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The RANGEFINDER

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE OAK RIDGE SPORTSMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Please remember that when using any of the ORSA Ranges, safety should be your number one concern. Everyone must be diligent in observing and correcting unsafe actions by anyone on the ranges. Also remember that you should always wear proper EYE and EAR protection regardless of whether you are shooting or just watching.

ORSA Website: ORSAONLINE.ORG

ORSA Membership Info: JOINORSA.ORG

Range Work Rules

As a reminder regarding work being completed on the grounds at ORSA. If you are on a range shooting, or show up to a range to shoot, you are required to yield to anyone working on the ranges or property. This includes contractors, and or volunteers. Under no circumstances should you begin shooting, or continue

shooting on any range a contactor or volunteer is working on or shows up to perform any work activity, mowing, weed eating, maintenance, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation and abiding to this rule.

-ORSA BOD

Youth Shooter Scores His First

We are proud to announce that Braden Hamby shot his first skeet 25 on field 2 October 8th.



Pictured left to right is Josh Ward, Josh Hamby Braden's dad, Braden Hamby, Dwayne Beaty Braden's granddad, Bruce Moulton.

ORSA CHRISTMAS PARTY & Election Results

Hard to believe it's almost that time again. It's time to start thinking of the holiday dinners we all get to attend this time of year. ORSA will be holding our annual dinner at the Elks Club in Oak Ridge. At this dinner we will also announce the results of our ORSA elections.

ORSA will provide the ham, turkey & the beverages. Please bring a dish to pass - it can be a side dish, salad, or dessert. We do ask that you RSVP by December 1st so that we can be assured of having enough ham, turkey and beverages.

Please contact Ed Johnson @ 865-483-9573 to RSVP by December 1st

Cash bar opens 6:30pm

Dinner 7:00pm

Location: Elks Lodge, 684 Emory Valley Rd, Oak Ridge, TN 37830

The party is December 4, 2024

We look forward to seeing you there to swap all those gun stories from the last year!



NEWS FROM SKEET, TRAP & SPORTING CLAYS



Save the date. November 17th is the date for our 2024 annual meeting. 2pm in the main clubhouse. Hope you can make it.

Reminder that by the time you get this winter hours will be in effect. Please go to the calendar in the Rangefinder to see what these hours are.

Skeet League has finished for this year. Please consult the calendar in the Rangefinder to see when the Polar Bear session starts.

We have decided to suspend the ATA Registered Big 50 shoots during the winter months. They will start back the first Tuesday of March weather permitting.

We will have our second members only Sporting Clays Shoot this year on December 7th. Please see the flyer in this edition for registration info. Lunch is included and cash prizes are awarded using the Lewis System so that all shooters have a chance to win.

-Larry McNamee, President of STSC

News from the Rifle and Pistol Club

My Name is Frank Ashby. I have the honor to be your new President of ORSA's Rifle and Pistol Club. My hope is that you and your family and friends were not impacted by the recent storms in Florida, Georgia, North Carolina and of course, East Tennessee. As a bit of a background, I retired from the energy industry in 2016 and settled in East Tennessee for two fundamental reasons: a great community and environment to enjoy the Outdoors. I immediately became a member in ORSA and subsequently became the range steward for the Benchrest Range in 2017.

As a point of information, our Rifle and Pistol Club has several ranges under our control: Benchrest, Competition, Rifle Practice, Plinking Range, Indoor, and Hi-Power, Long Range / Hi-Power. We have a full complement of activities each week on most, if not all, of these ranges, which are normally posted on the ORSA Calendar. In addition, you will find subject matter experts available to answer a host of questions on topics ranging from sighting in a rifle, reloading, best caliber for a particular use, et. Al. Our vision is to have facilities that provide Safe and Effective environments for new shooters and experienced shooters who aspire to improving their skills.

My Goals and Objectives as President are Simple:

- Safety is TOP Priority - No Exceptions to any of the posted rules, including the range hours (unless a sanctioned event)
 - ♦ Implement RSO's across all Rifle and Pistol Club Ranges. To this end, we will Solicit and Provide Certified Training for both new RSO's and RSO renewals. To this end, **I am requesting RSO Volunteers for all Rifle and Pistol Club ranges. Please contact me at your earliest opportunity.**
 - ♦ We will be evaluating consistent use and location of "Range Hot" and "Range Cold" Lighting.
 - ♦ All "Range Rules" signage will be simplified with increased font size.
- Bring Best in Class Programs/Facilities to ORSA Rifle and Pistol which have been benchmarked against the best regional facilities.
 - ♦ Major Modifications to the Benchrest Range: Target Frames, Paved Walkways, and perform a feasibility study on a design for handicap shooters, Rubber Mats for Benchrest Shooting positions, Carpeted seats, etc.
 - ♦ Hi-Power/Long Range: Evaluate alternative targets, install Hi-Resolution Cameras at Club House for the Long Range 1000 yd positions.
 - ♦ Plinking Range: Install Range Status Lighting.
 - ♦ Rifle Practice Range (AR and Rifle Plinking Range): Effective Immediately, the 35 yd. Steel Targets on

the Rifle Practice Range will be removed and re-positioned to the 50 yd. and 100 yd. positions.

- ♦ Indoor Range: Assess Ventilation vs. Industry Standard and Recondition Target Frames and Backstops.

These are but a few of the ideas we are discussing. To be sure, we will need to perform a budgetary check on the improvements (except for Safety related items).

With regards to SAFETY, we take a tough stance on unsafe operations and belligerent attitude(s), and intentional destruction (firing upon) Target Frames and Supports, inappropriate targets or complete disregard for the Range Rules. Unfortunately, these occurrences are increasing in frequency...



Figure 1: Target Frame Abuse at Benchrest Range. The Frame and Target Backer were less than 1 week old!

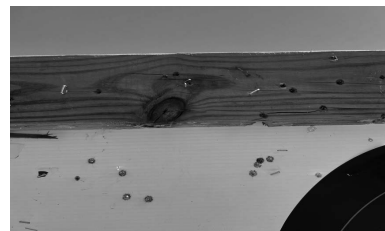


Figure 2: Inappropriate Target on Benchrest Range

Safety is everyone's business; if you witness any Safety infraction OR lack of compliance with any Range Rules, approach the individual in a congenial manner, point out the issue, seek to educate, and note the individual's badge number. If the action is not corrected or if a belligerent attitude is witnessed, simply walk away and report it to me at orsariflepistol@gmail.com or any RSO, or an ORSA Board Member. The individuals responsible for the infraction(s) will be brought before the ORSA Board for review.

I want to thank Tim French for his never-ending support and service to the Rifle and Pistol Club, the Rifle and Pistol Club Officers for their support and the ORSA Leadership Team for their advice during this transition!

A Big Thank You to RF Readers

We asked that the members write to let the board know how you felt about the article, Right to Keep and Bear Arms and we received 127 responses so far. Those in favor of keeping the article were 117 and those who expressed reservations or wanted it dropped were 10. That is 92% in favor and 8% against the current article.

We realize we can never please everyone but we will try to adjust the articles to address some of the concerns of the 8% that expressed they had reservations. We offered the original

letter's author an opportunity to come and discuss his concerns at our last board meeting and he said he couldn't get off work. Since his email letter was unsigned and we have given the author the same consideration we would show any of our members, we are pursuing the wishes of the vast majority.

Hopefully by the time you read this the National election will be over and maybe the frustration level will begin to diminish. RTKBA article is back and thank you for the vote of confidence your letters have shown.

Black Powder Update

As we transition into fall and winter seasons setting our clocks back the Black Powder league will move our start times earlier. Our start time now will be at 11:00am November thru March. We will continue on the completion range the first Thursday of the month. Weather heed to agree so above 50 and not raining you should find us there.

Long Range Invitation

The Long Range Shooters invite you and your gun to shoot with us at 600/1000 yards.
Text or call 423-208-0442 or email ronaldfriesz@gmail.com for orientation.

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- Access to the Action Pistol range for practice requires participants to attend an AP Orientation session. Classes are held monthly at the AP building.
- Due to limited seating and health restrictions Walk-ins are not allowed.
- Use the link below to register for the AP orientation class of your choice.
<https://practicore.com/clubs/oak-ridge-sportsman-association>

ORSA Members' Fall Sporting Clays Tournament *Saturday December 7, 2024 – 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM*

ORSA Members Only, Limit 56 Shooters
100 targets, \$40 Entry Fee, lunch included

Registration	11:00
Lunch	Noon
Shoot	1:00
Prizes	3:00

Cash Prizes



Location: ORSA Sporting Clays Range (across from Oak Ridge CC)
149 Gum Hollow Road
Oak Ridge, Tennessee 37830

Prizes ~

Lewis Class style scoring – every contestant has a chance to win prize money. Equal cash prizes will be awarded to the top two shooters in each of the classes. Classes determined by scores high to low and dividing total shooters by 4 or 5. Prize money will depend on the number of shooters. Ties will split prizes evenly. You must be present to collect prize money.

Pre-registration is required, first come first serve, register before December 1
Tournament is limited to 56 shooters.
Submit groups together. Max group size 4 shooters

Contacts	Cletus Mitchell	Greg Kraft
E- mail	orsa.skeettrap@gmail.com	gnckraft@charter.net
Phone	(865) 599-0591	(865) 671-6215

To pre-register detach and return form below with a check **payable to ORSA** for \$40 to:
Greg Kraft
613 Valley Hill Lane
Knoxville, TN 37922



ORSA Sporting Clays Tournament Registration – please print clearly.

Name		
Cell Phone		Shooting with a group?
Email	\$40 check payable to ORSA enclosed	

- Lunch - free to shooters. Spectators - \$5.00/person

Ear and eye protection is required for all competitors, trap personnel and spectators on the fields. Competitors and Spectators assume all risks which may result from accidents. ORSA retains the right to make revisions if necessary.

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Attention Wild Bunch Enthusiasts

Monthly SASS Wild Bunch Action Shooting Matches begin on Thursday October 10 at 9:30 am on the Action Pistol Range. The Single Action Shooting Society (SASS) serves as the governing and sanctioning body of the sport of Cowboy Action and Wild Bunch shooting to ensure safety and consistency in competitions worldwide.

American history buffs and serious shooters alike agree the use of vintage firearms, authentic costuming, unique targets, and fast action make Wild Bunch Action Shooting one of the most interesting of all shooting sports for both spectator and contestant. The Wild Bunch Match consists of five stages using fire arms typical of those used in the old west during the early 1900's - Pistols are typically the Colt Model 1911 in 45 ACP, shotguns typically the Winchester Model 1897 or Model 12 in 12 gauge, rifles are typically the Winchester Model 1873 in 45 Colt.

Each stage is a different scenario of steel targets and multiple pistol, rifle and shotgun rounds shot on the clock for best overall time.

Contestants are organized by category, the categories at ORSA Wild Bunch Matches are: Modern and Senior Modern,

Traditional and Senior Traditional, and Open.

Available on the internet at the SASS website, the SASS Wild Bunch Shooters Handbook provides additional details on the Modern and Traditional categories, specific rules, regulations and general guidelines.

At ORSA the Senior categories are designed for folks 65 years and older. The Open category at ORSA is designed for those who want to shoot fire arms other than those listed in the SASS Handbook.

All participants and spectators must wear safety glasses and ear protection.

The only projectiles allowed at the Wild Bunch Matches must be lead - no hard cast, jacketed, or steel bullets or shot.

Wild Bunch Action Shooting is a dynamic, fun, fast paced action shooting sport designed for the shooter. Once you shoot your first Wild Bunch stage, you will be just as enthusiastic as participating in the sport as we are!

For more information about the ORSA Wild Bunch Match contact JD"Jim Dawg" Packis (865) 441-5813 or Uncle Ethan (865) 207-7005.

RF CLASSIFIEDS

FOR PERSONAL SALE:

RANGEFINDER CLASSIFIED POLICY

Members-In-Good-Standing may submit ads for the sale of firearms, ammo, reloading supplies & equipment, legal firearms accessories and targetry. Ads are for private person-to-person sale. No business-related ads will be accepted. Submit your ad in MS Word if at all possible via email to orsasec@gmail.com. All ads are subject to approval by the ORSA Board of Directors.

Contact: Dave at 865-223-2251

Steel Shot 12 Gauge Shells all 3" long

- 10 boxes Federal Supreme 1 1/8 oz. #2 shot 1635 fps \$20/box.
- 6 boxes Federal Supreme 1 1/4 oz. BB shot 1450 fps \$20/box.
- 3 boxes Kent Fasteel 1 3/8 oz. #4 shot 1300 fps \$15/box.
- 2 boxes Winchester Super X 1 1/8 oz. #4 shot 1550fps \$17/box.

Final Approach Eliminator Express Layout Blind, Camouflage, New, Never Used \$100.

Contact: Jeff at 865-291-8451

- CZ 457 / 22LR Precision Rifle | Lilja CZ 457 Match Barrel, Timney Trigger 10-oz., 419 30MOA Scope Mount, MDT SCS Lite Skeleton Stock, Mags, Like New. Asking \$1,250 (Original Owner).
- Anschutz 1710 HB 22LR Competition Rifle (2022) | 20" Stainless Barrel Threaded 1/2x28, 5119 Two Stage Trigger, XLR Gen 4 Chassis, MDT 20MOA Scope Mount, Multiple Mags, Accu-Tac Bipod. Like New! (Original Owner) Asking \$2,250.
- Arken Optics Scope SH-4, 6-24X50 GENII MIL VPR Illuminated Reticle Zero Stop 34mm Tube w/Arken 20MOA Mount. Like New Asking: \$300.
- Vortex Strike Eagle Scope 5-25x56mm Rifle Scope, 34mm Tube, First Focal Plane, Black, Matte, Illumination Red EBR-7C MRAD Reticle, Mil Rad Adjustment, SE-52504 with Arken 20MOA Mount. Like New. Asking: \$600.
- 22LR Precision Ammo (Lot Sale): Eley Match 575 count, Eley Contact 200 Count, Lapua Pistol King 350 Count, Lapua Midas+ 150 Count, Lapua CenterX 100 Count, SK Rifle Match 200 Count Total: 1,575 rounds. Asking: \$350 For The Lot.

Contact: Leonard 865-643-4575

- Shilo-Sharps 45-110. SN 5636, Tang sight, spirit level hooded front sight, 65 cases, many bullet types included, with loading dies. \$3,200.

Contact: Dirk Leach - DSLeach@yahoo.com / Call 704-574-9720

- NIB Caesar Guerini Summit Limited Sporting in 12 gauge with 32" barrels. The gun is NIB unfired with all 6 chokes, stock wrench, paperwork, manual, and fresh warranty card in the CG case. \$5300.
- Sig 938 9mm in excellent condition. Includes factory tritium night sights, two mags, factory original grips, two different sets of G10 grips, and a kydex IWB holster. \$600.
- TT Olympia .22 cal Pistol in 100% condition with barrel weight and one mag. Both wood and metal finish are 100% though the pistol has been fired. \$420.
- Bowtech Carbon Knight, 60 lb, RH, 29" draw (adjustable from 27" to 31"), all accessories except bow quiver, 12 Victory VForce 350 arrows, Six new fixed 3 blade 100 gr broadheads, belt quiver, Scott dual caliper release, and hard case. Bag target in good condition. Bow is tuned and ready to hunt/shoot. Excellent condition. \$480.
- One dozen NIB Victory 245 Vforce carbon shafts 350 spine at \$60.
- New with tags Beretta Unisex mesh clays shooting vest. Color is blue and grey. Size marked Medium but it doesn't fit me and I wear a men's medium. Actual size in men's sizing is Small or, in Women's sizing, Medium. \$30.

By the time you read this, the election should be decided. We, Second Amendment supporters, had a clear choice. I hope my choice won. But if my choice didn't win, this is what we can expect (because this is what the Democrats SAID they would do):

1. They WILL pass a national ban on AR-15s and every other "ugly gun" they can find. And that ban WILL include a federal confiscation provision.
2. They WILL pass a mandatory universal gun registration law, giving themselves and the ATF more than enough power to disarm the American people.
3. They WILL pass censorship laws controlling all social media and the Internet.
4. And if they can "Pack the Court," Heller, McDonald and Bruen will be reversed, and ALL of those draconian measures listed above WILL be found to be constitutional under their version of their "new and revised" constitution.
5. And since Joe Biden issued more than 40 anti-gun executive orders since becoming president, I think more RULE by executive order is in store for us.

If my choice for president didn't win, then I fear greater expansion of tyrannical government. It takes two things for tyranny to rein:

1. The ability to silence dissent, control the dialogue, and control which "facts" get to the people; and
2. The ability to control the ability of the people to resist the imposition of tyrannical laws and to meet unjustified and tyrannical force with freedom's force.

I sure hope my choice for president and legislators won.

When Disaster Strikes

In the last month we have seen some disasters strike and decimate areas of several states. Some towns and communities have been destroyed. So if you have managed to survive, your home is damaged, your belongings are strewn across your property. So now you are pondering what you will do next when a truck or van shows up and people get out and approach your property. This crowd is obviously looters. This is your stuff and these people are intent on taking your stuff. What do you do?

If you say I'll pull out my gun and warn them or, if necessary, I'll shoot them, you'd be wrong and you could go to jail. Even brandishing a gun (or a knife) is a criminal act.

Please read the two following articles from the Tennessee Firearms Association.

October 2, 2024

Tennessee law prohibits property owners from protecting themselves against looters.

Hurricane Helene struck with devastation that is unprecedented in recent memory when it hit ground at the end of September 2024. It devastated substantial parts of East Tennessee and other states with flooding, death tolls are rising, roads and infrastructure are unusable perhaps for weeks or months. Now, there are news reports that the residents in those areas are also becoming the victims of looters. But were you aware that the laws in Tennessee, laws which have been maintained and sustained by the Republican controlled legislature, make it a crime for the affected residents to defend their homes and property from looters?

Tennessee law prohibits the use of deadly force to protect real or personal property. Tennessee Code Annotated §§ 39-11-611; 39-11-614. That means, if someone has broken into your home, your barn, your garage, or is trespassing on your land, you cannot use "deadly force" to force them to stop or to get off of your property. If someone is stealing your car, your truck, your life's savings, your food, your generator, your fuel, your livestock or any other property, you cannot use "deadly force" to stop them or to protect your stuff.

Tennessee law also prohibits the use of deadly force in making a citizen's arrest. Tennessee Code Annotated §39-11-621. That means if someone becomes aware that another person (e.g., looters) are on their property, stealing their stuff or perhaps has even assaulted or killed one of their family members, that individual cannot use "deadly force" to make a citizen's arrest.

It is no answer that "well I did not fire the gun" or "I did not shoot

them" or "I only pointed the gun at them." In Tennessee, deadly force is defined by the Legislature – not by common sense. The Legislature has created this definition – "Deadly force means force that is intended or known by the defendant to cause or, in the manner of its use or intended use, is capable of causing death or serious bodily injury." Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-11-602(2)(cleaned up). Thus, even the brandishment of a firearm, a knife, or anything else that is capable of causing death or serious bodily injury is the use of deadly force.

If a person, perhaps a storm victim who is being victimized by looters or trespassers, were to try to protect their property with a firearm, even if they did not fire it, by brandishing the firearm and/or perhaps yelling "stop right there or I will shoot", that individual likely commits a felony offense of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. See, Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-13-102(a)(1)(A)(iii) (likely a Class C felony and a sentence range of 3-6 years).

Tennessee's Legislature has tied the hands of victims by forcing them to stand by without the ability to protect their homes, lands, or the property from thieves, robbers, burglars and looters. To that extent, the Republican controlled General Assembly has victimized the innocent again. These laws should be changed so that citizens, even if not in a emergency, can effectively defend themselves, their lands, their homes and their properties from those who are willing to risk their lives to engage in criminal activity.

Tennessee's "castle doctrine" does not protect your "castle."

Does Tennessee have a "castle doctrine"? Yes, to some extent, and no in other contexts.

The travesty of Hurricane Helene and the massive and widespread destruction that it caused has again raised the question of when can an individual use deadly force to protect their home and property in Tennessee? Specifically, can you use deadly force to protect your home, your property, your stuff, your livestock or your inventory?

In Tennessee, the statutes are clear that you cannot use deadly force to protect anything other than human life and then only in circumstances where there is an imminent fear of death or serious bodily injury. You can, in certain circumstances, use non-lethal force to protect property but that eliminates many options for many individuals. However, Tennessee law classifies the act of brandishing a weapon, such as a knife or firearm, as the use of "deadly force" even if you do not fire the gun, shoot the thief or cut them with a knife.

But, what about the "castle doctrine"? Does that doctrine allow the use of deadly force if the thief,

burglar, or looter is in your home or business when they are attempting to steal? No.

In Tennessee, the castle doctrine is found in Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-11-611 which is Tennessee's statute that establishes the available defenses for the use of force (an assault) against another person. It is important to understand that self-defense in Tennessee is not a "right", it is a defense to a criminal charge such as assault, assault with a deadly weapon, and/or homicide.

But what does this have to do with the castle doctrine?

In Tennessee, the castle doctrine is a set of factors that the Legislature has placed into a statute which, if these factors are established, will create a rebuttable presumption in a criminal investigation or trial that the individual is presumed to have had an imminent fear of death or serious bodily injury which would justify the use of deadly force to defend human life. But, there is no "right" of self-defense in Tennessee law – it is not a right it is a legislatively fabricated statutory affirmative defense to a criminal charge. It is not an absolute immunity from being charged or forced to defend yourself in a trial. It is an evidentiary presumption that you have to raise and that the state can negate depending on the facts.

In Tennessee, the portion of the statute that contains the castle doctrine is in Tennessee Code Annotated § 39-11-611(c) which provides: **(c) Any person using force intended or likely to cause death or serious bodily injury within a residence, business, dwelling or vehicle is presumed to have held a reasonable belief of imminent death or serious bodily injury to self, family, a member of the household or a person visiting as an invited guest, when that force is used against another person, who unlawfully**



and forcibly enters or has unlawfully and forcibly entered the residence, business, dwelling or vehicle, and the person using defensive force knew or had reason to believe that an unlawful and forcible entry occurred.

The castle doctrine, more appropriately called the Tennessee castle presumption, only applies when the individual is in certain locations – “a residence, business, dwelling or vehicle”. The terms business and dwelling are defined in the statute to include locations that the common dictionary definitions might not include.

The presumption arises only if a third party “unlawfully or forcibly” enters the protected location.

There are some additional provisions in the statute that will render the castle presumption inapplicable including whether the individual was using the location to commit a felony or a Class A misdemeanor.

Assuming that each of the statutory conditions precedent are met, the statute instructs that the person is “presumed to have held a reasonable belief of imminent death or serious bodily injury to self, family, a member of the household or a person visiting as an invited guest...” But, it is only a presumption.

The government can introduce evidence or testimony to show that the individual using deadly force actually was not in imminent fear of death or serious bodily injury. Indeed, there is at least one appellate case where the evidence that the state used to disprove the claim of self-defense was the defendant’s own statements of how the shooting occurred.

While there are numerous statutory conditions that limit when the castle doctrine applies in a self-defense circumstance, the castle doctrine has nothing to do with your ability to protect your home, business or property. The presumption only addresses whether the use of deadly force was justified to protect human life.

The castle doctrine in Tennessee therefore does not provide a basis on which an individual can use deadly force, which includes brandishing a firearm, a knife, or even a club (e.g., a baton), to dissuade a looter or to threaten a trespasser.

If you think Tennessee law should allow an individual, a family or even a business owner to protect their home, business, livestock, inventory, and stuff from thieves, burglars and/or looters then it is important for you to talk to your Legislators and ask them to change the law so that citizens can protect not only threats to their lives but so that they can also protect their property interests. You must be determined because many of them apparently are skilled at telling you “I feel your pain” and then doing something else when you are not watching.

Indeed, Tennessee’s Legislature has tied the hands of victims by forcing them to stand by without the ability to protect their homes, lands, or the property from thieves, robbers, burglars and looters. To that extent, the Republican controlled General Assembly has victimized the innocent again. These laws should be changed so that citizens, even if not in an emergency, can effectively defend themselves, their lands, their homes and their properties from those who are willing to risk their lives to engage in criminal activity.

You can help change this in Tennessee. How?

– Learn who your House and Senate members are (get their cell phone numbers, personal emails, office phone numbers, office emails, fax numbers, etc.) You can look up your House and Senate members on the Tennessee Legislature’s website based on your street address.

– Let them know that you want the law changed in 2025 to allow crime victims to protect not only their lives but also their property by using deadly force if necessary.

– Let them know that you want the law changed in 2025 to allow crime victims and others to make “citizens arrest” with the use of force, if necessary.

– Let them know that you are tired of elected officials who claim to be conservatives but who will not fix Tennessee laws to allow the full scope of protections covered by the Second Amendment’s “shall not be infringed” mandate.

– And, don’t forget, tell others that you know about this misguided problem with Tennessee law and get them involved too.

John Harris

Executive Director

Tennessee Firearms Association

SCOTUS Takes On Mexico’s Anti-Gun Agenda

The Supreme Court of the United States has granted a writ of certiorari in *Smith & Wesson Brands v. Estados Unidos Mexicanos*. The Supreme Court will determine whether foreign countries can sue American firearms companies for violence that happens outside the United States’s borders.

Mexico sued Smith & Wesson, the firearms wholesaler Interstate Arms, and six other gun companies, accusing the American businesses of aiding in the illegal arms trafficking of guns to Mexican drug cartels by looking the other way. On procedural grounds, Barrett, Beretta, Century Arms, Colt, Glock, and Ruger were removed from the lawsuit. However, the case was allowed to continue against Smith & Wesson and Interstate Arms.

The lawsuit included nine counts. Mexico alleges that the companies are aiding and abetting the gun running to Mexican narco-terrorist groups. The plaintiffs claim that the companies are unlawfully designing and marketing their products to appeal to the Mexican drug cartels.

Cartel violence has killed many civilians, police, and government officials south of the border. Drug cartels control vast swaths of land across Mexico, leading to territorial wars between different cartel groups for control of the drug and human trafficking business. Many local police have been bought and paid for by the cartels.

Mexico is seeking monetary damages estimated to be billions of dollars from the gun companies and a court order requiring the American companies to take steps to “abate and remedy the public nuisance they have created in Mexico.” They claim the violence contributes to the decline of business investments in Mexico. They also blame the gun companies for the high cost of health care and military and law enforcement services within the country. The borderline failed narco-state is putting the blame for the violence at the feet of the firearms companies.

Gun companies argue that they are protected under the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA). The PLCAA shields firearms manufacturers and distributors from liability for the criminal misuse of their products. In 2022, U.S. District Judge Dennis Saylor threw out the case against the gun companies. The judge cited that the PLCAA was designed to protect American firearms companies from lawsuits like Mexico’s. Mexico appealed the ruling to the United States First Circuit Court of Appeals. The Circuit Court reversed the District Court’s ruling, stating that Mexico had a plausible claim that Smith & Wesson and Interstate Arms “aided and abetted the knowingly unlawful downstream trafficking of their guns into Mexico.” The court stated that PLCAA does not protect companies from gross negligence, such as knowingly causing harm to the government of Mexico.

The gun companies argue that the lawsuit is about forcing companies to adopt gun control. The Defendant’s attorneys argued that this suit’s purpose is to “bully the industry into adopting a host of gun-control measures that have been repeatedly rejected by American voters.”

American anti-gun groups have been helping Mexico in their lawsuits. Many see this as another attack vector these groups use since their efforts within the United States have largely failed.

If the lawsuit succeeds, it would open the floodgates to similar lawsuits from other countries. This lawfare could drastically change the gun industry forever.

<https://www.ammoland.com/2024/10/scotus-takes-on-mexicos-anti-gun-agenda/>

About John Crump - Mr. Crump is an NRA instructor and a constitutional activist.

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November 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
ID- Indoor Range HP- High Power LR- Long Range SB- Small Bore RF- Rim Fire	S&T- Skeet & Trap SC- Sporting Clays CR- Competition Range AP- Action Pistol CH- Club House	Rev. 24.10.14			1 HP Practice Skeet 11-3, SC 1-4	2 S&T 11-3, SC 10-4 NRL22 CR/ club XTC HP IDPA 9 am AP Indoor Air League 10-12 ID ID 12-4
3 S&T 12-4, SC 1-4 ID 2-4	4 LR Practice Small Bore 7-9 ID	5 HP Practice Trap11-2 Pistol League 4 pm ID Cowboys 9 am AP ID 1-3	6 HP Practice ORSA Brd. Mtg 6:30 pm CH SB Practice 4 pm ID	7 ID 1-3 LR Practice 9-12 HP Practice 12-dusk Skeet League 4-9 pm Black Powder 11 am CR Cowboys Wild Bunch 9am AP	8 HP Practice Skeet 11-3, SC 1-4	9 CH res. 12-8 wed. reception S&T 11-3, SC 10-4 Cowboys 9:30 AP ID 12-4
10 S&T 12-4, SC 1-4 .22 VST 8 am CR ID 2-4	11 LR Practice Small Bore 7-9 ID	12 HP Practice Trap11-2 Pistol League 4 pm ID ID 1-3	13 HP Practice SB Practice 4 pm ID	14 CH res. Trout U. 12-10pm LR Practice 9-12 HP Practice 12-dusk Skeet League 4-9 pm ID 1-3	15 CH res. TU cleanup 8-12pm HP Practice Skeet 11-3, SC 1-4	16 S&T 11-3, SC 10-4 Indoor Air League 10-12 ID USPSA 10 am AP ID 12-4
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