

To Whom It May Concern:

These are my recommendations to reduce gun violence in Connecticut

1. Comprehensive background checks of anyone buying any type of handgun, rifle, semi-automatic or shotgun. This applies to all licensed gun dealers, person to person sales, gun show sales, internet and mail order sales. Failure of the seller to conduct a comprehensive background check will result in permanent revocation of the gun sellers license and a one (1) year minimum jail. The jail term cannot be waived and must be served in full.
2. All handguns, rifles, semi-automatic weapons and shotguns must be registered.
3. Owners of multiple handguns, rifles, semi-automatic weapons and shotguns must own a gun safe or safes capable of storing all owned weapons.
4. Owners must conduct a monthly inventory of all owned weapons and submit an inventory report to the local law enforcement agency.
5. Owners who fail to notify the local and state law enforcement agencies of a stolen weapon and that weapon is used in the commission of a crime will lose their gun permits and shall be required to surrender all weapons to the local law enforcement agency for a minimum of six (6) months. The owner will have to re-apply for a gun permit and will have to provide adequate proof that he or she has purchased an adequate number of gun safes for all the weapons previously surrendered.
6. Any person who, in the commission of a crime, intimates to the victim that he or she has a weapon (handgun, rifle, shot gun, semi-automatic weapon, knife, bomb, etc.), and is convicted in a court of law, shall serve a minimum of one (1) year for making the threat. The charge cannot be pleaded away and the sentence shall be served in full.
7. Any person who uses a weapon (handgun, rifle, shot gun, semi-automatic weapon, knife, bomb, etc.), in the commission of a crime, and is convicted in a court of law, shall serve a minimum of three (3) years for use of a weapon. The charge cannot be pleaded away and the sentence shall be served in full.
8. Any person who serving probation and is arrested with a weapon in his or her possession, shall have his or her probation revoked and shall serve the remainder of his or her probation time or five (5) years, which ever is longer. The possession charge cannot be pleaded away and the prison term shall be served in full.
9. Any convicted felon who is arrested with a weapon in his or her possession, upon conviction, shall be sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. The weapons possession charge cannot be pleaded away.

Sincerely,

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