



City of Las Vegas

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Councilman, Ward 2

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Douglas C. Gillespie
Sheriff
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department
400 S. Martin L. King Blvd.
Las Vegas, Nevada 89106-4372

RE: Handgun registration

Dear Sheriff Gillespie,

The recent editorial in the Review-Journal, correspondence between you and County Commissioner Collins, and questions from constituents have increased my interest in Metro's firearms registration database. Specifically, I am concerned that the program's cost exceeds any benefits it produces for our citizens.

Could you please respond to the following specific questions?

- Does the database contain information back to 1973?
- Has data ever been purged from the system?
- If so, when did that purging occur?
- Can an individual remove the data that he/she submitted?
- How can data be removed? Is a court order necessary?
- Are there training materials or policy/procedure directives related to the Firearms Registration Unit that are available for review?
- Have either the county or city ever audited the program?
- Has the program ever been subjected to internal management review? If so, is that information available?
- How can the database be searched?
- Is the information available on a 24/7/365 basis?
- If a rifle or shotgun is reported stolen, to which database is the information entered?
- If a handgun is stolen, to which database is that information entered?
- As opposed to the total number of recorded registrations, how many individual handguns are registered?

- What percentage of your registrations reflect the current owner and location of the handgun?
- Assume that Mr. Smith, who resided at 123 Main Street, purchased handgun X in 1981 and registered it with your department. Assume that, tomorrow, one of your patrol units is dispatched to a call at 123 Main Street. Will that unit be informed that handgun X is registered there?
- Assume that handgun X has been resold ten times (and properly registered in each case), will the patrol unit still be told that handgun X is registered at 123 Main Street?
- Is there a duty for a handgun owner to inform your office when he/she move out of Clark County?
- Have you had citizen complaints about the operation of the program?
- Is there a duty for a handgun owner to inform your office if he/she moves out of Clark County?

From your correspondence with Commissioner Collins, it appears that Metro has never set performance measures for this program, so some of my questions may not be answerable. I appreciate whatever information your office can add.

Thanks for your attention to this,



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