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The Heller Case Unlikely to Have Much Effect in Texas

by Chris Bird

“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.” – Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

By now almost everybody who owns a gun has heard that in the landmark Heller Case, the U.S. Supreme Court confirmed that the Second Amendment protects an individual’s right to keep and bear arms. The judgment has been greeted as a great win for gun owners, particularly those who keep guns for self-defense.

Alan Gottlieb, chairman of the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms said he celebrated when the decision was announced. “We popped the Champagne cork.” He described the judgment as “monumental.”

“I view the Heller decision as the second shot heard around the world. The American Revolution was the first,” he said.

NRA Executive Vice President Wayne LaPierre said in a statement: “This is a great moment in American history. It vindicates individual Americans all over this country who have always known that this is their freedom worth protecting. Our founding fathers wrote and intended the Second Amendment to be an individual right. The Supreme Court has now acknowledged it. The Second Amendment as an individual right now becomes a real permanent part of American Constitutional law.

Erich Pratt, director of communications for Gun Owners of America, said: “I think it’s going to send a ripple effect that is going to be felt way into the future. It was certainly a good decision for honest gun owners and certainly it was a bad day for gun-control advocates.”

Here in Texas, most of us have always known that the Second Amendment protects an individual right. Compared to states like Illinois and New Jersey or cities like Chicago and New York, our gun laws are relatively liberal (in the old meaning of the word.) So what effect is the judgment likely to have here? Not much, according to some of the experts.

James Dark, executive director of the Texas State Rifle Association, doesn’t foresee the judgment changing anything here.

“We don’t have any state laws that seem like they rise to the level that they are liable to be struck down,” he said.

“I think it is a tremendous step forward for gun owners in this country.

The best thing about it is we have this collective rights nonsense that’s been getting pushed for the last couple of decades by the Brady Campaign and people like that. That thing has been put to bed, hopefully for good.”

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The decision was a five to four split in the court with Associate Justice Antonin Scalia writing for the majority. He was joined in his opinion by Chief Justice John Roberts and Associate Justices Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, and Anthony Kennedy.

The judgment struck down Washington D.C.'s total ban on private ownership of handguns as unconstitutional. The court ordered that Dick Heller, a special police officer, be issued with a license to possess a functional handgun in his home.

It ruled that the Second Amendment guarantees ordinary people the right to have a handgun for self-defense and that the gun doesn't have to be stored with a trigger lock or in pieces so that it is inoperable as the D.C. law requires.

It was no surprise that the court allows restrictions on the right. After all, every time you board a commercial flight you are subject to search and your legally owned property subject to seizure by government functionaries whether they have probable cause to believe you are committing a crime or not. The Fourth Amendment was written to prevent such abuses but it doesn't.

The judgment states that the right is not unlimited. It is "not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose."

The court stated: "Nothing in our opinion should be taken to cast doubt on long standing prohibitions on the possession of firearms by felons and the mentally ill, or laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places such as schools and government buildings, or laws imposing conditions and qualifications on the commercial sale of arms."

It also restricted the right to weapons in "common use," apparently excluding machineguns. It included handguns which the court said were the overwhelming choice of people for defense of themselves and their families.

So what effect does the Supreme Court judgment have in other jurisdictions? Opinions differ. One federal judge said of the decision: "Now we have to figure out what it means."

Most gun-rights supporters look on the judgment as a significant victory that will lead to challenges of existing laws. Gottlieb said the decision provides a foundation for future litigation.

"It's going to be the starting point for us to then move up the ladder where before we couldn't reach the ladder, now we can. That's a good sign."

Pratt is happy with the decision because he feels it will likely have a significant impact on the lower courts. Also many of the arguments trumpeted by the anti-gun radicals have been shot down (pun intended) by the decision.

"They love to say no court has ever used the Second Amendment to strike down a gun-control law; there is no individual right to keep and bear arms apart from membership in a militia; guns should only be used by the military and police, on and on and on. The court just slammed these arguments," Pratt said.

The litigation has already started. Several gun rights organizations have filed suits in federal court against restrictive gun laws in Chicago and San Francisco. The Second Amendment Foundation and the Illinois State Rifle Association filed suit in federal court against the City of Chicago. That city has a total ban on ordinary people having guns similar to the ban in D.C. The NRA filed a separate suit against Chicago. Gottlieb said there are significant differences between the two suits.

"The plaintiffs in our suit have all applied for permits and been denied."

In the NRA case none of the plaintiffs had actually applied for a permit, he said. They just wanted to apply. In the Heller case, several of the original plaintiffs had not made application and therefore had not been rejected so the courts had excluded them from the suit.

In addition, the NRA and the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms have filed a suit against San Francisco and its Public Housing Authority. Residents in public housing are not allowed to own guns of any kind. None of the suits involve any plaintiffs who have broken the laws.

"We're trying to bring a nice clean case that has nice plaintiffs to it," Gottlieb said.

In D.C., the mayor has stated that only revolvers will be licensed which will be challenged in court, Gottlieb added. His organizations will also challenge New York City over its permit system because at present it takes six months and costs an excessive amount of money to get a permit to own a gun there.

"After New York City it starts to become a little iffy," Gottlieb said.

He agreed that most of the effect of the judgment will be felt in the states and cities with the most restrictive gun laws and would not be felt much if at all in states like Texas.

So it appears that the Heller Case was a great win in principal for gun owners and a bulwark against further erosion of gun rights.



Conceal Carry on Campus Begins in Harrold, Texas

By James F. Zipperer, Sr.

A small school district in Harrold, Texas made the decision last October to allow faculty and staff to conceal carry on campus given certain district requirements are met. These conditions include the following: the person carrying must be licensed legally by the state with a CHL; they must receive written authorization from the school district to do so; they must obtain crisis management training for hostile situations; and they must use ammunition designed to minimize ricochets in hallways.

The school in question is approximately 30 minutes from the Sheriff's office in Wilbarger County and is located in a heavily trafficked area near US 287 making it what the district felt was a logical target area. The decision came after nearly a year of discussions. The district already had safeguards in place such as one way access to campus, electronic door locks, and surveillance cameras.

School superintendent David Thweatt was quoted in the Fort Worth Star Telegram as saying, "When the federal government started making schools gun-free zones, that's when all of these shootings started. Why would you put it out there that a group of people can't defend themselves? That's like saying 'sic 'em' to a dog,"

Governor Rick Perry has been quoted as saying "It's fine for teachers to pack heat on campus if they are appropriately trained and licensed.". He also stated, "I think it's up to those local school districts," according to the Austin Bureau. He went on to say, "Districts should decide for themselves whether to let teachers carry guns at school."

"Gun free zones" have created an invitation to the mentally ill to create havoc in what they perceive to be a protected environment. According to the *Safe School Initiative Final Report*, a joint effort of the Secret Service and the United States Department of Education designed to study the aftermath of 37 reported incidents of targeted school shootings from 1974 until June 2000, they could find no accurate or useful "profile" of students who engaged in targeted school violence. They did find, however, that most attackers had no history of prior violent or criminal behavior. This study was designed to examine the thought process, planning, and behavior of those that committed these school attacks. One interesting finding was that incidents of targeted violence at school *rarely* are sudden, impulsive acts. This means that a well thought out attack will be hard to defend against using the traditional wait for the police method. They also found that prior to most incidents, other people knew about the attacker's idea and/or plan to attack. The study also found that most attackers did not threaten their targets directly prior to advancing the attack.

Bear with me here as we are formulating a theory that would defend concealed carry on campus, and show that police response will be too late to be effective. Keep in mind that this is not intended to misrepresent the quality job most police departments do. We must however understand why their response time would not be effective or efficient in most cases on campus and that is where this thought process is headed.

The study went on to point out that most attackers engaged in some behavior, prior to the incident, that caused others concern or indicated a need for help. In many cases, other students were involved in the attack in some capacity. Most attackers had access to and had used weapons prior to the attack. The most important finding with regards to the decision in Harrold was despite prompt law enforcement responses, most attacks were stopped by means other than law enforcement intervention. This finding alone should be considered a "smoking gun" to coin an ironic phrase. Think about that again, even though law enforcement was prompt, most of the time the event had been stopped by a non-law enforcement entity.

While schools implement plans directed towards the safety of students, the study presents a significant implication with regard to this last finding. "The short duration of most incidents of targeted school violence argues for the importance of developing preventive measures in addition to any emergency planning for a school or school district. The preventive measures should include protocols and procedures for responding to and managing threats and other behaviors of concern. Hence the decision by the Harrold School District to allow staff and faculty to conceal carry while on the job.

This brings us to the relevance of this article to conceal carry on campus. When a police officer does arrive in the nick of time, he/she still does not know who the perpetrator actually is. While the officer responds in the dark, the faculty or staff member who is carrying concealed and is on the site when the event begins, already knows who is who and how to respond. This is a critical element in the difference between saving lives and losing lives. While the officer will respond and try to assess what is going on, they will lose valuable time and be in harms way themselves while they figure it out. In most cases of on campus officers, they will know the employee who is licensed to carry and will understand the situation upon arrival. While all staff and faculty will not conceal carry, the implication that any employee might be carrying will go a long way to eliminate what the study has already determined to be incidents that are preplanned. By allowing conceal carry on campus, the school plants the message to those that would wish to shoot at will, to do so at your own risk. This article is my opinion based on 12 years of teaching on a Texas campus and five years of teaching convicted felons within the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. I for one prefer to be armed in the classroom and will take my chances one on one with the attacker as opposed to any bureaucratic “lock-down” plan that involves a delayed response time by campus police. If we learned anything from Katrina, we should know that if a plan won’t work, it is not a plan.

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Chris Bird, President

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It Not Only Could Happen Here, It Did

By
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To those head-in-the-sand people who say mass gun confiscations couldn't happen in America, a new book is the perfect response. *The Great New Orleans Gun Grab: Descent into Anarchy* details the appalling story of how, in the wake of Hurricane Katrina, law enforcement officers in New Orleans took legally owned firearms from residents who had committed no crime.

These confiscations took place in blatant disregard for the U.S. and Louisiana constitutions at a time when New Orleans police were providing little or no service or protection for residents of the Crescent City.

The book was written by Gordon Hutchinson and Todd Masson and is published by Louisiana Publishing, Inc. Hutchinson was an officer with the 82nd Airborne Division during the Vietnam era and is now a firearms writer and shooting sports columnist. Masson is an award winning writer and editor for Louisiana Sportsman and several other outdoor magazines.

I recounted in detail one of the stories of survival that came out of New Orleans and touched on some of the gun confiscations in one chapter of my book, *Thank God I Had a Gun*. But the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina deserved a book of its own and *The Great New Orleans Gun Grab* is it. The stories are well told and the writing is excellent. I particularly liked the details of the people and neighborhoods involved in each incident. However, it is difficult for a gun owner to read the book without getting angry at the criminal behavior of those who were sworn to uphold the law.

The stories include:

A lawyer disarmed and arrested supposedly for public intoxication at his home then pepper sprayed and repeatedly shot with beanbag rounds while in custody.

Another lawyer and former Army officer used a 30-30 Winchester on a hoard of looters who broke into his backyard. He then had to protect his mother from police officers.

A woman had to be protected by the 82nd Airborne from abusive cops.

A frail, elderly woman who was disarmed, knocked to the ground and severely injured by several large police officers after they forced their way into her kitchen. This attack was seen on television around the world.

Two cases of legally owned guns being seized at gunpoint from people on boats on Lake Pontchartrain by sheriff's deputies.

In most cases the police officers were trying to force people to obey a "mandatory evacuation order." The authors speculate that the real reason for trying to get many of these residents out of the city was to stop them from making critical comments to the news media about the incompetence of the authorities.

One of the most disturbing parts of the book is the epilogue. The attempt by the NRA and the Second Amendment Foundation to stop the confiscations and get the illegally seized guns returned to their owners is called "The Second Battle of New Orleans." The authors recount how lawyers for New Orleans first denied in federal court that the city had any seized firearms. After delaying and obfuscating for months, they admitted having more than 1,000 guns but when revealed most were rusted beyond repair. Nearly three years later most of the firearms have not been returned to their owners.

As a result of the illegal gun confiscations, the Louisiana legislature passed a law that specifically prohibits law enforcement officers from seizing legally owned guns from law-abiding residents during emergencies such as hurricanes. Asked what he thought of the new law in a radio interview, the current chief of the New Orleans police Warren Riley stated: "During circumstances like that, we cannot allow people to walk the streets carrying guns. As law-enforcement officers, we will confiscate the weapon if the person is walking down the street, and they may be arrested."

So, despite the valiant work of the NRA and Second Amendment Foundation, is anything likely to be different next time a hurricane devastates New Orleans? We can only wait and see.

Chris Bird is author of The Concealed Handgun Manual and Thank God I Had a Gun: True Accounts of Self-Defense.

No Safe Places

By Don Myers

Recently, there were two Christian musicians who were leaving a recording studio and were murdered for two dollars and their car. I paid little attention to the news report initially, nor did I listen to the names of the two victims. Three days later, I received an e-mail from a woman friend who had received her CHL by taking my course along with her son and daughter. The e-mail read, 'Hi Don, my son, Steve, was murdered Thursday. His funeral is at...'

I sat there stunned. Steve had been licensed through my instruction. I had been to a couple of activities that he and his mother attended - in both cases they were armed. I knew Steve's mother believed as I do that you never go anywhere unarmed if it is legal to carry in those places. I did not know Steve as well as I did his mother, but I found him to be very likable and smart. In fact, I later discovered that he was probably a genius. Of course after getting that terrible news, I couldn't help wonder if he was armed that night. I assume that he wasn't because of the deadly results of his encounter with two heartless thugs. Both criminals were captured the next day. A television interview showed that one of them was almost proud of what they had done. Apparently, he is feeling good about being a 'gangsta' now.'

I attended Steve's funeral wishing that I could ask if Steve had been armed that awful night, but knew it would be totally inappropriate to ask such an insensitive question. After the funeral service was over, I watched as the ushers allowed the family members to leave the sanctuary first. I couldn't help notice that Steve's mother and sister were carrying handbags made of nylon that were an odd shape. Of course, it was obvious to me why they were carrying those bags and what was in them.

I waited my turn to give condolences to Steve's mother. Then as I approached her, she said in a voice that was a mixture of crying and disbelief, 'Don, Steve didn't have his gun! He always carries his gun! When he comes to my house, he has his gun on him under his shirt. He doesn't go anywhere without his gun! Don, he didn't have his gun! In fact, when the police were telling me about the shooting, I asked them where Steve's gun was. They said that they had not found his gun so I told them that the criminals have it. Later, we found it at his home.'

I was sick. The tragedy was bad enough, but for him to be killed on one of the few nights where he had forgotten to take his gun seemed to rub salt into the wounds of those of us who cared for him. I am always amazed at how many people who have taken my CHL class do not carry all the time. Some almost never carry a pistol. And yet, here was a case where someone who practically always heeded my advice to be armed at all times was killed while the others who continue to walk around in an un-armed condition, in a mental state of white, don't pay the price that Steve did. No, I don't want those others to pay that price. It's just that they are more likely to be hurt or killed than those who do carry where it is legal. The irony cannot be ignored.

One of the reasons that I became a CHL instructor was because of a conversation I heard during my first renewal class. An elderly gentleman asked the instructor, 'I live in a nice neighborhood. My wife and I go walking nearly every evening. Do you think I should take my gun with me?'

Incredibly, the instructor replied, 'Well, that's a personal decision that you will have to make for yourself.' I wanted to scream, 'Of course, you should! There are no safe places!' In fact, I was so stunned at the stupid answer that I didn't say what I was thinking. I still feel guilty about not speaking up. However, I do speak up now. Throughout the classes that I teach I use examples, many of actual shootings, to show the need to carry all the time. One such example is an appeal to logic. I ask the students if you could turn off and on your fire insurance at will, would you ever turn it off because there was little chance of a fire on a particular day? Of course, you wouldn't! But, that's exactly what you do if you decide to leave your home un-armed. You have chosen to let yourself be vulnerable to a mean world that can take you or your loved ones from this world for two dollars or for your tennis shoes.

There are no safe places! One woman who took my class has for many years worked as a contractor in federal housing, i.e. high crime areas. Unfortunately, her employer will not let her carry her gun in her car (she can't go in the federal buildings armed), but she has never needed a gun in those high crime areas. On the other hand, she has needed a gun for protection three times in 'safe areas.'

She started carrying a gun at seventeen because the police would not believe that she and her boyfriend had been robbed and that she had nearly raped (she said that she was in her menstrual period or she would have been raped). The police did not believe her because at that time there had never been any crime in the Fort Worth Botanical Gardens (this occurred in the 1960's). This 'safe place' soon became a hot spot of rape and murder during the following year causing it to be fenced and closed at night. Fortunately, the gang of youths were caught and convicted of multiple rapes and murders.

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President's Column

DPS Backlogged with CHL Applications and Renewals

As I write this I am unlicensed to carry a concealed handgun. But as you read this, I hope my renewed license will be in my wallet. At this stage the Department of Public Safety has had my renewal application for 44 days. By statute, the department has up to 45 days to process a renewal. However, I am not sitting on the edge of my chair waiting for my license to arrive.

DPS is backlogged with new and renewal applications and is lagging like a lame horse. Spokeswoman Tela Mange says renewals are taking up to 80 days and initial applications, which should not take more than 60 days, are taking up to 90. And that is if the paperwork is complete and correct.

"We have been overwhelmed," she said. "We didn't see it coming."

According to DPS statistics there has been a dramatic increase in applications for licenses this year. Between January and March there was an increase of 16 percent compared with the same period last year. But in April the increase was a dramatic 43 percent – up from 8,096 in April last year to 11,568 for the same month this year.

Alice Tripp, legislative director of the Texas State Rifle Association, says she first started receiving complaints from members who were not getting their licenses on time in February. Representative Joe Driver from Garland, head of the House Law Enforcement Committee was also getting complaints, Tripp said. He called a meeting with DPS which Tripp attended. In preparation for the meeting, she sent an email to all TSRA members asking for feedback.

"Over the weekend, I got 40 responses," she said. "It was not only a problem but a huge problem."

At the meeting, DPS agreed to provide the law enforcement committee with a weekly situation report. Despite hiring a dozen temporary workers to speed up the process, the first weekly report showed that in the week ending May 2, DPS sent out 1,043 licenses but received 1,871 applications.

What is the reason for the spike in applications? No one seems to know. Theories vary from a change in the law last year that made license holders' names available only to law enforcement to fear that if Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama make it to the White House gun owners will be under attack. Despite their campaign rhetoric, both have strong anti-gun records but concealed carry is a state not federal concern.

So what steps can license holders take to ensure they avoid an unlicensed period? Mange recommends several steps. First and most important, send in your application as soon as possible – up to six months before your license expires. She also suggests starting the renewal process on line and getting your fingerprints digitized.

Finally, what are your options if your license has expired and your renewal is snarled in the backlog? A year ago, you had one safe option – leave your gun at home. But since September last year, you can carry a loaded gun concealed in your vehicle without a license under the Motorist Protection Act. You can also carry it concealed from your home or business directly to or from your vehicle. You can carry on your own or rented property.

But what should you do if your new license has not arrived, you are carrying a handgun in your vehicle, and you are stopped by a police officer. Do you tell him or her you have a loaded gun in the car? I asked Tela Mange whether your name would still be in the database available to police officers during a traffic stop. She said it would still be in the database with a notation that the license had expired. If you have a gun in your vehicle under the Motorist Protection Act, you are not required to tell an officer you have it. However, Mange recommended that you tell the officer that you have the gun when asked for identification. Alice Tripp was unsure that volunteering the information was the best policy. She said volunteering information to police officers can get you into trouble.

The choice is up to you.

By Chris Bird

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Those of you who are instructors have probably had many stories of similar need for a gun for protection told by your clients. I use real life stories as much as I can, but I am still frustrated at how many people have the 'it won't happen to me attitude' and don't carry all the time. I have finally decided that few people really take to heart my cajoling and warnings. Fortunately, many have, but I want to be even more effective in getting that point across since not only are they safer being armed, but we are too. Since many of you who are reading this newsletter are instructors, I invite you to e-mail me if you have found effective methods to get the point across that it is important to be armed. Hopefully, there will be enough information that I can pass it on to others via this newsletter. If you have something that will help, please e-mail me at happydad1@sbcglobal.net. If I do write another article on that subject I will give you credit for your ideas.

I truly believe it is important for us to teach our clients and friends that CHL holders should be armed whenever possible and this safety advice is just as important to teach as it is for us to teach conflict resolution and the use of deadly force required by the state. I hope you agree. Be armed; be safe.

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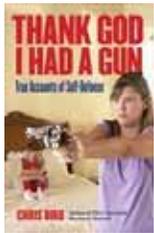
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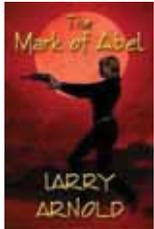
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