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## DWI CONVICTION BARS MAN FROM GUN OWNERSHIP, SAYS PA COURT

Richard Hamborsky's crime had nothing to do with pulling a trigger, but his drunken-driving conviction still bars him from owning a gun, a Commonwealth Court panel ruled, according to a [www.pennlive.com](http://www.pennlive.com) article.

The 60-year-old Uniontown man was turned down when he tried to buy a firearm because his 2011 DUI conviction—his second for drunken driving—was graded as a first-degree misdemeanor.

Although Hamborsky was only sentenced to 30 days in the Greene County Prison, plus 2 3/4 years on probation, a first-degree misdemeanor conviction can carry penalties of up to 5 years in prison in Pennsylvania. Thus his attempt to buy a gun was shot down by federal law, which bars anyone convicted of

a crime punishable by more than a year in prison from owning firearms—regardless of what the actual sentence is.

Hamborsky appealed to the state court after an administrative law judge for the attorney general's office upheld the gun-purchase denial that state police issued in 2015, according to the [www.pennlive.com](http://www.pennlive.com) article.



Pellegrini said his court can't even consider Hamborsky's claim that the denial breaches his constitutional right to bear arms because Hamborsky didn't raise that issue when he first appealed to the AG, according to the article.

[http://www.pennlive.com/news/2017/07/dui\\_conviction\\_blocks\\_man\\_from.html](http://www.pennlive.com/news/2017/07/dui_conviction_blocks_man_from.html)

**US Constitution 2nd Amendment:** *“A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”*

**PA Constitution Article 1 Section 21:** *“The right of the citizens to bear arms in defense of themselves and the State shall not be questioned.”*

## TWO NEW TIDBITS YOU CAN TELL GUN-GRABBERS

**The first one:** People who hate America and the Second Amendment are fond of saying that more guns in the hands of law-abiding citizens somehow leads to more crime. Even though there's not a shred of proof behind this statement, the failing Fake News "media" like the NY Times, Washington Post and other rags endlessly parrot this lie.

Maybe they should visit some areas in Pennsylvania, like McKean County, along with other local regions that have consistently seen a rise in conceal permit ownership throughout the last decade. According to statistics, gun-related crimes in McKean County are among the lowest in the state as well as the nation.

According to statistics done by the Pennsylvania Uniform Crime Reporting System, in the year 2016 there was only one crime reported that involved a gun in all of McKean County. As of 2017 there have been none, notes an article in [bradfordera.com](#).

This record of few gun-related crimes has remained consistent in McKean County, since the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency reported back in 2010 that there were less than 10 gun related incidents, none of them being homicide, the article adds.

In fact, according to a report done in 2017 by the Crime Prevention Research Center, Pennsylvania is one of three highest issuers of conceal carry permits with 1.28 million permits, second to Florida which has 1.75 million

permits, but surprisingly beating out Texas which has 1.2 million permits.

Pennsylvania is also one of only nine states where 10 percent or more of adults have a concealed carry permit, the [bradfordera.com](#) report notes.

Three counties are among the highest adult populations with concealed handgun permits in the state: Potter County at about 50 percent, McKean County at about 35 percent and Cameron County at about 31 percent.

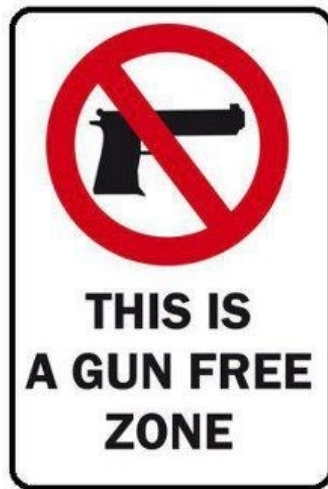
"Permit purchases have been consistent in McKean County for the last five years," say McKean County Sheriff Dan Woods, according to the article.

Pennsylvania charges \$20 for a five-year conceal carry permit, and has no training requirements to obtain a permit.

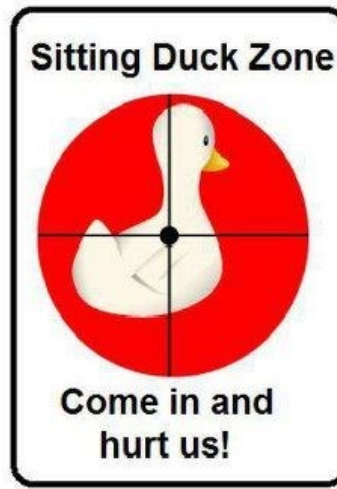
"It's a way of life here, and it's nothing of concern," Woods said, according to the [bradfordera.com](#)

posting "Some folks come in, renew their permits simply because it's a conveniently nice enough day for it."

**Here's the second** thing you can tell gun grabbers: The Fake News media continues to claim that the only reason firearm ownership among law abiding citizens skyrocketed under the regime of Barack Hussein Obama [gun sales soared 60 percent under Obama's eight-year stint in office compared to the number of firearms sold under President George W. Bush, notes [www.mrctv.org/blog/firearms-sales-soared-60-during-obamas-presidency](#)] was that all of us "Deplorables" were crazy, racist or both.



What the law-abiding citizen sees



What the criminal sees

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These Democrat cheerleader “reporters” also claimed that gun sales would plunge once President Trump took office, since, according to them, we don’t have Hussein Obama to kick around any more.

But here’s the funny thing: More Americans than ever have applied for and received permits to carry concealed pistols, and in one Pennsylvania county dubbed "God's Country," over half of all adults are licensed to carry, according to a new report, notes an article on [washingtonexaminer.com](http://washingtonexaminer.com).

Research from economist John Lott's Crime Prevention Center shows that permit granting has continued to surge under President Trump, dispelling expectations that having a pro-gun chief executive in the White House would lead to a dramatic downturn in applications, notes the report

Lott said that 16.36 million Americans have permits, and there were an unprecedented 1.83 million approved last year. That means that 6.53 percent of all American adults have a carry permit.

And what about all those “racists?” In fact, women and minorities are also getting them at record numbers. Of states that broke out gender and race of permit holders, Lott’s latest annual report said that the number of permits granted to women jumped 93 percent in recent years and blacks are getting them at a rate 30 percent higher than whites, according to [washingtonexaminer.com](http://washingtonexaminer.com).

Lott adds that the actual number of concealed carry adults is much higher because there are 14 states that do not require a permit and many are big gun states such as Arizona, Wyoming, and Maine.

"The two things that stand out in this year's

report is the huge increase in permits for women and minorities as well as how extremely law-abiding the over 16.3 million permit holders continue to be," Lott, the president of the Crime Prevention Research Center, told [washingtonexaminer.com](http://washingtonexaminer.com).

Of all counties, Lott found that Potter County in north central Pennsylvania, which calls itself "God's Country" due to the abundance of open space, wildlife, and fishable waterways, leads the way with 50.3 percent of adults having a permit.

Lott made the case that states with concealed carry rights have lower crime and that those with permits are extremely law abiding, having a lower conviction rate that for police officers.

According to [washingtonexaminer.com](http://washingtonexaminer.com), key

highlights from the Lott report include these findings:

--6.53% of American adults have permits. Outside the restrictive states of California and New York, about 8% of the adult population has a permit.

--There are four counties in Pennsylvania that have between 30% and 50% of their adult populations with concealed handgun permits: Potter (50.3%), McKean (34.6%), Warren (34.6%), Cameron (31.3%), and Armstrong (30.1%).



**MEMORIZE THESE SAFETY RULES**

1. Always treat all guns as though they are loaded
2. Always keep your firearm pointed in a safe direction
3. Always keep your finger off the trigger until you are ready to shoot
4. Be sure of your target and what is beyond it

## GUN CONTROL DEMOCRATS INDICTED ON CORRUPTION CHARGES

### Spotlight on Corruption

The many Patriots who fondly remember President Ronald Reagan will probably smile when they recall one his favorite sayings, “*There they go again.*” The phrase was usually directed at Democrats who were engaged in a foolish maneuver.

The Gipper, a champion of Second Amendment rights, would surely be saying that right now, after learning that two Pennsylvania city politicians — one a current member of Billionaire Michael Bloomberg’s Mayors Against Illegal Guns, no less, and one a former member—have been charged with violations of federal public corruption laws.

The U.S. Attorney’s Office named Allentown Mayor Ed Pawlowski and former Reading Mayor Vaughn Spencer in charging documents after multi-year investigations, the Justice Department announced this week, according to a posting on guns.com.

Pawlowski, 52, was hit with more than 50 charges ranging from bribery to conspiracy and allegedly accepted over \$150,000 in campaign contributions in exchange for favors in a series of complex “pay to play” schemes. Spencer, 70, received a dozen similar counts.

“The mayor of Allentown and the former mayor of Reading charged in the two indictments unsealed today sold their offices to the highest bidder—violating the trust and confidence of the citizens of their cities,” U.S. Attorney Louis Lappen said. “Both mayors, working with other corrupt officials and businesspeople, directed lucrative contracts to companies who agreed to provide campaign contributions in exchange for work.”

Both mayors also had a lengthy history of supporting increased regulations on guns and how they are transferred, according to the guns.com report. The two Democrats have been

vocal members of former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg’s Mayors Against Illegal Guns, an organization founded in 2006 and is now part of the Everytown group.

Spencer was also a regular speaker at other events sponsored by CeaseFirePA, a radical left-wing area gun control group.

Pawlowski appeared in MAIG ads, frequently posts about gun politics on his social media account, called for expanded background checks on the national level, and last year penned an extensive op-ed in the wake of the Orlando nightclub shooting that left 49 dead—as usual Pawlowski ignored the fact that the shooting was committed by an Islamic terrorist, and instead blamed the gun lobby for legislative inaction on stronger gun laws.

Both mayors were adamantly opposed to Pennsylvania’s Act 192, a now-vanquished law that allowed civil rights groups to stand in for citizens in suits against local gun laws that were stronger than the state had on the books. Besides speaking publicly against the preemption enforcement measure, they signed on as supporters to challenge to the law in Commonwealth Court, and moved to quickly restore local gun control ordinances once Act 192 was overturned, according to guns.com.

If they’re found guilty and sentenced, both of these gun-grabbers should have plenty of time in the clink to think about their hatred of the Second Amendment.

<http://www.guns.com/2017/07/28/two-mayors-longtime-champions-of-gun-control-indicted-on-corruption-charges/>



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