

GOOD LETTER

Dear Legislators

First thank you for putting yourselves forward in the difficult job of writing and creating responsible legislation for all the rest of us. Not enviable when emotions and mouths are running faster than intellect and facts.

The recent news articles on the Lanza search warrant contents have demonstrated to me that the primary and overwhelming genesis of the "Sandy Hook" tragedy was a mental health disaster. There would appear to be considerable dysfunction within the Lanza family construct. A dysfunction in the child, mother, and the parent which through a series of reactions and denials (?) compounded in a terrifying conclusion.

It seems apparent to all that the mother was well aware (or should have been) of her son's serious mental challenges and difficulty facing life in a normal fashion. It would also seem that the mother took it solely as her responsibility to deal with her son's serious problem. Perhaps, in her effort to "connect" with an isolating son, she used the sport of target gun shooting as a common interest. Understandable as it might have been, it was tragically short sighted approach.

The mother was certainly not unusual in her response to a difficult, overwhelming, and socially embarrassing situation.

Of sad realization was that all the proper gun laws and good training had been observed, at least to the letter. Licenses, permits, proper handling training, gun safes, etc. had all been procured. Even the other areas such as public mental health and educational system have safeguards in place. They just were not properly applied. The gun safe was unlocked; the well documented mental instability and judgement deficiency had been ignored by the parent in control; the parental responsibility to child and society had been subverted (by fear, pride ?); etc.

There would be little reason to assert that any reason other than that the mental/societal component of this tragedy was even a close second.

All other contributing factors (gun legislation, etc.) were incidental. If a horrific mass killing (such as elementary school children) were the goal of any person like young Lanza, it would be as difficult (if not more so) to prevent or stop as the challenge of multi-centered and individual terrorism. (One should revisit the case of the "Unibomber" and how difficult it was not even to stop his carnage, but even to catch him.) Remember the multi-event "Unibomber was easier to identify than the "mass Murder" who usually ends the single event by suicide.

This unique criminal is wholly dedicated to creating a horror show by whatever means and process necessary. If we take away grenades, they will use home made bombs. Take away guns, thirty school children in China still will be slain by a knife wielding lunatic. The sad fact is that the "Sandy Hook" type of tragedy is probably the single most difficult crime event to prevent.

Like a terrorist (which these perpetrators are) one has to start way back in their planning process and development. Like a terrorist, it appears that most, if not all, of these "mass

murderers" spent many months or years planning their Moment in History. There is research, logistical planning, material acquisition, scouting and "casing" a target; a considerable activity precedes the event.

The Aurora Colorado killer raised official red flags twice, reported to authorities by a psychiatrist and a gun club operator. There was opportunity at each point to interdict his tragic event. This is just like the lack of reporting, sharing, and ignorance between our public safety departments before 9/11. No different. And the solution, being proved effective there, is the same required to prevent mass murders. [By the way, "mass murder" is a misleading term for what is a psychotic rampage, not a St. Valentines Day Massacre.)

For these Psychotic Rampages, the single target for remedy and prevention is a mental health approach. Or at least through the application of mental health profession and industry. All other remedies will fail miserably without this keystone approach. Sadly, not only will they fail their objective, but they will make the good, innocent, and responsible citizen sacrifice for the failure, to no advantage for anyone.

Please use all your talent, skills and persuasion to gain this understanding in your many well intentioned, but distracted fellow legislators.

Should you want to contact you Federal and State legislators, I suggest the following:

1. Click on this link: <http://www.ruger.com/micros/advocacy/#>

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If you already receive this information elsewhere or don't want to get these emails please reply and I'll take you off the list. You won't hurt my feelings.

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