



## **Delana v. Odessa Gun & Pawn - Brady Victory!**

Colby Delana suffered from paranoid schizophrenia and depression throughout her adult life. Her mother, knowing that Colby was about to receive a disability check from Social Security and might do something dangerous with it, called local gun store Odessa Gun & Pawn and begged them not to sell a gun to her. Despite this, they sold a gun to Colby, who shot and killed her father an hour later.

Brady represented Janet Delana in court and helped her obtain a settlement for \$2.2 million in November 2016. The victory sends a message to “bad apple” gun dealers that they’re not going to get away with irresponsible and/or illegal practices that put guns in the hands of dangerous people. Moreover, as part of this case, the Missouri Supreme Court held that gun dealers across that state can be held accountable to victims if they sell a gun to someone who they know, or have reason to know, poses a risk of danger to herself or others. Other victims have filed lawsuits in Missouri following that state’s Supreme Court decision.

## **Senior ATF Officer proposes looser regulation of gun dealers in secret white paper**

The second-highest-ranking official at the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives wrote a proposal to reduce gun regulations, including examining a possible end to the ban on importing assault weapons into the United States.

The 11-page “white paper” by the associate deputy director and chief operating officer of the ATF calls for removing restrictions on the sale of gun silencers, weakening reporting obligations for gun dealers that are selling a disproportionate number of guns used in crimes and considering a study on lifting the ban on imported assault weapons.

At the Brady Center, we are concerned that ATF wants to reduce regulations on gun dealers. Its mission is to protect communities from violent criminals, criminal organizations, the illegal use and trafficking of firearms, and other dangers related to alcohol, tobacco, firearms, and explosives. We call upon ATF to do its job.

**[Senior ATF official proposes loosening gun regulations](#)**

**[Read the white paper on firearms regulations](#)**



## Massachusetts goes after gun dealer Gun Parlor for illegal conduct

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey hit Worcester gun store Gun Parlor with a fine up to \$35,000 after an investigation revealed that the dealer was selling handguns without a required load indicator or magazine safety disconnect, as required by Massachusetts state law. The dealer was also cited for selling guns that are not on the state's approved handgun roster, failing to give legally required warnings to customers, selling handguns with barrels shorter than three inches without providing legally required information to customers, and engaging in other illegal practices. Gun Parlor agreed to pay the fine.

"In Massachusetts, we rely on gun dealers to help ensure responsible gun ownership and use by following the law," a press release from Healey's office said. "Today's agreement requires this Worcester gun dealer to come into compliance with our firearm safety laws and regulations, and do its part to prevent access to unsafe and illegal weapons in our communities." The Brady Center applauds Attorney General Healey for her work to keep the public safe from irresponsible gun dealers.

**[Attorney General reveals violations at Worcester's The Gun Parlor](#)**

## Georgia man gets 15 years in prison for making and selling illegal machine guns

David J. Gould, a firearms dealer based in Georgia, received a sentence of 15 years in prison for manufacturing and selling machine guns to undercover law enforcement agents. The agents were posing as militia members who wanted to overthrow the U.S. government. The guns did not have serial numbers and would have likely been untraceable by conventional means had they reached the open market.

**[Man get 15 years for making illegal machine guns, selling them in Brunswick, Savannah](#)**

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