



This Week in Firearms

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CANADA

Why some gun-control opponents want to 'other' one of Canada's worst mass killers by R. Blake Brown

<https://theconversation.com/why-some-gun-control-opponents-want-to-other-one-of-canadas-worst-mass-killers-151957>

January 4, 2021

Some opponents of gun control, however, still name the shooter. But they often employ Lépine's birth name: Gamil Gharbi. In doing so, these members of the firearms community seek to "other" the gunman — to distinguish him from other gun owners, and to intimate that he was not a "real" Canadian firearms owner.

Gary Mauser's Response

<https://justiceforgunowners.ca/welcome-conversation-readers/>



More B.C. residents blaming drugs, mental-health issues for crime

January 4, 2021

<https://www.newwestrecord.ca/opinion/more-bc-residents-blaming-drugs-mental-health-issues-for-crime-3231485>

This month, a ban on handguns within the limits of a specific municipality is endorsed by 80% of British Columbians, consistent with the 79% we found in September 2018. A slightly larger proportion (83%, down three points since 2018) is in favour of a ban on military-style assault weapons.

DFO looking for fishery officer candidates

<https://www.saltwire.com/news/local/dfo-looking-for-fishery-officer-candidates-536717/>

January 3, 2021

The federal government wants to train people for well-paying careers within the federal public service. In addition to jobs that pay more than \$52,000 a year with substantial benefits packages, those who apply will also receive paid training while they prepare for those careers. If it all sounds suspiciously like one of those tall-tale fish stories, relax — it is really true.

Calgary records 33 homicides in 2020, marking the deadliest year since 2015

<https://calgaryherald.com/news/local-news/in-progress-year-end-homicide-wrap>

Jan 02, 2021

Last year, about half of the deadly incidents were related to shootings — which outpaced numbers from 2019 — and almost a third linked to stabbings. At least four homicides were the result of blunt-force trauma.

The majority of homicides had links to organized crime, fights and “deadly confrontations” between people known to each other, said Chisholm. Only three were confirmed as drug-related, one in relation to financial gain and four unknown.

Firearms-trafficking probe linked to Sooke

<https://www.timescolonist.com/news/local/firearms-trafficking-probe-linked-to-sooke-1.24263357>

January 6, 2021

Several firearms have been seized and three men were arrested in a -firearms-trafficking investigation with a Sooke connection. The effort came to a head when B.C.’s Combined Special Enforcement Unit conducted a search warrant at a Langley residence Jan. 2.



Guelph judge tosses firearms charges in drug trafficking case after gun determined to not legally be a gun

<https://www.guelphmercury.com/news-story/10303468-guelph-judge-tosses-firearms-charges-in-drug-trafficking-case-after-gun-determined-to-not-legally-be-a-gun/>

January 7, 2021

“As surprising as this is to the Court, this is a relatively straightforward analysis. Since the 44 Smith & Wesson Russian is not considered to be a firearm under section 91, 92, 94 and 95, Mr. Stephens cannot be convicted of those offences,” Wendl writes in his decision, referring to firearm-related charges that the accused had been facing.

FIREARM PROHIBITION ORDER VIOLATIONS

Police arrest Peterborough man accused of shooting a dog after search of Park St. home on Wednesday

<https://kawarthanow.com/2020/12/31/police-arrest-peterborough-man-accused-of-shooting-a-dog-after-search-of-park-st-home-on-wednesday/>

December 31, 2020

Police arrested 30-year-old Kevin Fenn of Peterborough, who was wanted in connection with the shooting of a dog at the end of November and pointing a firearm at the dog's female owner.

Man Arrested on Outstanding Warrants in connection with shooting

<https://saultonline.com/2021/01/man-arrested-on-outstanding-warrants-in-connection-with-shooting/>

January 1, 2021

Jacques Roy, 22, was charged with using a firearm while committing an offence, careless use of a firearm, weapon and/or ammunition, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, pointing a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm, unauthorized possession of a firearm knowing its possession is unauthorized, uttering threats, aggravated assault, trafficking in a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking, breach of probation and two counts possession of a weapon contrary to prohibition order.



Stolen Vehicle Leads to Fentanyl, Meth and Weapons Charges

<https://westgreypolice.ca/2020/12/24/stolen-vehicle-leads-to-fentanyl-meth-and-weapons-charges/>

Dec 24, 2020

Arrested, Charged and being held for Bail Hearing are: Marcus David WILSON (29 years old) of Owen Sound, Ontario: Possess Weapon contrary to Prohibition Order (2 counts).

London police detail charges laid in New Year's Day shooting

<https://london.ctvnews.ca/london-police-detail-charges-laid-in-new-year-s-day-shooting-1.5253107>

January 4, 2021

Three men charged with possession of a firearm or ammunition contrary to prohibition order.

1 in custody, 3 being sought in south London New Year's Day shooting probe: police

<https://1031freshradio.ca/news/7554784/arrest-suspects-sought-south-london-new-years-day-shooting/>

January 4, 2021

Police said Monday that a 25-year-old Southwold man, identified as Landon Doxtator, had been charged with seven counts in the case, including one of discharging a firearm with intent to wound. He also faces two counts of careless storage of a firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition; two of possessing a firearm other than a restricted or prohibited firearm knowingly not holding a licence; one of possessing a loaded/unloaded regulated firearm; and one of failure to comply with release order.

Suspect arrested after leaving a trail of jewelry while fleeing armed robbery scene in St. John's

<https://www.saltwire.com/news/canada/suspect-arrested-after-leaving-a-trail-of-jewelry-while-fleeing-armed-robbery-scene-in-st-johns-537265/>

January 5, 2021

The RNC say a 25-year-old male was arrested at the scene and charged with using a firearm in committing robbery, pointing a firearm, possession of a weapon for a dangerous purpose, and breaching a firearm prohibition order.



Man charged after New Year's gathering

<https://www.woodstocksentinelreview.com/news/local-news/police-briefs-man-charged-after-new-years-gathering>

January 5, 2021

A 19-year-old from Baden has been charged with five firearm offences, including robbery using a firearm, pointing a firearm, possession of a weapon and possession contrary to probation orders. He was also charged with failure to comply with a probation order.

Man carrying 'edged weapon'; Pair arrested on outstanding warrants

<https://www.timminspress.com/news/local-news/tps-briefs-man-carrying-edged-weapon-pair-arrested-on-outstanding-warrants>

January 5, 2021

Demetrious Farrell, 21, of Timmins was arrested and taken into police custody. He was charged with three counts of Fail to Comply with Release Order contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada and Possession of a Controlled Substance contrary to the Controlled Drug and Substances Act.

Traffic stop leads to weapons charges

<https://www.sprucegroveexaminer.com/news/traffic-stop-leads-to-weapons-charges>

January 5, 2021

Investigators noticed during the traffic stop that there was a firearm in between the console and driver's seat. The find in the vehicle prompted officers to quickly put the driver in handcuffs and place him under arrest. RCMP then did a thorough search of the vehicle and allegedly found a sawed-off shotgun, drug paraphernalia (what is believed to be GHB), and a \$100 counterfeit bill.

Woman arrested in connection with Parry Sound break-in, firearm theft

<https://barrie.ctvnews.ca/woman-arrested-in-connection-with-parry-sound-break-in-firearm-theft-1.5255968>

January 6, 2021

The accused is charged with breaking and entering a vehicle and stealing a firearm, possession of stolen property, and possession of a firearm contrary to a prohibition order.



Police seize loaded gun, 'bladed weapons' after foot chase

<https://www.cjme.com/2021/01/06/police-seize-loaded-gun-bladed-weapons-after-foot-chase/>

January 6, 2021

A 21-year-old Regina resident has been charged with two counts of possessing a weapon, two counts of carrying a concealed weapon, possessing a prohibited or restricted gun with ammunition, possessing a gun knowing the serial number has been tampered with, careless storage of a gun, two counts of possessing a gun or ammunition contrary to a prohibition order, unauthorized possession of a prohibited device or ammunition in a vehicle, dangerous driving, and two counts of possessing property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

Possession of a Weapon

<http://police.brandon.ca/media-zone/4001-06-jan-2021>

January 6, 2021

A 22-year-old Brandon male is charged with Possession of Prohibited Firearm, Possession of Firearm Knowing its Prohibited, Possession of a Firearm in a Vehicle, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, Possession of a Weapon, Possession of Weapon Contrary to Prohibition Order and Breach of Release Order.

Two Sudburians among trio accused of threatening Elliot Lake debtor with handgun

January 7, 2021

<https://www.sudbury.com/police/two-sudburians-among-trio-accused-of-threatening-elliott-lake-debtor-with-handgun-3240897>

Two Sudbury residents were among a trio arrested by the East Algoma OPP on Highway 108 Jan. 6 after an earlier incident where they allegedly used a handgun to threaten someone who owed them money.



UNITED STATES

Recent Arrest Proves Canadian Gun Laws A Bust

<https://bearingarms.com/tomk/2020/12/31/arrest-proves-gun-laws-a-bust/>

December 31, 2020

Anti-gunners continually claim that gun laws like those in Canada work wonderfully well. But even then, there are those who will ignore the laws of the land and do their own thing, and do gun laws stop them? Not so much.

One year after antisemitic attack, Monsey's Jewish community is arming itself

<https://forward.com/news/national/461189/one-year-after-antisemitic-attack-monseys-jewish-community-is-arming/>

December 29, 2020

On the one-year anniversary of the antisemitic stabbing attack that rocked the Orthodox community in Monsey, New York, a number of residents in the area told Haaretz that they have applied for gun licenses to defend themselves in the last year.

Related:

Anti-Semitic Incidents Reach 40-Year High With Most Cases In New York, New Jersey

<https://newyork.cbslocal.com/2020/05/12/anti-semitic-incidents-reach-40-year-high-with-most-cases-in-new-york-new-jersey/>

Why Gun Control Isn't The Answer To The Rise In Crime

<https://bearingarms.com/came/2020/12/30/why-gun-control-isnt-answer-rise-in-crime/>

December 30, 2020

It looks like 2020 could end with the highest one-year increase in the number of homicides since at least 1960, and you know that anti-gun activists will seize on that figure to push their gun control agenda at both the state and federal level in 2021.

Related:

<https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1343950694672379905.html>

Murder up 36.7% in 57 agencies with data through at least September (though most have data through November). Murder up in 51 of 57, 37 of 58 agencies reporting murder up more than 30%.



NYPD Commish: "You'd Be Shocked" At Number Of Guns On NYC Streets

<https://bearingarms.com/came/2020/12/30/nypd-commish-guns-nyc-streets/>

December 30, 2020

NYPD Commissioner Dermot Shea: "We are making gun arrests at a breakneck pace and one could argue it is not having a significant impact on the level of violence," Shea said. "I am going to go after [those] who are the people pulling the trigger on the streets of New York City, that is a much more manageable number and controllable number."

Republicans Must Stop the Big Banks From Destroying the First Amendment With "Financial Deplatforming"

<https://www.revolver.news/2020/12/financial-deplatforming/>

December 29, 2020

Right now, the single most existential threat to free speech in America is the rise of financial deplatforming. If conservatives want to preserve the ability to think and speak freely in the decades to come, they must act to prevent the country's most powerful financial institutions from imposing a brutal censorship regime on the entire country. Ray Buchanan: "Time and time again, corporations [have] bent the knee before outraged activists and stifled the free speech of ordinary Americans. We see this when social media giants regularly censor and ban individuals who run afoul of liberal orthodoxy. ... Less noticed is the threat of financial de-platforming. This growing menace means those who dissent from the official left-wing line won't even be allowed to bank or use a credit card."

Suspect charged in shooting at East Texas church; pastor dead

January 3, 2021

<https://www.ctvnews.ca/world/suspect-charged-in-shooting-at-east-texas-church-pastor-dead-1.5251995>

WINONA, TEXAS -- A 21-year-old man who hid from police in an East Texas church was charged with first-degree murder and felony assault in a shooting that left the pastor dead and two other people injured Sunday, a local sheriff said.

The Biggest Threats To 2nd Amendment Rights In 2021

<https://bearingarms.com/came/2021/01/01/the-biggest-threats-to-2a-rights-in-2021/>

January 1, 2021

Joe Biden has already indicated he plans to use executive actions and the power of the regulatory state to target both legal gun owners and the firearms industry, and if Democrats capture both of the Georgia senate seats up for grabs next Tuesday, there's potential for anti-gun legislation to make it through Congress as well.



Governor DeWine Signs Bill Repealing Duty to Retreat

<https://www.buckeyefirearms.org/governor-dewine-signs-bill-repealing-duty-retreat>

January 4, 2021

"We're very pleased the Governor kept his promise to sign the repeal of Ohio's duty to retreat law that forces victims of violent crime to retreat before they're legally able to defend themselves," said Buckeye Firearms Association Executive Director, Dean Rieck. "Our organization worked relentlessly down the stretch to see this bill become law."

Rep.-elect Lauren Boebert appears to score win on gun rights inside Capitol building

<https://nypost.com/2021/01/03/lauren-boebert-appears-to-score-win-on-capitol-building-gun-rights/>

January 3, 2021

"I refuse to give up my Second Amendment rights," Boebert said in a statement last week. "I'm a 5-foot tall, 100-pound mom with four children and will be walking to work and serving in one of the most dangerous cities in the U.S. I choose to defend my family and my life with all of the force the Constitution provides. I will not let a bunch of gun-grabbing House Democrats take away my Constitutional right to protect myself."

Related:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Congresswoman-Elect-Lauren-Boebert-Leads-Effort-to-Block-Dems--Gun-Grab.html?soid=1133561909074&aid=8vLpN-2waRw>

Arkansas Paramedics Wounded in Shooting, Return Fire and Kill Attacker

<https://www.ammoland.com/2021/01/arkansas-paramedics-wounded-in-shooting-return-fire-and-kill-attacker/>

January 4, 2021

"There's no reason, there's no lawful reason to attack a paramedic or a medic doing their job," Wegner said.

The case vividly illustrates the first responders' rational desire to have the means to defend themselves.

Why Don't We Have Stronger Gun Laws? (Part 3 of a series)

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/gb/blog/peace-and-war/202101/why-don-t-we-have-stronger-gun-laws>

January 3, 2021

Guns are killing us, but the politics of fear ties our hands.

Part 1: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/gb/blog/peace-and-war/202012/american-carnage-indeed-guns>

Part 2: <https://www.psychologytoday.com/gb/blog/peace-and-war/202012/the-prisoners-dilemma-americas-gun-dilemma>



Psychology Today's Exploration Of Guns Has Flawed Premise

<https://bearingarms.com/tomk/2021/01/04/psychology-todays-flawed-premise/>

NSSF Hails Rep. Hudson's Concealed Carry Reciprocity Legislation

<https://www.ammoland.com/2021/01/nssf-hails-rep-hudsons-concealed-carry-reciprocity-legislation/>

January 5, 2021

NSSF, the firearm industry's trade association, hailed U.S. Rep. Richard Hudson's (R-N.C.) introduction of the Concealed Carry Reciprocity Act of 2021, H.R. 38, on the first day of the 117th Congress. The bill aims to eliminate the confusion of varying state-by-state laws and provide protection for Second Amendment rights for permit holders.

Shoot Like A Girl Releases 2020 Annual Report

<https://shootlikeagirl.com/2020-shoot-like-a-girl-annual-report/>

January 4, 2020

Shoot Like A Girl is an organization that empowers women in the hunting and shooting industries.

The data in this annual report shows continued trends of previous years. Shoot Like A Girl grew the number of women who participate in shooting sports, and empowered women and their families with confidence.

PDF: <https://shootlikeagirl.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2020-SLG-Annual-Report-1.pdf>

NSSF COMMENDS REP. JEFF DUNCAN'S INTRODUCTION OF THE HEARING PROTECTION ACT

<https://www.nssf.org/nssf-commends-rep-jeff-duncans-introduction-of-the-hearing-protection-act/>

JANUARY 6, 2021

Firearm suppressors are legal to own and possess in 42 states and 40 states allow them for hunting.

The NSSF®, the firearm industry's trade association, commends U.S. Rep. Jeff Duncan's (R-S.C.) introduction of the Hearing Protection Act, H.R. 95. The legislation was introduced with 36 original co-sponsors. The bill would remove firearm suppressors from the list of definitions under the 1934 National Firearms Act (NFA), eliminating onerous and duplicitous background checks. Instead, what is essentially a muffler for a gun would be regulated under the 1968 Gun Control Act (GCA) with the same background check that is required for a retail firearm purchase.

H.R. 95 Text: <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/95?q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22hr+95%22%5D%7D&s=1&r=1>



After signing Stand Your Ground, DeWine pledges to fight for gun reforms

<https://www.springfieldnewssun.com/local/after-signing-stand-your-ground-dewine-pledges-to-fight-for-gun-reforms/WMSTZHWCOJELTIEUOAHONHJQQI/>

Jan 5, 2021

A day after signing a controversial gun rights bill into law, Gov. Mike DeWine pledged Tuesday to again push for reforms that he says will reduce gun violence — a promise he made after many Daytonians shouted “Do Something” at a vigil following the Oregon District mass shooting.

“I’m not giving up — far from it. Far from it. I’m coming back to the Legislature again,” he said. “I am persistent. I am stubborn. I’m back to my friends in the Legislature to say, ‘We can do this.’ I’m confident it’s going to get done.”

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Police Need New Powers To Combat Gang Violence

<https://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/PA2101/S00007/police-need-new-powers-to-combat-gang-violence.htm>

5 January 2021

The Government should move quickly to introduce Firearm Prohibition Orders to help Police quell incidents of gang warfare like the one unfolding in Christchurch, National’s Police spokesperson Simeon Brown says. The law change would allow Police to issue violent gang members with special orders preventing them from holding a firearm licence or being in the presence of a firearm.

Criminals don't obey firearm prohibition orders.

<https://dennisryoung.ca/2019/09/26/statscan-violations-of-weapons-prohibition-orders-2014-2018/>

<https://christopherdiarmani.com/firearm-prohibition-order-violators/>

New Zealand’s Proposed Firearm Prohibition Order System Gets It Right

<https://christopherdiarmani.com/17243/guns/firearm-prohibition-orders/new-zealands-proposed-firearm-prohibition-order-gets-it-right/>

January 6, 2021

“Firearms Prohibition Orders (FPOs) would give police greater powers to take firearms of violent criminals. This is a sensible piece of legislation that would go some way to keeping the public safe, but the Government continues to refuse to support it.”

Simeon Brown has a valid point. After reading his proposed legislation, I don’t understand why the New Zealand government opposes Arms (Firearms Prohibition Orders) Amendment Bill (No 2) either.



OTHER COUNTRIES

Stray bullet kills girl, 12

<https://www.atinitonews.com/2020/12/stray-bullet-kills-girl-12/>

January 2, 2021

MANILA, Philippines — A 12-year-old girl from Lanao del Norte died after she was hit by a stray bullet during the New Year festivities yesterday. The victim, Suzette Manamparan, was with her cousins in front of her home in Barangay Poblacion, Sapad town when a bullet struck her in the head at around 1 a.m. yesterday, Philippine National Police (PNP) spokesman Brig. Gen. Ildebrandi Usana said.

New Singapore Law Criminalizes Possession of Blueprints for 3D Printing Guns

<https://3dprint.com/277588/new-singapore-law-criminalizes-possession-of-blueprints-for-3d-printing-guns/>

January 6, 2021

Singapore moved to control digital blueprints for 3D printing guns or major gun parts, like barrels or trigger mechanisms. On January 5, 2021, Parliament passed a new Guns, Explosives, and Weapons Control Bill that would make illegal the ownership of digital blueprints of a gun or gun parts without a license.



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