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Every Now And Then A Person Simply Needs A Break!

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As many of you already know, I work in the film industry here in BC. Currently I'm employed on the television series "Arrow", which just wrapped filming of season 2 in late April. The show is a busy one, and our work days are seldom short. This is never more true than at the end of a season, where episodes are more intense than ever to keep the audience engaged and watching. You know the drill. My hiatus from publishing *Canadian Rights and Freedoms Bulletin* over the past 4 weeks is in part due to the hectic schedule of filming these last episodes and in part to my *recovering* from an exhausting 10 months of filming a big action show.

If you watch the show you will understand exactly what I mean when you see the season finale! I didn't intend to take a few additional weeks off from publishing the Bulletin after wrapping "Arrow". It simply happened. Rediscovering a normal sleep pattern takes a while, sadly, as does the recovering my incentive to write. Writing is a habit best done daily and when I get out of that habit due to the demands of my work it seems all the more difficult to get back to it when I finally *do* have the opportunity. It's not like there isn't a lot to write about. There is. There *always* is. Those who despise our Rights and Freedoms never take time off.

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It's great to be back on my mountain though, where there is blissful silence, no people, lots of animals roaming through the yard and... did I mention blissful silence? :)

Bears, coyotes, deer, rabbits... they all come for a visit, and it's great to be back here for longer than a weekend to greet them. Anyway, thank you for your patience. Now that I've finally recovered from working, *Canadian Rights and Freedoms Bulletin* will once again publish regularly each Saturday morning, at least until filming for Arrow Season 3 starts in July!

Yours in Liberty,

Christopher

Freedom of Speech

Flashing Headlights to Warn of Speed Trap is NOT a Crime says Oregon Court

It's a simple, [common-sense ruling](#), and one founded in that most basic right of all, Freedom of Speech. Just like honking your horn as you pass by people holding a sign like "Honk if you Support Our Troops" is legal, so is flashing your lights to warn oncoming drivers of police in their path. So says Oregon Judge Joseph Carter.

Hauling a truckload of logs to a Southern Oregon mill last fall, Chris Hill noticed a sheriff's deputy behind him and flashed his lights to warn a UPS driver coming the other way.

The deputy pulled over Hill on U.S. Highway 140 in White City and handed him a \$260 ticket for improperly using his headlights, saying another deputy had seen the flashing lights from behind the UPS truck and alerted him to stop the log truck because of the signaling.

Chris Hill, outraged at being ticketed for expressing himself, fought the ticket in court and in early April, 2014 Judge Carter dismissed the traffic citation.

Jackson County Justice Court judge dismissed the citation, finding that motorists flashing their headlights amounts to speech protected by the Oregon Constitution.

Judge Joseph Carter determined the law covering the use of high beams was valid, but was unconstitutional as it was applied by the deputy.

"The citation was clearly given to punish the Defendant for that expression," the judge wrote. "The government certainly can and should enforce the traffic laws for the safety of all drivers on the road. However, the government cannot enforce the traffic laws, or any other laws, to punish drivers for their expressive conduct."

In this age of "revenue by traffic citation" it is very refreshing to see a judge uphold the rights of a *mere citizen* against the almighty Minions of the State.

Common sense says one should drive with low-beam headlights when there is oncoming traffic. The law supporting that also makes sense, as it can be a danger to others when someone is blinded by oncoming high-beams. However, common sense flies out the window when that law is used to punish a mere citizen for exercising his or her Right to Freedom of Speech simply because the mechanism of that Free Speech is flashing one's high-beams.

Dave Fidanque, director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Oregon, noted the Oregon Court of Appeals overturned a traffic law prohibiting horn honking for non-traffic purposes on similar grounds in the 1990s after a number of people got tickets for honking in support of U.S. troops during the Gulf War.

"If the motive of the sheriff's deputies was in fact not to make the roads safer, but to raise more revenue from traffic enforcement, that would be even more reason why it should be unconstitutional," Fidanque said. "If this is part of a pattern, then it probably would be worth us looking into it in more detail."

Free Speech takes many forms. It appears the minions of the almighty state don't like we mere citizens exercising that right in as many ways as possible. Thank God for judges like Oregon Judge Joseph Carter, who takes the concept of Free Speech seriously, just as he should.

Traffic rules applied solely for the purpose of generating revenue for the State is a heinous affront to liberty. This affront is not unique to Oregon or even America. It happens routinely here in Canada as well.

Recently there was an expose on Sun TV about a man who spends his free time recording police making traffic stops on a particularly stupid street in one of Ontario's urban centers.

There is a no left turn sign at a particular intersection. Obeying that sign means a long circuitous detour to get there. Disobeying it means chancing an expensive ticket, and given the visibility of police down the street from that intersection it's become a favourite spot to generate revenue for the city.

Access to Information requests prove this out. Astonishingly, far less tickers are issued when this man videotapes police than when he does not. Those same Access to Information requests prove that too.

Self Defense

Respect for Life by Nicki Kenyon

We often are told that gun banners' ultimate goal is to save lives. "If it saves the life of one child," they claim, it is worth violating the rights of millions. They claim to want safety and security. They claim to respect human life.

These efforts are [transparently contradictory](#). They want to render you vulnerable to armed predators in order to make you safer. They want to disarm you to protect you. They want to leave you defenseless to save your life. They want to make it more difficult for you to own the most effective tool on the market today under the guise of "public safety."

And they want to force you to rely on the government to protect you rather than ensure you have the tools to take responsibility for your own life and the lives of your loved ones.

An even closer glimpse into these claims this week provides a horrifying look into the twisted mentality of these hoplophobes, who try to disarm you under the pretext of saving your life. If you scratch the surface, you will reveal that these people couldn't possibly care less about saving lives. As a matter of fact, they have no respect for life at all.

For instance, did you know that the state of New Jersey denied an ATM owner a carry permit, because the state does not consider self-defense a "justifiable need." Think for a minute about the sickening meaning of this statement. The politicians in New Jersey do not consider the ability to protect your life and your property a "justifiable need" to allow you to carry a tool of personal protection.

They apparently do not consider your right to life a good enough reason to allow you to defend it. They apparently don't consider the right to life a "right" at all!

Because the right to life necessarily carries with it the right to protect that life, and the right to protect your life necessitates the use of the most effective tool you can find today. That tool is a firearm.

If you have to beg permission from bureaucrats and politicians, who more often than not hire armed security, or have connections that make it easy to secure authorization to exercise their rights, even as they work to relieve you of yours, to protect your life with the most effective tool available, you can consider that right effectively destroyed.

The fact that you have to justify defending your life at all, reveals volumes about their lack of respect for your life and exposes their twisted endgame not to protect life, but to rule over a powerless populace, dependent on them for their very existence.

In another recent example, Detroit's Police Chief James Craig was castigated... rebuked... for advocating armed self-defense in that pit of violent crime. While Detroit's violent crime statistics show a reduction in 2013, it is still one of the most violent cities in the United States (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crime_in_Detroit) Chief Craig appears to understand that police cannot be everywhere to protect every citizen, and he has recently vocally supported the right to self-defense in Detroit .

"Criminals in Detroit should know they shouldn't just be afraid of the police," Chief James Craig said, "...they should also be afraid of responsible gun owners who are prepared to protect themselves and their homes."

And for this oh-so-egregious statement, hoplophobes all over the country, as well as in the city of Detroit, have soiled their collective panties and accused Chief Craig of advocating vigilantism.

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Dictionary.com defines a “vigilante” as someone who takes the law into his or her hands without recourse to lawful procedures (<http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/vigilanteism>).

Chief Craig further expounded on the distinction between lawful self-defense and the concept of vigilantism when he was forced to defend himself against gun grabbers hurling abuse in his direction like so many monkeys flinging excrement in anger and frustration at their inability to drag the Chief into their promotion of defenselessness.

I do not promote vigilantism. In fact, I vehemently object. It's cowardly. Vigilantism is self-appointed law enforcement. They're not authorized to engage in law enforcement activities and when they do engage in that, they should be punished.

However, I do support the Constitution of this United States. I didn't write the laws or write the Second Amendment, but I happen to be an advocate of self-defense when someone's faced with imminent - the emphasis on imminent - threat to their life or someone else, they have the right to protect themselves.

And for this, Sandra Hines of the Detroit Coalition Against Police Brutality called the chief “irresponsible,” and said he is encouraging vigilantism.

Her compatriot Ron Scott wholeheartedly agreed, and dredged up the specter of the “Wild West,” which was positively idyllic compared to modern day Detroit!

Taking a closer look at what Scott and Hines are saying, we once again see a gruesome lack of regard for human life. Shooting an intruder, in their eyes, is “taking the Wild West approach,” even if you're a 50 year-old woman alone in your home, and he is a 24 year-old thug climbing through your window. In their view, a homeowner who shoots two intruders who are breaking into his house is “irresponsible.”

Perhaps they would rather see the potential victim forced to wait until they can discern the intruder's intent.

At what point, we wonder, is ventilating a threat acceptable in their eyes? When your daughter is tied up ready to be raped, or when information about the location of your money and jewelry is being beaten out of you by armed thugs?

This is the noxious, gruesome mentality of gun grabbers. They do not believe there are good guys and bad guys in our society. As a matter of fact, to them, this concept is “divisive.”

They would rather promote the concept of peace and harmony than actual peace and harmony, because real peace sometimes requires the physical eradication of a threat. They have no respect for life, but merely the concept of life - a concept they don't care to understand and don't want to acknowledge as a real, precious, important gift that is easily taken away.

They do not care if you lose your life, because the very real possibility that you may have to eradicate an evil creature from this world, gives them spasms, as they don't see the difference between you and your assailant.

They do not differentiate between the life of an elderly lady under attack by violent thugs, and the lives of the thugs themselves.



They see no more meaning in her life, or in the life of any innocent victim fighting for their existence, than the predators that attack them. And they will assail anyone who challenges this worldview.

Does forcing the innocent to beg for authorization to protect themselves and their loved ones show a respect for life?

Does perpetuating the view that there is no distinction between the life of innocent victims and the lives of those who would abuse them show a respect for life?

What it shows is a warped worldview where the distinction between good and evil does not exist.

What it shows is a healthy disdain for existence and a desire for power so profound, that it would destroy life.

So think about that the next time a gun grabber claims to just want to protect life.

They do not.



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"The net poses a fundamental threat not only to the authority of the government, but to all authority, because it permits people to organize, think, and influence one another without any institutional supervision whatsoever."

-- John Seabrook

American journalist. Source: "My First Flame," New Yorker, 6 June 1994

Privacy Rights

Reporters Without Borders Issues “2014 Enemies of the Internet” Report

Reporters Without Borders is an advocacy group dedicated to Freedom of the Press, Access to Information and Personal Privacy. Each year they publish a report on the “Enemies of the Internet” to show which governments and government organizations are the most heinous threats to personal liberty across the globe. Their 2014 report is very enlightening, and you can [download a full copy of this year’s report](#) in PDF format from their website.

Natalia Radzina of Charter97, a Belarusian news website whose criticism of the government is often censored, was attending an OSCE-organized conference in Vienna on the Internet and media freedom in February 2013 when she ran into someone she would rather not have seen: a member of the Operations and Analysis Centre, a Belarusian government unit that coordinates Internet surveillance and censorship.

It is entities like this, little known but often at the heart of surveillance and censorship systems in many countries, that Reporters Without Borders is spotlighting in this year’s Enemies of the Internet report.

Identifying government units or agencies rather than entire governments as Enemies of the Internet allows us to draw attention to the schizophrenic attitude towards online freedoms that prevails in some countries. Three of the government bodies designated by Reporters Without Borders as Enemies of the Internet are located in democracies that have traditionally claimed to respect fundamental freedoms: the Centre for Development of Telematics in India, the Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ) in the United Kingdom, and the National Security Agency (NSA) in the United States.

The NSA and GCHQ have spied on the communications of millions of citizens including many journalists. They have knowingly introduced security flaws into devices and software used to transmit requests on the Internet. And they have hacked into the very heart of the Internet using programmes such as the NSA’s Quantam Insert and GCHQ’s Tempora.

The Internet was a collective resource that the NSA and GCHQ turned into a weapon in the service of special interests, in the process flouting freedom of information, freedom of expression and the right to privacy.

The mass surveillance methods employed in these three countries, many of them exposed by NSA whistleblower Edward Snowden, are all the more intolerable because they will be used and indeed are already being used by authoritarian countries such as Iran, China, Turkmenistan, Saudi Arabia and Bahrain to justify their own violations of freedom of information.

How will so-called democratic countries will able to press for the protection of journalists if they adopt they very practices they are criticizing authoritarian regimes for?

The 2014 list of Enemies of the Internet includes “surveillance dealerships” – the three arms trade fairs known as ISS World, Technology Against Crime and Milipol. These forums bring companies specializing in communications interception or online content blocking together with government officials from countries such as Iran, China and Bahrain.

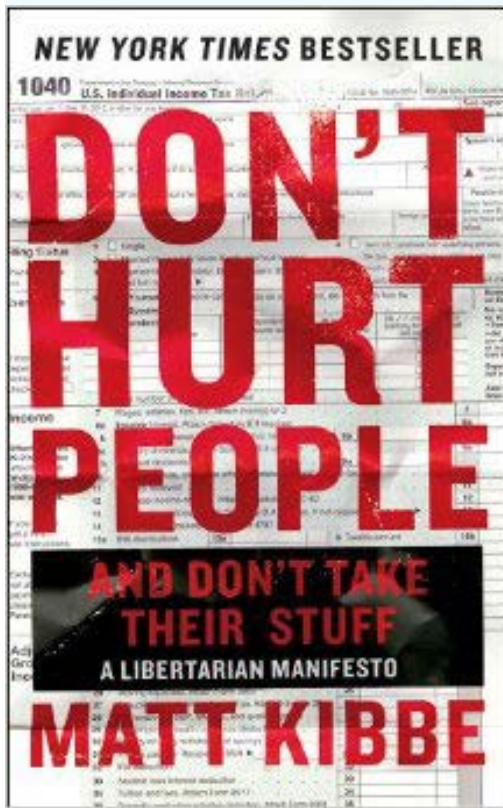
Here again, the contradictory behaviour of western democracies should be noted. France hosted two of these forums in 2013 – TAC and Milipol. At the same time, it issued a notice in December 2013 requiring French companies that export surveillance products outside the Europe Union to obtain permission from the General Directorate for Competition, Industry and Services (DGCIS).

The censorship and surveillance carried out by the Enemies of the Internet would not be possible without the tools developed by the private sector companies to be found at these trade fairs. Ethiopia’s Information Network Security Agency has tracked down journalists in the United States thanks to spyware provided by Hacking Team, an Italian company that Reporters Without Borders designated as an Enemy of the Internet in 2013.

[Read the full report “Enemies of the Internet” here.](#)

Privacy Violations

Don't Hurt People and Don't Take Their Stuff



[Don't Hurt People and Don't Take Their Stuff: A Libertarian Manifesto](#)

by Matt Kibbe is an excellent treatise on the state of liberty in the 21st century and a roadmap back to our precious Rights and Freedoms. While written to an American audience, the principles he outlines apply equally to we freedom-loving citizens here in Canada.

In this essential manifesto of the new libertarian movement, New York Times bestselling author and president of FreedomWorks Matt Kibbe makes a stand for individual liberty and shows us what we must do to preserve our freedom.

[Don't Hurt People and Don't Take Their Stuff](#) is a rational yet passionate argument that defends the principles upon which America was founded—principles shared by citizens across the political spectrum. The Constitution grants each American the right to self-determination, to be protected from others whose actions are destructive to their lives and property. Yet as Kibbe persuasively shows, the political and corporate establishment consolidates its power by infringing upon our independence—from taxes to regulations to spying—ultimately eroding the ideals, codified in law, that have made the United States unique in history.

Kibbe offers a surefire plan for reclaiming our inalienable rights and regaining control of our lives, grounded in six simple rules:

1. **Don't hurt people**

Free people just want to be left alone, not hassled or harmed by someone else with an agenda or designs over their life and property.

2. **Don't take people's stuff**

America's founders fought to ensure property rights and our individual right to the fruits of our labors.

3. **Take responsibility**

Liberty takes responsibility. Don't sit around waiting for someone else to solve your problems.

4. **Work for it**

For every action there is an equal reaction. Work hard and you'll be rewarded.

5. **Mind your own business**

Free people live and let live.

6. **Fight the power**

Thanks to the Internet and the decentralization of knowledge, there are more opportunities than ever to take a stand against corrupt authority.

These 6 rules are simple, but as with most things "simple", they are not easy.



Property Rights

Canadian Constitution Foundation Helps Win Court Battle for Taxpayers

Canada Revenue Agency must live up to its responsibilities to the Canadian public and apply “*a little common sense*” when auditing and re-assessing taxpayers, the [Supreme Court of British Columbia](#) [said](#) in a decision released on May 1, 2014.

Karen Selick, the Canadian Constitution Foundation (CCF)’s litigation director, called the decision a precedent-setting victory for taxpayers.

“We agree heartily with the court that holding CRA personnel to a standard of care that might make them more careful of taxpayers’ rights is a good thing. This was one of the results the CCF hoped to achieve by supporting taxpayer Irvin Leroux through this lawsuit.”

Leroux sued the CRA for negligence in 2007 after the CRA imposed “huge penalties” on him following an audit of his income tax returns—penalties that were ultimately reversed in Tax Court. Leroux was assisted in bringing his lawsuit by the Canadian Constitution Foundation, a registered charitable organization that regularly engages in public interest litigation on a pro bono basis.

The CRA made repeated attempts to have the negligence lawsuit thrown out at preliminary stages, but the trial was finally held before Madam Justice M.A. Humphries of the BC Supreme Court in late 2013.

The judge had stern criticism of the CRA’s handling of Leroux’s audit.

“[T]he very disproportionality of [the penalties] should have prompted CRA to take a closer look at this file,” she wrote. “Instead they simply proceeded with no apparent care or comprehension as to what they were doing to the taxpayer . . .” even though the result would be “so obviously devastating to the taxpayer.”

The court held that the CRA auditors owed a duty of care to Leroux, even though courts in previous cases have been reluctant to impose this legal obligation on the tax department. Furthermore, there was “*a clear breach of the standard of care expected of an auditor of CRA in relation to a taxpayer.*”

This was “a misuse of statutory powers,” the judgment states.

Citing a 2011 case from the Tax Court of Canada, Justice Humphries said that CRA must have clear evidence of taxpayer recklessness or wrongful intent in order to justify a penalty. “The taxpayer gets the benefit of the doubt,” she wrote.

“Unfortunately, despite the invaluable service that Irvin has rendered to other taxpayers, the court was unable to award him any damages. The evidence did not meet the high standard necessary to prove that the CRA caused his financial downfall.”

“We’re very grateful to Laurie Armstrong, the lawyer who represented Irvin at trial, for helping to achieve this landmark decision.”

The court ordered each side to bear its own legal costs of the trial, although Leroux had earlier been awarded some costs from the CRA in several preliminary motions and appeals.

The decision in [Leroux v. Canada Revenue Agency 2014 BCSC 720](#) can be downloaded from the BC Courts website.

Support the Canadian Constitution Foundation today: <http://theccf.ca/donate/form/>



Firearm Politics

Firearms 101: Welcome to the Firearms Community by Dr. Mike Ackermann

The following is from a post on Facebook by Dr. Mike Ackermann in response to a question from a new shooter about what she should do before purchasing a firearm. I believe it is a “must-read” for everyone, shooter or not.

1) All lawful shooters are our friends.

I support them all, even if someone else's sport is something I do not personally like. For example, I don't particularly like trophy hunting, but as long as it is done ethically and legally I realize that it adds financial value to maintaining healthy animal populations and ecosystems, creates jobs in otherwise impoverished areas, and huge injections of funds into local economies and conservation programs.

2) There is no such thing as a bad gun.

Guns have no volition of their own. They are just tools that will do what we ask of them. There is a huge range of interest in everything from single shot black powder antique muzzle loaders to fully auto, belt fed, crew served machine guns, and everything in between. All lawful gun use is good, even those activities I personally have no time for, interest in, or money for, and I support them all.

3) Guns are designed for a single purpose, and that is NOT “to kill”.

Guns are designed to launch projectiles in order to protect human and livestock life from predation, to provide food for the table, to help their owners win competitions, and to advance the engineering evolution of the industry. They are no more purposefully designed kill than are knives or baseball bats.

4) Assault is a verb, not an adjective.

There is no such thing as an “*assault weapon*”. That is a term invented by the anti-gun lobby to besmirch us in the minds of the non-shooters and to make them fear us. The proper terms are “*modern battle rifle*”, “*personal defense firearm*”, and “*modern sporting rifle*”.

5) Anything is a weapon when used to assault someone or some animal.

The anti-gun lobby has called our tools “weapons” for a couple decades now. We should not help them denigrate us. I call my guns “*guns*” or “*firearms*”.

6) Guns do not have morality.

Anything can be used for good, unintentionally misused to cause harm, or intentionally abused for evil. The gun has no morality and is vastly more often safely used than misused or abused.

7) Firearms are the Great Equalizer.

Guns are the only tools that allow the old, the ill, the weak, the small, the female, and the few to effectively defend themselves against the young, healthy, strong, large, male mob intent on harming them.

8) Police have no Magical or Special Powers.

A cop is just a high school graduate who passed a security check, with 20 hours of firearm training divided into 15 hours classroom and 5 hours on the range. They have no special secret powers. Most never handle their firearms outside of mandatory annual qualifications that require them to hit a human sized target from contact range to 7 meters.

Compared to this, most lawful shooters will have much broader and deeper knowledge and experience with firearms than the police. The lawful gun owner is 1/3 as likely as the general population and 1/2 as likely as the police to ever be involved in criminal violence.

The public has no problem allowing the police to carry guns in public and yet for some strange reason the thought of one of us doing so has them, the police, quaking in fear.

When someone calls 911, what they want is for someone else to bring a gun to their aid; a gun that would be much more useful in their hand at the moment when they are in the act of being attacked than in the holster of a cop who is, at best, several minutes away.

The bad guy is always the one to choose the time, manner, and place of their attack, and they will always do so to maximize their chances of success, not yours or the police's.

If all you do is call 911, you will wait the rest of your tragically prematurely truncated life for help that will inevitably arrive in time to gather evidence from your body for presentation in court later.

9) Concealed Carry of Firearms Saves Lives

Every jurisdiction that has gotten out of the way of lawful, trained, effective personal defense (AKA concealed carry) has seen huge declines in criminal violence.

All the mass killings are in "Gun-Free Zones". 95% of violence in America occurs in 5% of the land area, and those areas are typically "gun free" inner city.

10) "If it just saves one life then it's worth it" is a propaganda slogan.

The anti-gun lobby attempts to claim the moral high ground, stating that "*if it just saves one life then it's worth it*" to destroy the rights of millions to effectively defend themselves in order to futilely abuse the legal process to try to stop a few murders, and at a huge cost in life and freedom.

The anti-gun lobby projects their own terrified self-image onto us. They are the ones who would be dangerous with a gun, who are filled with impotent rage, not us.

Thus endeth today's lesson. I hope you find it informative.

Your homework, should you so desire is to read this:

<http://jpfo.org/filegen-n-z/ragingagainstselfdefense.htm>

Best regards, and welcome again!

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"Hope for the best, but be prepared for the worst".



Firearms Politics

Dennis Young Touted as “Driving Force” in Canadian Gun Politics after leaving NFA

His reasons to step down are contained in his resignation letter below and the CSSA will not pass comment on them. What is most important at this time is to consider the contribution of Dennis Young to every Canadian who owns a firearm and engages in our heritage sports.

The Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA) is proud to have Dennis as a lifetime member. Without his dedication to fair firearms legislation, Canada would now present a very different environment for sport shooters. The unfair laws introduced by the Progressive Conservatives and Liberals in the early 1990s needed to be counteracted for sport shooting to prosper, and Dennis has been at the forefront.

How could one person have so much influence, you ask? Let's set the calendar back to 1993.

An upstart political party was gathering steam in Canada's west. Dennis Young took on the job of Reform Party regional coordinator for Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

His mandate included building membership, volunteers and sizing up would-be members of Parliament. Five prospective federal candidates stepped forward in the Yorkton-Melville riding in Saskatchewan and Dennis took part in all five interviews with the candidate selection committee.

One of the candidates they grilled was a middle-aged teacher who had taught school in Canada's Far North and Africa. Dennis was the returning officer in the nomination races that declared who would represent the Reform Party in the next election. He stepped up to the microphone and announced – and mispronounced – the name of the new Reform Party candidate for Yorkton-Melville – Garry Breitkreuz. History books show that in the ensuing 1993 federal election, Garry took the seat from the incumbent NDP MP and headed for Ottawa as part of the first wave of Reform MPs.

When Garry Breitkreuz, MP suddenly needed to hire a politically motivated assistant in Ottawa, he head-hunted Dennis Young. With that powerhouse union working in the shadow of the Peace Tower, firearms politics in Canada would never be quite the same. Garry was invited to address a rally of 1,200 gun owners in Preeceville, Saskatchewan in March 1994 and discovered that the firearms community urgently needed a voice in Ottawa. The tag team of Breitkreuz and Young carpet-bombed Parliament for the next 13 years by protesting the ravages of bills C-17 and C-68.

Dennis Young would file more than 500 Access to Information (ATI) requests to dig the dirt from federal departments up to and including the RCMP. Having served as an RCMP officer himself for five years in northern Saskatchewan, Dennis knew the national police force had an independent streak and was bringing the hammer down on gun owners without much political intervention. His Parliament Hill office soon looked like a bowling alley with filing cabinets stacked shoulder-deep on every wall, and stuffed with ATI results.

Government ATI replies are legendary for their ability to obscure shreds of truth in fat files designed to frustrate those who seek facts. Dennis is no ordinary researcher. He dragged a fine-tooth comb through tens of thousands of pages looking for wee nuggets of gold hidden in the bureaucratic piffle. His tenacity was rewarded when he became the first person to find that the long-gun registry cost at least a billion dollars, and probably much more. Dennis's research gave Garry Breitkreuz the impetus to ask the Auditor General to confirm the waste of taxpayers' money and the jig was up. The Billion Dollar Boondoggle was born.

Thanks to the relentless determination of Dennis Young, the national gun registry conversation has taken place a million times at dinner tables, gun clubs, call-in radio broadcasts and on editorial pages. The wave from Dennis's momentum continued through the Conservative Party of Canada and finally turned the Titanic.



When the Parliament of Canada scrapped the gun registry, it made news on the world stage as an unprecedented reversal of firearms legislation. It finally evolved as the first successful bid to treat lawful gun owners as responsible. Someday, history will show that the registry was the ice-breaker for other legislative reforms that gun owners continue to seek.

Dennis had a habit of showing up for work on Parliament Hill before most people were even awake. News clippings were on the boss's desk when he arrived. After 13 years in the hot seat on Parliament Hill, Dennis moved to Alberta with his wife Hazel. Together they have been dealing with the complications of Hazel's multiple sclerosis for 30 years. His dedication to Hazel to this day reflects the same tenacity Dennis employs with every endeavour.

Many firearms enthusiasts continue to receive daily news emails from Dennis's desk via the Canadian Firearms Digest. He scours the media as fervently as ever, always passing along newsworthy developments for all who wish to stay informed. His clippings are frequently included in the CSSA E-News, too. It comes as good news to the entire firearms community that he will continue to inform us. He is the glue that keeps everyone on the same page.

Anti-gun legislation in the '90s placed Canada on a very slippery slope toward disarmament. Without the resistance of Dennis Young and those who worked with him, it seems likely that many more guns would have been banned by now and more laws passed to put our heritage sports out of reach. The next time you gaze upon the contents of your gun safe, you might want to think fondly of Dennis Young.

And perhaps take the time to wish him well at majordomo@bogend.ca.

DENNIS YOUNG POSTS OFFICIAL RESIGNATION:

Effective Tuesday, March 11, 2014, I resigned as Alberta Director of the National Firearms Association. NFA President Sheldon Clare and I disagreed over decisions he made about NFA communications on social media and my suggestion regarding coordination of our efforts with the CSSA, both matters that I felt should have been referred to the NFA Board of Directors for further consideration. I waited until today to make this announcement to see if the impasse could be resolved. Sadly, it could not.

I would like to thank the NFA members in Alberta who voted for me and gave me the opportunity to serve as their Director. It was a rewarding experience and I hope the members feel I made a positive contribution to the organization. I want to thank Sheldon and the Board of Directors for their support for my work, especially on the High River file, and for the considerable time and effort they make every day to the cause of freedom and our right to own and enjoy our property. I apologize to everyone in the NFA for my early departure but better to leave a few months early and ease the level of frustration for both Sheldon and myself.

I remain a loyal and dedicated Honorary Life Member of both the CSSA and the NFA and I am even more committed to seeing the repeal of Bill C-68 today than I was in 1995 when it was rammed through Parliament and down our throats. I encourage every gun owner in Canada to hold memberships in both the NFA and the CSSA and by doing so hopefully we can get these two fine organizations to work together and build on each others strengths to achieve our common goals.

I will continue to work with Lorne Gunter and Sun News on the High River Gun Grab file until the whole truth is made public. I will continue to file Access to Information Act requests on all firearms related issues and post the results on the Canadian Firearms Digest. I will pursue a new non-profit career writing columns that I hope will be of interest to the firearms community.

It's been exactly twenty years since I started working on the firearms file with MP Garry Breitkreuz in his Parliament Hill office. We still have such a long fight ahead of us and I look forward to continuing this good fight with all of you.

Sincerely,

Dennis R. Young

Firearms Act

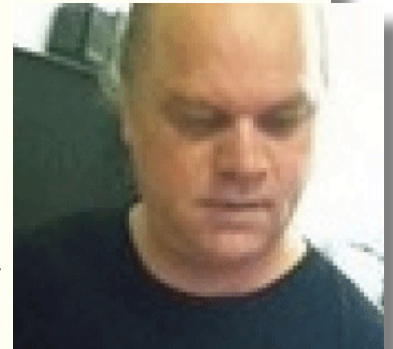
Former NFA President Jim Hinter Surfaces At Last... with new criminal charges

It took almost 10 years, but now there is an explanation for former National Firearms Association President Jim Hinter's disappearance from the world.

Turns out he didn't disappear at all; he simply decided using his first and last name might cause him problems, given the allegedly criminal nature of his demise from the NFA. Hinter is currently listed as the president of a media website, [NetNewsLedger](http://NetNewsLedger.com).

NetNewsLedger is a website based in Thunder Bay, Ontario, where Jim Hinter is listed as "James Murray, Chief Content Officer" as well as "James Murray, President" on their "About NNL" web page. NetNewsLedger.com

"offers news, information, opinions and positive ideas for Thunder Bay, Ontario".



While nobody from Canada's National Firearms Association would say it on record, off the record Jim Hinter's removal from the NFA presidency was shrouded in allegations of fraud. While he never faced criminal charges for those allegations, Jim Hinter left town so fast he forgot to remove one of his cowboy action handguns from the gun safe at NFA's Edmonton headquarters.

You may recall back in 2002 he faced a criminal charge of careless use of a firearm after he tried clearing a jammed handgun in his home, sending a bullet through the wall into his neighbour's apartment. The gun jammed while he was at a shooting range and instead of dealing with the issue there, he took the still-loaded firearm home. After a lengthy trial Hinter was found not guilty of careless use of a firearm in a Calgary courtroom.

The negligent discharge was a black eye for both Jim Hinter and Canada's National Firearms Association at the time.

Once again Jim Hinter, currently living in Ontario under the alias James Murray, faces firearm-related criminal code charges.

According to the [CBC story](#) that revealed Hinter's whereabouts:

Thunder Bay police have charged a city man with firearms-related offences in connection with the seizure of weapons in September 2012. Police report they were called to an apartment in the 100 block of North Edward St. after a landlord discovered a number of firearms allegedly belonging to a former tenant. Officers seized 23 firearms, including eight handguns and a large quantity of ammunition.

On Tuesday police located and arrested 53-year-old James Murray Hinter as a result of their investigation. Hinter is charged with unsafe storage of six firearms, and unauthorized possession of all 23 of the seized firearms. He has been released from custody on a promise to appear in court on May 27.

We wish Mr. Hinter good luck as he faces this latest round of criminal charges.

He appears to be doing good work in the Thunder Bay community and it would be a shame if that work ended with him in a prison cell.



**Former President of
Canada's National
Firearms Association
Faces More
Firearms-Related
Criminal Charges**

The Great Nanny State

Ken Thompson Loved His Children by Brian Bedard

I admit I never gave much thought to Family Law. Like many people looking from the outside in, I figured our court system was designed to serve justice, and I thought that people who complained about it were probably just disgruntled about their own obligations. I was brought up to take responsibility for my actions and to respect authority. Of course, once I myself was thrust into the family courts, I quickly learned that not all authority respects me.

Now that I find myself part of the growing cry for the reform of our Family Court system, people often share emotional stories with me about how this system has treated them. I always try to remind myself that for every story there are two sides. But in fact, there are more than two sides whenever children are involved.

And I am seeing more and more of the impetus for reform coming from the very children who were left to grow up with the decisions of our dysfunctional system. They are realizing what was taken from them, and they are asking questions.

Trena Thompson, now a mother herself, is one of those children. She has been speaking out in honour of her late father, Ken Thompson. She is not only talking about systemic abuse, she has the documents to prove it. After his death, Trena discovered that her father had hidden over 500 of his documents amongst her own files. It is a paper trail which tells clearly the story of one of the worst cases of abuse of power orchestrated against a man whose only wish was to be a dad.

Trena wants her father to be honoured and recognized as a hero to all other parents who have endured such oppression.

“He saved his files for a reason, stuck them in with mine to help us all. I want to see that it is used as a perfect example as to how flawed the current system is.”

The systemic collapse of justice in the town of Sarnia is more than evident in the fact that Trena’s father was given two different identities. Two names were submitted: Kenneth John Thompson and John K. Thompson. And this led to two different case numbers being created by the Family Responsibility Office, which in turn resulted in the demand for two different child support payments from the same man. His attempts to correct this deceitful error went on for years.

The Family Responsibility Office was relentless in its efforts to collect the extra payments, disregarding what should have been a simple clerical error, and sending him back to court where lawyers and judges failed to question or prevent the ongoing disparagement of his character.

Every time Ken Thompson took steps to free himself from the dysfunctional system, he was punished. Lawyers filed documents suggesting that he was mentally ill when he wrote letters asking to visit his own children.

Trena grew up being told

“Your dad is going to steal you... you should run away whenever you see him.”

Furthermore, false allegations of sexual abuse were put forward, effectively discrediting him.

Ken Thompson died of a myocardial infraction, which is a technical term for a heart attack, but I think it really is as simple as calling it a broken heart.



“Without a doubt in my mind both heart attacks were induced by the stress, false allegations and fraud the courts were putting him through. The oppression of it all is enough to make the strongest sick. My dad used to always ride a bike, ate healthy, and had his black belt. His first heart attack came a year and a half after the first allegation of him sexually abusing me. Breaks my heart because I know my dad didn’t do that,” says Trena, in a video she made to courageously share his story.

She is determined to continue his struggle for justice, because even after all these years, the system has not changed.

As I consider Trena’s case, I have questions I cannot answer. How does something like this happen? Why are good parents treated like guilty deadbeats?

Ken Thompson loved his children. He worked earnestly to provide for them. Plenty of good people face divorce. And good people want to take care of their children. When they go to Family Court seeking resolution, why are they served with retribution?

When the Family Responsibility Office was mandated to enforce court-ordered family support payments, it was handed exceptional power. As long as their procedural requirements are met, FRO employees are allowed to blindly disregard basic human respect and compassion. And they will be the first to tell you that it is the Family Court that hands them the paperwork needed to wield this power. It is much like a bulldozer set in motion without consideration as to what may be in its path.

But who takes responsibility for the effects of a biased court ruling? Is it up to a cash-strapped parent to siphon more of their funds into the system and away from their children? Where does someone turn when mistakes are made? We have no checks and balances. There is nothing to protect a parent from being villainized by an emotional ex-spouse. There is no way to ensure that the court’s decisions are fair.

Judges and lawyers too often benefit from motivation that has little to do with the well-being of the children. Make no mistake: children are hurt when the very people that should be keeping them safe from harm are allowed to use them as a possession.

Personally, I have asked more than one Family Law lawyer whether they feel our current system is flawed. “Off the record”, they readily agree that it is. But when I’ve asked them why they don’t speak up and become a part of the solution instead of the problem, the conversation always ceases. I guess, after all, lawyers thrive on conflict. It’s a plain fact that the more complicated the case, the more money the lawyers make.

Judges are not motivated to make changes either. A cookie cutter approach facilitated by no-fault divorce seems to have made their job simple.

And this is another question I cannot answer: If the divorce act is a no-fault system, why are allegations even considered in Family Court to begin with?

Indeed, if a serious allegation such as sexual abuse has been put on the table, does this not deserve to be addressed in Criminal Court? And then if a conviction is made, such information can be entered into the Family Court case with true authority to protect the innocent.

On the other hand, where is the protection from a parent who is committing the offence of false allegations? Should mere allegations be all that is required for a child to be taken away from a parent?

Parental alienation creates lifelong scars. From Trena Thompson’s perspective, the Family Court ultimately alienated her from both of her parents. She was deprived of her father because of unsubstantiated allegations and her mother was taken from her by the adversarial approach that our Family Court thrives on.

“I hope this whole situation is used as an example as to why they must stop creating and enabling conflict within families,” she comments.

Trena also recalls her dad’s integrity through it all.

“In all the years my mom hurt my dad he never spoke ill of her, just honestly. He would always tell me that she was not always like that.”

Action Alert

RCMP's Arbitrary Firearm Reclassifications

The RCMP under the questionable leadership of Robert Paulson is reclassifying a variety of firearms from non-restricted and restricted to prohibited status. These actions are without the sanction of Parliament or Steven Blaney, the Minister of Public Safety.

Minister Blaney [spoke out publicly against these actions](#), stating:

“I want to assure you all options are on the table to fix this situation. I will also be taking steps to make sure this never happens again.”

Despite that clear indicator from Canada's Minister of Public Safety the unaccountable bureaucrats within the RCMP continue manufacturing criminals out of honest, law-abiding Canadians.

Ensure your letter is clear, firm and polite.

The Government of Canada, not unelected and unaccountable bureaucrats in the RCMP, determine firearm classifications. The RCMP is in the business of enforcing laws, not manufacturing criminals out of Canada's most law-abiding citizens.



Contact to Minister Blaney using the following information:

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Minister of Public Safety
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

You can also contact him by phone or fax at:

Phone: (613) 992-7434

Fax: (613) 995-6856

His email addresses are:

blanes1b@parl.gc.ca, blanes@parl.gc.ca and
ministerpublicsafety@ps-sp.gc.ca

A [sample letter is available online](#) if you need a little inspiration, but please make sure you edit this into your own words before you send it off.

Multiple copies of the same letter have far less effect than multiple individual letters.

Personalization Matters.



Firearm Legal Defense

Police Can and Will Charge You Even When You Haven't Broken Any Firearm Law

[Police are now laying charges](#) in situations that most hunters believe is safe storage.

Mr. Hunter took several guns with him hunting. He kept them in his pickup bed. The guns were cased, covered, but not trigger-locked and not in locked hard cases. Ammunition was carried in the bed and in an unlocked box. The pickup bed was covered with a locked cap, bolted down and an additional wire and lock held the cap door closed in addition to a lock. Mr. Hunter slept in a hotel. During the night thieves broke the cap door off at the hinges. The lock held fast and two guns were stolen.

The police arrested the thieves, impounded Mr. Hunter's truck without a warrant and seized his remaining guns and ammunition. Mr. Hunter faces criminal charges of unsafe storage of guns and ammunition and unsafe transportation for leaving his guns unattended. The police say he should have had trigger locks or locked hard cases and the ammunition should have been in a locked box.

This may sound ridiculous to you. Mr. Hunter has a good defense and should be found not guilty. The police say "let the judge decide".

Mr. Hunter's guns are seized until trial. He must hire a lawyer and travel from home to the court where the theft took place. The trial will be nine months after his truck was broken into. This is not fair but it is true. This happened in September 1998. Names are changed, the essential facts are true.

Protect yourself from this type of police harassment. If you leave your gun in your vehicle, trigger lock it, action lock it or take the bolt out and lock the bolt up. Keep your ammunition in a locked box. This is beyond what the law requires but do this to avoid becoming a test case for the police to see how far they can push the law.

Every year over 3,500 Ontario residents are convicted of unsafe storage. Many are innocent but they do not fight a wrongfully laid charge. Most charges can be fought.

Do not plead guilty. Do not surrender your rights without a fight. **Do not make statements to the police** after arrest. **Call a lawyer, get advice.** Better yet, put an extra trigger lock on your gun and a lock on your ammo box. That is a lot cheaper than a lawyer.

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On June 23, 2013 I announced that the [political action software program](#) I had created for contacting every Senator in Canada was ready for you to [download and use](#). While the reason I created the software is no longer relevant (The Senate repeal Section 13 of the Canadian Human Rights Act on June 28) the Canadian Senate still has a lot of power over the lives of ordinary Canadians.

While they did a great thing by finally passing Bill C-304 to repeal Section 13, the very same day they absolutely gutted Bill C-377, a bill that would have forced Canadian labour unions to become more transparent. They did this and got away with it because nobody was watching them and they knew it.

[The Political Action Wizard Free Senate Edition](#) is a tool for every Canadian to use to write to our Senators and express our views on the legislation before them. As their actions on Bill C-377 proved, we must let our Senators know we're watching otherwise all kinds of silliness takes place.

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From The Inbox

I love hearing from you, the reader of Canadian Rights and Freedoms Bulletin.

If you would like to submit a comment about a story that's appeared in Canadian Rights and Freedoms Bulletin or if you would like to submit an article for publication, you can do that by sending an email to bulletin@rightsandfreedom.org. Alternatively, you can submit your thoughts through the web form located at <http://support.rightsandfreedom.org/contact-us/>.

Yours in Liberty,

Christopher di Armani

Dear Christopher di Amani.

Your recent admonishing of folks who cling to demanding the repeal of Bill C-68 seems a little callous.

You can bet that Stephen Harper and Garry Breirkreuz know precisely what bill is being referenced.

As soon as a writer identifies as a gun owner.

To clarify. I have been consistently writing and referencing Bill C-68 (the Firearms Act) for at least a decade and a half, when I write the PMO, my MP, or any other person in govt that it may concern.

I also made certain that I did so consistently, even though the Conservatives watered down their commitment (campaign promise) to gun owners, which THEY use to refer to as, "the Liberal Gun Control Laws, Bill C-68" appx 2004-2005 they brandished the rhetorical reference, "the Long Gun Registry".

If you wish to scold anyone in this debate, I respectfully recommend you reconsider the target of your angst, please. It is the Stephen Harper Conservative Government that now OWNS the criminalizing federal Firearms Act, and ANY and ALL negative outcomes of THEIR unwavering commitment to this -CONCEIVED IN THE

lawset falls squarely on their shoulders.

I hope you can appreciate the rational that I have presented unto you.

Sincerely,

Phil Hewkin

Prince George B.C.

Canuckistan.

Absolutely, Phil, however the fact remains that even though politicians and gun groups insist on referring to "Bill C-68" that bill, once passed into law, ceased to exist and became "The Firearms Act and its Criminal Code amendments."



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