

A compromise would be requiring stricter licensing for extreme weaponry, similar to what is required to qualify for a concealed weapon permit. A negative background check doesn't catch the odd one-timer. Such person could be stopped by not being able to find references to qualify for ownership.

Further, why not require owners to carry liability insurance? Or require those who agree to provide references for a prospective gun owner to agree to indemnify anyone harmed up to a sum certain, similar to how one filing suit must notice a person responsible for costs.

Best wishes,  
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