

## WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 26 DEATHS IN NEWTOWN?

Dear Senators and Representatives,

Who is responsible for the 26 horrific deaths at Sandy Hook Elementary School on December 14, 2012?

Was it a misguided mother who taught her mentally unstable son how to shoot pistols and rifles starting at age 9?  
Was it a careless mother who, as far as we know, somehow left unlocked several of her own guns lying around her house within reach of her unstable now-20 year old son?

Was it a distraught mother who, knowing her son needed psychological help, left evidence of her intention to have him committed where her unstable son could see that she was about to sign him over to a conservator? Was it an unstable, mentally ill 20-yr old confused young man who stole guns and shot his own mother 4 times in her face with depraved indifference?

Was it a crazed 20-year-old monster who, now armed with illegally obtained guns, deliberately drove to a school to commit multiple murder for no known reason?

*These are the two people with whom the responsibility for these 26 deaths lies.*

The responsibility does not lie with Connecticut's law-abiding responsible patriot gun owners. The responsibility does not lie with Connecticut's valid gun permit holders.

The responsibility does not lie with Connecticut's safe hunters or avid gun collectors. The responsibility does not lie with retired police officers. The responsibility does not lie with armed forces veterans.

The responsibility does not lie with the law-abiding members of the National Rifle Association or the Gun Owners of America or The Second Amendment Foundation or the Connecticut Citizens Defense League.

Yet, currently proposed legislation is aimed at all of the above who are NOT responsible in order to punish them for the acts of a lone madman caused by the failure of the mental health system and a misguided, careless parent that led to the deaths of 26 innocent souls in the most heinous crime in Connecticut history.

We ask that you not let your anger at the killer, or his mother for being so careless, or your emotional reaction at the horrible loss of 26 angels cause you to punish the thousands of law-abiding citizens of this state by trampling on our civil rights guaranteed under the Constitution and especially the 2nd Amendment. We ask you to think about this with reason and without the deep emotion that we all share, and come to the conclusion that the patriots in Connecticut that possess the legal right to keep and bear arms be afforded those rights guaranteed under the Bill of Rights and the Connecticut state constitution. As a final reminder I want to state I'm opposed to any new guns, ammunitions or magazine capabilities legislation. **Enforce the laws we now have!!!**

*The Second Amendment of the Bill of Rights: "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."*

*The Constitution of the state of Connecticut, Section 15: "Every citizen has a right to bear arms in defense of himself and the state."*

*"Those who hammer their guns into plows will plow for those who do not." - Thomas Jefferson*

*"You won't get gun control by disarming law-abiding citizens. There's only one way to get real gun control: Disarm the thugs and the criminals, lock them up, and if you don't actually throw away the key, at least lose it for a long time... It's a nasty truth, but those who seek to inflict harm are not fazed by gun controllers. I happen to know this from personal experience." - Ronald Reagan, 1983*

*Respectively*

*Stephen J. Kennedy*

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