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Thank you to the Memphis Safe Task Force and National Guard!

SAF Director of Legal Research & Education says,

“The right to carry should not end at state lines.”

From The Outdoor Wire

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Constitutional rights are seen as national in their application. For example, I can publish this article just as freely in California as I can in Texas, because the First Amendment protects free speech on a national level.

So why is it then, that same national protection doesn't apply to the Second Amendment? What

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state you live in dramatically affects the scope of your rights as it relates to the Second Amendment. For example, California does not recognize the carry permits of any other state, and it did not even offer a legal way for residents of other states to carry firearms when visiting California until last year when SAF secured a preliminary injunction against the state. In a case SAF and its partners filed against the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, the court ruled that the state must now allow nonresidents to apply for California carry permits for the first time in the state's modern history. And in a rare instance



of accepting reality, the California legislature passed a bill to essentially write our preliminary injunction terms into law. New York agreed to do the same as part of a settlement, allowing residents from other states to apply for New York carry permits. Hawaii continues to refuse to allow non-residents any avenue to exercise the right to carry, but we expect that to change soon. Beyond those examples, some states like Oregon and Illinois only issue carry permits to nonresidents from certain states, but not all states. That, too, is likely to be defeated in the coming years. While better than nothing, issuing carry permits to nonresidents is far from adequate. For example, a California carry permit requires hundreds of dollars in fees, a police interview, a 16-hour training course, fingerprinting and sometimes even a psychological exam. The process usually takes several months to complete. Thus, someone visiting the state for an impromptu trip still has their right to carry denied unless they started the process long before they traveled into the state.

A dramatic example of the dangerous legal situations that arise when concealed carry isn't recognized uniformly from state to state happened back in 2022. Lloyd Muldrow, a Marine veteran and self-defense instructor, stopped an attack by an armed assailant in a Baltimore bar. For his heroism, he would later receive the Carnegie Medal, which recognizes those who perform extraordinary acts of heroism in civilian life. But before that recognition, he suffered the humiliation of arrest and prosecution solely because he carried a firearm in Maryland while having only a permit issued by Virginia — one that Maryland refuses to honor. As the Washington Times reported, “police thanked him — and then they arrested him.” Mr. Muldrow would eventually receive probation for his “crime.” This is absolutely unacceptable. What's needed, and what SAF continues to fight for — short of national constitutional carry — is reciprocity. The premise is simple: states must honor carry permits issued by other states. That's why SAF recently filed an ami-

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cus brief in Gardner v. Maryland urging the Supreme Court to intervene on the issue of carry permit reciprocity. The brief looked at the historical tradition of laws prior to 1900 that exempted travelers from local concealed carry restrictions, arguing that this supports the constitutional case for reciprocity.

As we concluded in that brief, “[a] general right to publicly carry arms for self-defense cannot coexist with each state having the option to require visitors from other states to undergo a costly and time-consuming permit process to exercise that right.”

Having a permit issued by one state should be more than enough. The Second Amendment states clearly that the right to bear arms shall not be infringed and requiring a permission slip from the government in each state you visit would never have been tolerated by our Founders.

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Guns.com and Smith & Wesson join forces to support SAF's legal efforts

Guns.com and Smith & Wesson have teamed up to launch a special auction benefitting the Second Amendment Foundation's (SAF) critical work to defend, secure and restore the Second Amendment rights of Americans across the country. The collaborative auction begins today. "Guns.com is proud to partner with Smith & Wesson on this benefit auction to support the Second Amendment Foundation," said Guns.com Brand Manager David Conlan. "SAF is a proven and trusted partner in defending, restoring, and expanding our Second Amendment rights. We are thankful for their

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A Report from Memphis Safe Task Force (MSTF)

Memphis Safe Task Force brings in 2024 murder suspect and person of interest among 48 arrests

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 6, 2026 – The Memphis Safe Task Force on Thursday (March 5) executed 48 criminal arrests, including one juvenile, and recovered eight illegal firearms.

Of note:

Mario T. Pree, 20, was arrested in the 500 block of Western Park Drive on a warrant for first-degree murder, especially aggravated robbery and theft of property (\$10,000-\$20,000) stemming from an April 2024 murder in the 2800 block of Summit Arbors Circle near Covington Pike. The U.S. Marshals had

been looking for Pree since May 2, 2024. This arrest by the USMS, MPD Fugitive Apprehension Team, Shelby County Sheriff's Office Fugitive Apprehension Team and SCSO K9 Riko led to the recovery of a .22-caliber rifle and a 5.56 mm pistol.

Marcus Ross, 40, was arrested in the 3800 block of Goodman Road for assault on a police officer and evading. Ross is alleged to have struck the officer with his vehicle, causing the officer to be dragged. Ross then fled into a wooded area where he was ultimately arrested.

Alishon Torres, 18, was arrested in the 6200 block of Holmes Road for first-degree murder after being interviewed as a person of interest in a Feb. 26 homicide in the 4200 block of Willowview Avenue. This arrest led to the recovery of a .40-caliber handgun with a defaced serial number.

Ongoing manhunt: The MSTF is asking the public's help and offering a reward of up to \$30,000 for information leading to the capture of a man suspected of shooting a Memphis Police Department officer Feb. 27 during a traffic stop.

Danell Maxwell, 40, of Memphis, is wanted for attempted first-degree murder, aggravated assault, and employment of a firearm during the commission of a dangerous felony, per an arrest warrant issued Feb. 28. **He was added to the Tennessee Most Wanted list the same day.** Maxwell is Black, stands 5 feet 10 inches and weighs approximately 180 pounds. He has brown eyes and black hair. He was last seen wearing dark clothing and an orange and green reflective vest. He should be considered armed and dangerous. Since the launch of the Memphis Safe Task Force initiative, of-

ficers have made 6,849 arrests, including 39 for homicide, 756 for controlled substances, 584 for firearms violations, and 91 for sex offenses. Of those arrested, 193 have been juveniles. The task force has seized 1,117 illegal firearms. These enforcement actions reflect a sustained commitment to reducing violent crime and removing dangerous weapons from Memphis neighborhoods.

Begun in September 2025, the MSTF is a multi-agency initiative to combat violent crime in Memphis. Composed of federal, state, and local law enforcement, as well as the Tennessee National Guard, the task force is focused on arresting violent criminals, clearing warrants, seizing firearms, and locating missing chil-

The exclusive collaboration offers a one-of-a-kind Smith & Wesson collector's edition 1854 rifle and Model 29 revolver set with proceeds benefitting SAF's legal initiatives. Hosted through Guns.com's new Auctions platform, the auction starts today and ends on March 23.

"Smith & Wesson is proud to partner with Guns.com and the Second Amendment Foundation for this auction, supporting an essential mission," said Smith & Wesson Vice President of Marketing Kyle Tengwall. "Our mutual commitment to safeguarding the Second Amendment rights of Americans drives this collaboration, and we greatly appreciate SAF's significant contributions through education and legal advocacy."

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