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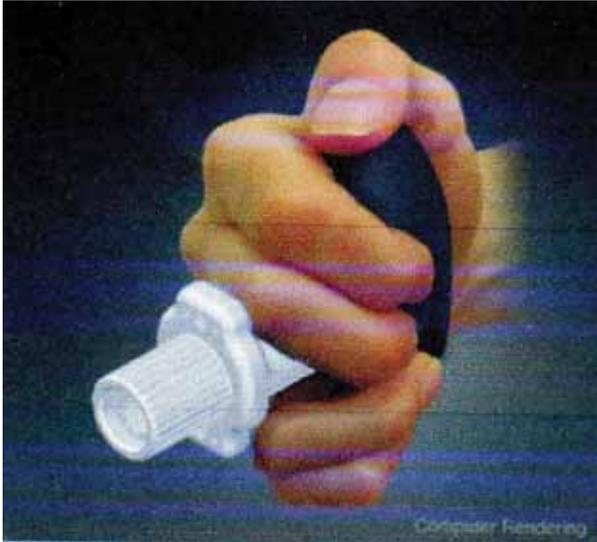
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**Or do nothing, and nothing will change.**

I was reading one of my magazines the other day and came across this add for a new type of handgun. The reason I was interested in this type is because my mother has lost strength in her hands and can't handle the Colt Cobra I had for her anymore. She's eighty-five, lives alone, and is very independent. I think something like this might just be the ticket. Not that she's mean, but she will light a fire under somebody that needs it.

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# Questions And Answers

## Larry Arnold



- Hello,

I have a question that I can not seem to find, maybe you can help me. My father and I took the CHL class and have been holders of CHL for 4 yrs. The time has come to renew, however my father suffered a stroke 3 years ago. He can not move his left arm and gets around with a cane, he is disabled. He is not chemically dependant on any mental drugs. He has been down lately because he would like to renew his license and is afraid that he will not be able to because of the law. I am not in the know on what the law is exactly. We have continue to go to the range and he does pretty good. I am uncertain what the policy is. Can you help clarify this? Another question would be, at what age are you considered a senior to qualify for the \$35 fee renewal instead of the \$72 fee.

As long as your father can complete the practical exam there shouldn't be any problem renewing. I've tested people in wheelchairs, and one gentleman with emphysema who had to sit down between each string.

he senior discount kicks in at age 60. Good luck!

- I have purchased a few handguns at a few gun and knife shows. I filled out the app. was approved to purchase the gun. I now most definitely would like a concealed carrying permit. As i read a few things on your web site i noticed the part regarding the clean record. I myself have a Misdemeanor And yet still approved to purchase the hand gun. What I am wondering is weather or not the Misdemeanor. Will have any effect my concealed weapons application

Under federal law the only crimes that will keep you from purchasing a firearm are felonies and misdemeanor convictions of family violence.

n order to qualify for a Texas CHL you can't have been convicted for any Class A or Class B misdemeanor or a Class C disorderly conduct misdemeanor in the last five years. If your particular offense is more than five years old, you don't have a problem.

- I am a active duty military who's home of record is Texas but I'm currently away from home, can i still get my license to carry?

Yes, but you have to come back long enough to take the Texas CHL class in Texas. The good news is that active military personnel don't have to pay the \$140 state fee for the CHL.

“Bill”

- On the 28th of July I ordered a power point presentation from the TCHA and have not received it yet. I have tried calling but that is forwarded to a fax machine. I tried using the websites contact us but you have to tell it how to build the website before it will let you connect to any thing, so I am trying to do it another way. You have until Wed. August 11th to get my merchandise to me or refund my money along with my membership fee.

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- I am a graduate student in Texas and own a handgun. I'd like to get a concealed carrying license but I do not have a Texas Driver's License, mine is from California. Will this pose a problem?

If your permanent residence is California you will have to provide a photocopy of the front and back of your CA driver's license. The rest of the process is the same. Your non-resident CHL will allow you to carry in Texas and most of the states we have reciprocity with. (There are a few states that don't accept non-resident licenses.) Unfortunately California isn't one of the states where we can carry. You're also eligible to join TCHA.

- Hello, I have a question regarding concealed carrying on campus. I am a college student at Tarleton State here in Stephenville. I am curious to know if it is legal to carry concealed on campus?

And what the restrictions are as to locations on campus and in what buildings.

Since you are a student, there are two answers:

1. Under Texas law it is illegal to carry on the premises of a school, including a college or university, or on grounds where a school event is occurring. “Premises” is defined as “a building or a portion of a building. The term does not include any public or private driveway, street, sidewalk or walkway, parking lot, parking garage, or other parking area.” Therefore you can carry in parking areas but not in a building or playground, sports field, etc.

2. As a student you also have to follow the policies established by the school administration. They could, by written policy, do anything from prohibiting any firearm anywhere on campus to allowing students to carry concealed in buildings. (I'm not aware of a Texas school that does the latter.)

You'll have to check the Tarlton policies to figure out the second answer. You might also check with Students for Concealed Carry on Campus at <http://concealedcampus.org/index.php>. I don't find a Tarlton chapter, but you might want to see if you can get one organized. The Legislature will meet next spring, and this issue will again be on the table.

# Pre- and Post-CHL Training Announcing an “Ideas” Clearinghouse

By Dean McCormick



Salado, Texas. July 18, 2010.

One of the ideas that came out of our Summer Planning Session was that the basic DPS-specified CHL training course does pretty well, but it doesn't necessarily “meet everybody where they are” or “take them where they need to go,” if you'll pardon my education-speak. Some folks aren't sure they want a CHL, or don't even know how to decide if they want one. Other folks finish the course, get their license, and then are left with an uncomfortable lack of direction. “OK, fine. Now I've got a license. What do I do now?” Another idea that came to the table had to do with shooting and guns in general, rather than specifically geared toward self-defense carry. What are the means that shooters use to introduce non-gunny folks to shooting, so they'll have an easier transition into gun familiarity? This has both hobby/sport-shooting and political implications, with the idea being that people who have had a pleasant experience, and a little familiarity, with guns will be less likely to fall prey to anti-gun propaganda and hysteria, than someone with ZERO shooting experience.

It turns out that a lot of people are doing things in these directions, but thought they were nearly the only ones. Nobody was cross-talking or sharing ideas – so they were missing ideas that could help the “movement” and in some cases missing teaching opportunities.

One of the ideas introduced was that the TCHA should look into hosting an online forum for exchange of these kinds of ideas. But, until that becomes a reality, I'm going to become the Association's “clearinghouse” for such ideas and information. I can be reached at [dbmtx@att.net](mailto:dbmtx@att.net).

So, what has anybody, instructor or not, done in these situations?

General firearms introduction/familiarization.

Pre-CHL instruction for novice shooters.

Post-CHL practical/tactical training.

I have a couple of ideas and experiences myself, but the point of this is not just for me to spout off, but to get member input so we can offer some really helpful “what works, what doesn't” advice to all.

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# Shorty's Self Defense Favorites

As you know I've been carrying a Springfield XD sub-compact in .40 cal. "Shorty" for a few months now. I'm still amazed as to how light and comfortable it is to carry. After going through over 1,000 rounds of "break-in" practice ammo, last week I took shorty out to my range to see what type of self defense ammo she liked best. The order of performance went like this. At 25 feet, 7 rounds each from left to right. I used a handgun rest. Winchester's PDX1 Bonded 180 grain gave a 3 inch spread. Not bad by any standards. Next was PMC's "starfire" in 180 grain. This ammo gave me a 2 inch spread, but it shot a little high. All in the black, but about an inch high. Next on the list was Hornady's critical Defense 165 grain ammo which also gave me a 2 inch spread, but it shot right on. Shorty's favorite was Winchester's SXT. They don't come in black anymore, but SXT is the name. This ammo gave a group of 1 3/8 inches right where you want them.

As you can see, all of this ammo we have available to us is very good, you just have to find what your particular handgun prefers. And by no means go by my little test here. You need to try this yourself on your handgun. Don't tell me it's too expensive. If this "Po'boy" can do it, so can you. The ammo that's not rated #1 by your handgun can be used in your spare magazines. That's what I do. I fill my primary magazine, the one in the gun, with what shorty likes best and my spare magazines with the rest.

There you have it. From a 3 inch group to a 1 3/8 inch group. They all perform well, but as you can see, everything matters. Quality of handgun, quality and weight of ammo. Last month I did a weight comparison of ammo and found that 155 grain bullets hit about 1 inch high while the 180 grain hit right on. That was with full metal jacket range ammo. So not only do I know what shoots best out of my handgun, I get a little practice also. Remember, everything makes a difference and all handguns perform different with different ammo.

I have a buddy who says his gun will shoot any kind of ammo well. And to a point, he's right, but as you can see, all of this ammo shot well too. I'd use any type of this ammo to protect myself and family, but one of them makes me just a little more confident.



Don't shoot fast, shoot good!

George "Bulldog" Pena

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# “Feed Your Puppy”

By  
Chris Bird

Little did I imagine when I wrote in *The Concealed Handgun Manual*, that the handgun was the least effective firearm for self-defense and the most difficult to shoot accurately, that my words would be quoted in the Heller case and recently in McDonald v. Chicago as reasons why people should not be allowed to have handguns.

However, it has been said that a handgun is what you use to fight your way to the rifle or shotgun which is much more effective. Of course the briefs that quoted my words out of context failed to mention that a handgun is what most people arm themselves with because it is light, convenient and concealable.

I have owned a Remington 870 pump shotgun for many years but have never had any formal training in its use for self-defense. So in the summer heat of late July I drove to Tac Pro Shooting Center for a three-day course.

Bill Davison, owner and chief instructor, is well known to TCHA members for his support of the association. He was assisted by Bill Byrom an experienced instructor and competitive shooter.

“My favorite description of the shotgun is that it is a 300-pound Rottweiler on a short leash,” Davison said on the first morning. “And as long as you feed that dog it will do as it is told and if you don’t feed it, it will stop doing as it is told and it might even turn on you. So what you’ll hear when we start doing the drills, is you’ll hear me shout ‘Feed your puppy, feed your puppy.’”

And we did. It was a constant litany throughout the course.

There were only five of us in the class. In addition to me, there was Greg, a former cop, Amin, a doctor, Chuck, another doctor, and Dave who had been on my recent primary pistol class.

The shotgun is the most underrated weapon in the self-defense arsenal, Davison said. People generally believe it is a short-range weapon. But recent improvements in ammunition technology have made it effective with buck shot to at least 25 yards. With slugs, it is effective to more than 100 yards. In the home it is devastatingly effective even with bird shot, say #6 or #7½. A face-full of bird shot at 10 yards may blind your attacker and with blood coming from so many holes he is sure to panic.

Why choose a shotgun over a carbine? Unless you are shooting at more than 100 yards, the shotgun is more effective.

“I’ve seen people survive carbine hits and carry on fighting. Not very often do you get hit with a shotgun and carry on fighting. They don’t always die, but they’re so messed up that they don’t want to continue in the fight usually,” Davison said.

He recommended attaching a light to the shotgun to identify your threat before you shoot in the dark. “A light is without a doubt the number one accessory you want to put on your shotgun.”

“If you have to defend yourself, one of the questions they’re going to ask you is: ‘How did you identify the threat?’ The people on the other side of the (court) room are going to say: ‘It was dark, you couldn’t tell he had a weapon. My client was just going to find Mother Teresa in his drugged up, drunken state and he wasn’t really robbing the place.’ You can stop all those questions, simple as this. How? ‘I saw the target, illuminated the target, realized he was a threat. I got over 60 watts of light on him. He was illuminated, I saw the weapon and I said: ‘Put the weapon down.’ He didn’t and you shot him, Davison added.

The stance with the shotgun is similar to that with a handgun, leaning forward with 60 percent of the weight on the balls of the feet and 40 percent on the heels; shoulders should be forward of the hips to absorb the recoil.

On the range, we tested our shotgun patterning at 10 yards. Using Federal 00 buck, my shotgun fired an eight-inch pattern. Davison said that there have been great improvements in shotgun ammunition technology in the last 10 years. Manufacturers have put the buck shot in a plastic cup to hold it together for longer. This reduces the pattern by more than half.

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I tested Hornaday 00 buck Low Recoil which patterned about three inches. I also tried the Hornaday Semi-Auto which is faster. It too printed a pattern of about 3 inches. We fired a group using Brenneke K.O. slugs.

We moved back to 20 yards and shot the Hornaday 00 buck keeping the pattern on a dinner-plate sized Shoot-N-C bullseye. We moved back to 25 yards where the buckshot groups got bigger. We switched to slugs and fired one shot each every 10 yards from 30 to 90. I had a miss at 50 yards but hit with all the others. We were shooting at CHL targets. This was proof enough that the shotgun is an intermediate weapon, not just a short range weapon.

In the afternoon we did loading and shooting drills at five yards. With the pumps we loaded one and shot one. The idea was to keep the shotgun loaded all the time. With the 870, I turned the shotgun so the ejection port was upwards, dropped a shell into the hole and pushed the slide forward. As soon as we had a sight picture we fired. We were instructed to keep a slight backward pull on the slide while shooting to let the recoil start the cycling process. Too much pull and the slide wouldn't come back. Whenever there was a lull in the action it was "feed the puppy; feed the puppy."

With the semi-auto, we loaded two and fired two. We turned the shotgun so the ejection port was upwards, dropped in a shell; grabbed another shell with the left hand and reached under the shotgun to press the button that lets the slide go forward chambering a round. We turned the gun back to vertical then thumbed another shell into the magazine. We could then fire two before repeating the process. Not having a semi-auto, I borrowed Davison's Benelli.

After exercising the load one, fire one and load two, fire two drills, we loaded our magazines to capacity and fired all the rounds. There was little left of the cardboard targets by the time we had finished.

On the second day, we started shooting on the 100-yard range off the concrete tables firing slugs at IPSC targets. My first three shots formed a 10-inch group with two hits in the cardiovascular triangle and one in the right shoulder. I was using Brenneke Reduced Recoil Tactical Home Defense slugs. This turned out to be my best group. We then covered the cardiovascular triangle with dinner plate Shoot-N-C bullseyes. I fired several more shots but only about half my slugs hit the target.

We returned to the classroom range where we shot two slugs at 25 yards. Mine formed a two-inch group about an inch to the left of the x on the CHL target. We followed these with two rounds of Hornaday 00 buck which printed about six inches high.

From the second morning onwards, we wore our handguns and spare magazines as well as a pouch for the shotgun shells. Every time our shotguns stopped shooting for any reason other than we purposely stopped shooting, we followed the Immediate Action drill. This meant switching the shotgun to the left hand, drawing the pistol and taking care of the threat, then sorting out the shotgun. This involved firing the handgun with one hand.

In the afternoon, the paper targets were replaced by head-and-torso steel plates. We did various drills, shooting while moving forwards and backwards, then side to side. When moving from right to left we had to shoot the gun left handed. This took some getting used to. Davison recommended getting sight alignment before moving.

Every time we ran our shotguns dry we followed our immediate-action drill and went to our handguns. I was using my CZ 75 and had a couple of stoppages with it. Davison said if we had stoppages of both shotgun and handgun at the same time, we should clear the handgun problem first as this usually took less time.

We went to the plate range where there is a rack of six dinner-plate sized steel plates. We took turns using pumps and autos to clear the plates. Davison told us how many rounds to load so usually we had to feed the puppy during the drill.

On the third day, we started with more shooting and moving drills on the classroom range under the direction of Bill Byrom.

Cont.

Our last test in the afternoon was what Davison calls the Jungle Run and what I refer to as the Valley of Death. I was armed with my Remington 870 pump and my CZ Compact. The weather was hot, probably close to 90 degrees. We started a few yards from an old pickup with bird shot in the shotgun. I advanced to the truck and saw a steel head and shoulders target about 50 yards away. I had to use a slug but screwed up loading the slug into the shotgun. What I should have done was push a shell into the magazine then cycle the pump twice. That would put the slug into the chamber. After eventually getting the slug round into the chamber, I used the truck side as a rest and fired one shot, hitting the target.

I then walked down a sandy track between trees finding steel pepper poppers along the way. Davison kept shouting: "Feed the puppy, feed the puppy," which I did. However I repeatedly forgot to pump the shotgun immediately after I fired each round. He kept shouting at me to cycle the action. I should have kept a slight backward pressure on the pump and used the recoil to help cycle the action. I did remember to scan all the time I was walking along the track. I hit all the close-to poppers but didn't see the last target which was on the track perhaps 70 yards from where I made my last shot. At one stage my shotgun locked up because I tried to feed too many shells into it. I needed to turn the gun belly up and lift out the cartridge that was stuck half in the magazine. On another occasion the gun appeared to lock up and wouldn't cycle. I went to the CZ and knocked down a couple of targets before holstering the handgun and managing to cycle the shotgun.

Davison left Bill Byrom to run us through the Jungle Run course again. The other students used their autos on this round but I stuck with my pump. I performed a little better on this run but I still failed to rack the slide immediately after firing a shot. This time I did see the last target and hit it but had to fumble in trying to get a slug cartridge into the chamber. It was very hot and we were all sweating profusely by the end of each run.

We returned to the classroom where Byrom had us fill in a course critique. I wrote that I had not felt as incompetent since I took the Force-on-Force course the first time. Maybe it takes longer to teach an old dog new tricks. I got confused trying to learn to manipulate two new weapons – pump and semi-auto. However I certainly learned a lot and enjoyed the course. I would recommend the course to any member and I came away convinced that the shotgun is a much more effective weapon for self-defense than a handgun.

*Chris Bird is past president of TCHA and author of The Concealed Handgun Manual and Thank God I Had a Gun.*

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From TSRA, **Alice Tripp** has agreed to keep us updated on way the Texas legislature will keep us in the dark. Along with new laws coming in and old ones being modified to their liking.

We will be hosting a clinic on **USE OF FORCE** with our own instructors to show different types of teaching methods. We all teach the same thing differently and we can all learn from each other. I have convinced Judd Early, Dean McCormick, Gail Wood, and others to help me put this together. So as you can see, this will not only be educational, but funny as well.

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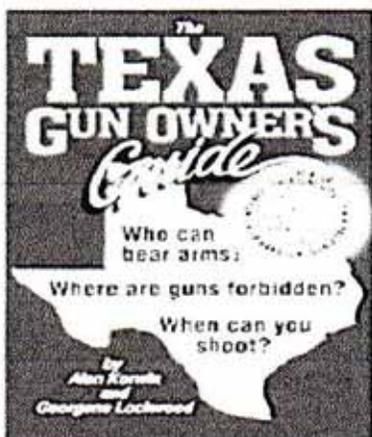
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(Austin, September 29, 2010) Shortly after 8:00 am on Tuesday, September 28, an apparently lone student, dressed in a black suit and dark ski mask fired several rounds from an AK-47 variant on the street on the UT Austin campus. He then ran or was chased into the main library building, with police in pursuit, where he shot and killed himself. No one, beside the shooter, was injured by the gunfire.

Further details are really sketchy, and minimal information has been released by UT or Austin police departments. Following is a summary of what is known, and not known:

The shooter was a 19-year-old UT student. Apparently he had shown no previous signs of psychological troubles. Total round count was in the range of 15 to 20 shots. Since the streets around the library are crowded at that hours, and no one there was shot, it was apparently not the shooter's intention to injure or kill anyone.

It has not known whether the AK-47 was a select-fire model, or the more common (in this country, at least) semi-auto version. It is not known whether he had any spare magazines with him.

If any note or other explanation for his motives or objective has been discovered, no word has been released.

There was an initial search for a second shooter, but none was ever found. Reports of a second shooter, dressed differently, have been attributed to differing descriptions called in by the public during the first few minutes of the incident.

In an apparent coincidence, Prof. John Lott, author of *The Bias Against Guns* and *More Guns, Less Crime*, was scheduled to give a speech at UT that evening. The subject was to be the continuing campaign to make Concealed Carry legal (for those otherwise licensed) on college campuses. With the closure of the University for the rest of the day, his speech was moved to a bookstore just off campus, where he delivered his presentation.

There is no information to indicate that the timing of the shooting incident was related to Prof. Lott's scheduled appearance. But the incident will undoubtedly add interest and emotional impact to the debate on that subject, already expected in next winter's legislative session. **Dean McCormick**

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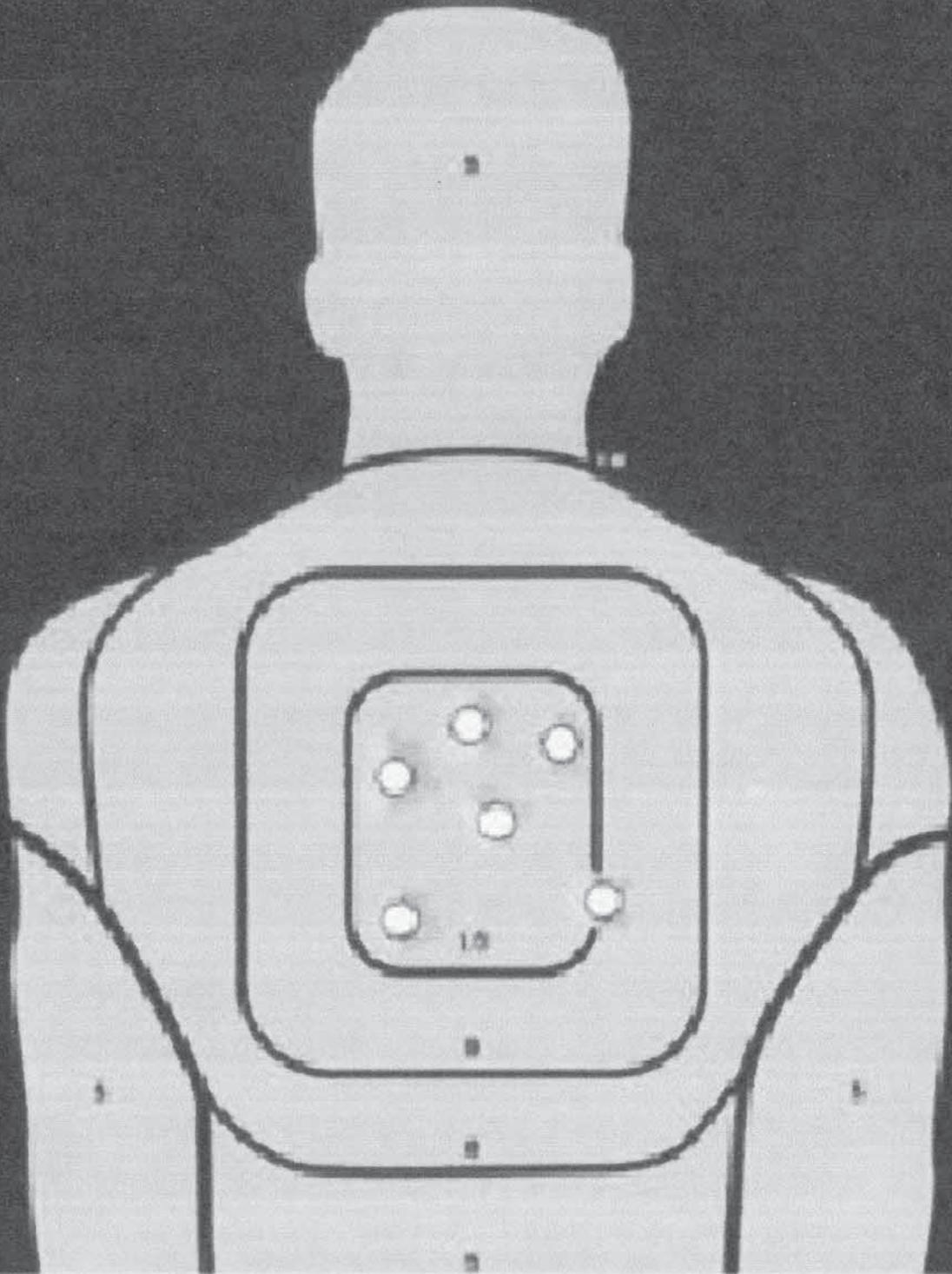
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