day bomb in downtown Nashville, officers visited his home after his girlfriend told police he was building bombs in a recreational vehicle at his residence, according to documents. But they did not make contact with him, or see inside his RV.

Those revelations, contained in a newly disclosed 2019 incident report, put Nashville's police chief on the defensive Wednesday as he said his officers did nothing wrong and that they had handled the situation properly.



### Ohio Supreme Court ruling threatens right to bear arms in own home

<https://www.buckeyefirearms.org/ohio-supreme-court-ruling-threatens-right-bear-arms-own-home>

In a 4-3 ruling, the Ohio Supreme Court voted to uphold the conviction of a Clermont County man for holding a shotgun in his home while intoxicated.

The case, State v. Weber, as noted on our site, "involves a situation where despite the defendant's wife telling police there was no longer a problem, they pressed their way in. There they found her admittedly inebriated but nonthreatening husband who, while he did have a shotgun, told police it was not loaded, which they proved for themselves."

<https://www.buckeyefirearms.org/gun-and-alcohol-case-could-put-citizens-risk-their-own-homes>

## AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

### Firearm Prohibition Orders Needed To Curb Growing Gun Violence

<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA2012/S00036/firearm-prohibition-orders-needed-to-curb-growing-gun-violence.htm>

National's Police spokesperson Simeon Brown is calling on the Government to urgently adopt his Member's Bill, the Arms (Firearm Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill, to help tackle the growing evidence of gun violence in New Zealand.

### Royal Commission Must Lead To Meaningful Change

<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA2012/S00053/royal-commission-must-lead-to-meaningful-change.htm>

The wide-ranging report into the Christchurch terror attack must be treated with the utmost respect, but the recommendations within it must also be properly scrutinised, Leader of the Opposition Judith Collins says.

### Police Minister Poto Williams hits out at National's 'virtue-signalling on law and order' in firearms debate

<https://www.newshub.co.nz/home/politics/2020/12/police-minister-poto-williams-hits-out-at-national-s-virtue-signalling-on-law-and-order-in-firearms-debate.html>

Williams defended the Government's record on firearms law reform in Parliament on Thursday following a recent shooting in Northland and the tragic death of police officer Constable Matthew Hunt in June.

"Can I say that any incident where the use of weapons is involved is distressing for the police and the community, and police are frontline workers who go above and beyond to keep our community safe. We need to support our officers so we can continue to support our communities."



### **Steep Increase In People Joining Gangs Alarming**

<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA2012/S00139/steep-increase-in-people-joining-gangs-alarming.htm>

The number of people joining gangs has increased at an alarming rate this year, National's Police spokesperson Simeon Brown says.

“According to Police, more than 900 people joined gangs this year. That’s a 13 per cent increase despite Covid-19 forcing the country into lockdown and isolation.

### **OTHER ARTICLES ON ISSUES OF INTEREST**

#### **Body-Worn Cameras Introduced by Peel Regional Police**

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#### **U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit blocked access to firearms trace data**

<https://www.foiaadvisor.com/home/2020/12/23/foia-news-second-circuit-blocks-access-to-firearms-trace-data-splits-with-ninth-circuit>

<https://www.courthousenews.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/atf-everytown-ca2.pdf>

The U.S. government need not release statistics on guns used in suicides or attempted suicides, the Second Circuit ruled Wednesday, reversing what had been a victory for gun-regulation advocates.

Seeking such information as part of a push to curb gun violence in America, the group Everytown for Gun Safety Support Fund demanded that the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives produce relevant records under the Freedom of Information Act.

#### **STORING FIREARMS SECURELY IN VEHICLES PSAs**

With thefts of firearms from vehicles on the rise, NSSF has responded by making available two new public service announcements. Watch and download the full-length PSA and 30-second PSA here:

<https://vimeo.com/485629052/e5177a4188>

<https://vimeo.com/473613305/0b254fcbfb>

Messaging in the new videos complements NSSF’s Firearm Safety in Vehicles brochure.

<http://www3.nssf.org/share/PDF/safety/FirearmsSafetyVehicles.pdf>



### **"American Carnage" Indeed: Guns**

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/peace-and-war/202012/american-carnage-indeed-guns>

This is the first of several posts about another pandemic that afflicts the United States, way out of proportion to our population. It's not just COVID. One of the greatest threats that Americans live with comes from gun violence—and from the guns that are purchased partly in the hope of alleviating that same threat.

### **The Prisoner's Dilemma = America's Gun Dilemma**

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/peace-and-war/202012/the-prisoners-dilemma-americas-gun-dilemma>

We have a gun problem. One way to conceptualize its origin is via game theory, specifically the Prisoner's Dilemma, as follows. Each person has a choice: Carry a gun or don't. The best option, for each – and for society – is “don't.” Not only would everyone save money, time, and anxiety, but no one gets shot. But here is the dilemma: Even if you agree that a gun-free world is better than a gun-toting one, you might worry that someone you meet might not feel similarly, and might therefore be carrying a weapon. If so, then you could be at a lethal disadvantage. So, you reason that you need a gun, too, if only just to protect yourself.

### **NYC vs. London: Why Banning Guns Doesn't Work**

<https://beforeitsnews.com/alternative/2020/12/nyc-vs-london-why-banning-guns-doesnt-work-the-liberal-left-loves-to-yell-and-scream-about-gun-control-using-every-opportunity-they-can-to-try-and-push-their-agenda-3738236.html>

As I've said many times before, what leftists really want isn't a repeal of our Second Amendment rights, but rather a repeal of the laws of physics which make it possible for firearms to work. They seem to think that they can pass enough laws that they will actually manage to stop violence from happening. But in order to do this, they have to ignore many of the causes of violence and focus on one inanimate object as the cause of that violence... guns.

### **Louisville Police To Fire Two Officers Involved In Breonna Taylor's Fatal Shooting**

<https://entrepreneur.ca/lifestyle/business/louisville-police-to-fire-two-officers-involved-in-breonna-taylors-fatal-shooting/57105/>

Detective Joshua Jaynes and Officer Myles Cosgrove were notified of their pending termination on Dec. 29, according to ABC News. Both officers will answer the termination letters on Dec. 31 in a hearing before Police Chief Yvette Gentry, who has served in the role since September.



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LATEST NEWS FROM JUSTICE FOR GUN OWNERS

<http://mailchi.mp/36033a2955cf/living-under-the-gun?e=bc1823b8e2>

CALIBRE MAGAZINE

The Canadian Firearms Magazine

<http://calibremag.ca/>

CANADIAN OUTDOORSMAN MAGAZINE

<http://www.canadianoutdoorsman.net>

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<https://www.outdoorcanada.ca>

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