

# CCW in Marin County, California: Government Employees Win 3 to 1.

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This is to be the first in a series of exhaustive looks at the illegal and unscrupulous CCW practices of specific counties in California. Ironically, Marin County is first — compared to many other counties, they're actually pretty good; others are fighting the Public Records Act Requests tooth and nail.

Still, what we have here in Marin County are entrenched patterns of due process violation, abuse of equal protection under the law, and careless disregard for the plain text of California's CCW statutes. Some of the abuses you are about to review clearly violate Federal and state law and are blatant enough to warrant the immediate attention of a Federal Grand Jury.

It is recommended that you read this report from start to finish on your first reading. Thereafter, the bulleted links in this section will take you quickly to the sections below.

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## Section 1: Intro To California CCW Law

In California, access to CCW ("Carry Concealed Weapons") permits are "discretionary" on the part of your county's Sheriff, or your PD Chief as a "second option," if you live inside a town's boundaries. The actual CCW issuance process is contained in Penal Code 12050-12054, online here: <http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/thelaw.html>

There have been a number of court cases brought by people who've been illegally denied equal access to CCW. A few key, binding court decisions have resulted, so far.

## **Salute vs. Pitchess** **Refusing Good Cause is Abusive.**

The first was Salute vs. Pitchess 61 Cal. App. 3d 557 (1976) – <http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/salute.html> - in which a California appellate court absolutely condemned the practice of restricting CCW to government employees. In the brief, two-page ruling, the court found that

"It is the duty of the sheriff to make such an investigation and determination, on an individual basis, on every application under section 12050"

and found that

"to refuse to consider the existence of good cause on the part of citizens generally and is an abuse of, and not an exercise of, discretion".

As you will see, Marin leans toward "an abuse of" — as an obvious pattern.

## **Guillory vs. Gates** **Equal Protection is Required.**

The Federal 9th Circuit found in Guillory vs. Gates 731 F.2d 1379 (1984) - <http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/guillory.html> - that CCW issuance was subject to scrutiny on the basis of Federal equal protection law, and that people underneath the rank of the actual "top cop" who supported their boss's discrimination could be sued for aiding in the problems.

## **People vs. Rappard** **Racial Discrimination is Prohibited.**

California's CCW system was created in 1923, as part of a larger set of firearms restrictions, the rest of which were primarily aimed at alien residents. In People vs. Rappard, 28 Cal.App.3d 302 (Calif. Appellate Court, 1972), - <http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/rappard.txt> - the restrictions on alien resident access to arms was gutted as unconstitutional and racist and in due course, the clause in the CCW penal codes restricting CCW to citizens was stripped.

## **CBS vs. Block** **Public Access to Data Must Be Granted.**

CCW records are subject to public review per the California Supreme Court in CBS vs. Block 230 Cal. Rptr. 362 (1986) - <http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/cbsvblock.html> - wherein the court noted the extreme level of "unfettered discretion" given to law enforcement and made the records public specifically to allow scrutiny of various forms of abuse, including corruption and equal protection violations. This report is a direct result of that court decision — we are scrutinizing, finding various forms of abuse, and we have confirmed the court's worst fears.

## **The Importance of These Cases**

We've established a racist history behind this whole concept of discriminatory issuance of concealed carry permits, yet there's a citizen-only clause in the Marin County Sheriff's policy manual that's illegal. And in Marin County, not only have we discovered that government employees receive preferential treatment in getting a CCW permit, we've also discovered that equal access to CCW by residents is denied for the same "good cause" reasons cited by government employees, as well. As for the "public review" case cited above, the next phase of exposing California's many CCW abuses

involves suing the people who are refusing to release the data that will help us correct these problems.

## Section 2: Methodology of Jim March's Investigative Groundwork

A "Public Records Act Request" was filed in Marin County to collect the data used in this report. Also known as a PRAR, this is California's version of the better-known Federal Freedom Of Information Act. California's PRAR law is patterned after the FOIA, and official requests for information are generally constructed in the same manner.

The text of the request used can be viewed here:  
<http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/superprar.html> - (Use these in any way you can to conduct similar "Information Collection" expeditions.)

Various Marin County RKBA activists were interviewed for this report, including Mr. Michael Harper, whose "good cause" for CCW was denied and whose assistance was invaluable. Mr. Harper's highly instructive situation and mistreatment are covered below — with his blessing and his pre-release review of this report.

## Section 3: Marin's Policies

The first of several documents herein presented as evidence of Marin County, California's abusive and illegal policies regarding CCW permits is *Marin County Sheriff's Department's Concealed Weapon Permit Policy*. (Click [http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/marin/m150-policy1\\_sm.gif](http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/marin/m150-policy1_sm.gif) to view a scanned image of the actual page transcribed below, taken from Chapter 1, Page 1 of the Administrative Policy & Procedure Manual.) Below is a transcription of the exact text of Page 1 of the Marin County Sheriff's CCW Policy:

<b>MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY &amp; PROCEDURE MANUAL</b>	
<b>CHAPTER - 01 - Administration</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>ADM - 01-01</b>	<b>8/2/00</b>
<b>Page 1 of 4</b>	<b>Rev. 7/6/99</b>
<hr/> <b>CONCEALED WEAPON PERMIT</b> <hr/>	
<b>POLICY</b>	
<p>The Sheriff of Marin County may issue a permit to carry a concealed weapon pursuant to Penal Code section 12050(a)(1). The Sheriff is not required to issue a concealed weapon permit nor does the applicant have a right to such a permit. California law has established criteria to be examined prior to the Sheriff issuing a concealed weapon's permit.</p>	
<p>The Sheriff of Marin County may issue a concealed weapon's permit to residents of Marin County and with some restriction, business owners in Marin County. Upon proof from the person applying for a concealed weapon that he/she is of good moral character, that good cause exists for the issuance, and that the person applying is a resident of the Marin</p>	

firearm capable of being concealed upon the person. Notwithstanding this provision and by agreement with the Marin County Police Chiefs' Association, it is preferred that each Chief of Police be the issuing entity for his/her jurisdiction.

The Sheriff's Department's responsibility to the public's safety dictates that good cause and compelling criteria be established prior to the Sheriff considering the issuance of a permit to carry a concealed weapon. Personal convenience, personal protection, position or job classification alone will not constitute good cause for the issuance of a permit. Upon the issuance of a permit there may be any reasonable restrictions or conditions that the Sheriff deems warranted, including restrictions as to time, place, manner and circumstances under which a person may carry a concealed weapon.

### **CRITERIA FOR APPROVAL OR DENIAL**

The Sheriff may consider issuing a CCW permit to retired local or Federal law enforcement personnel or to U.S. citizens who can articulate a specific, compelling, and overwhelming need which can be verified.

The Sheriff will not issue CCW permits to any individual falling under Penal Code sections 12021, 12021.1, or Welfare and Institution Code section 8103. The following factors shall be considered as to why CCW permits would not be issued to an individual:

- the applicant does not reside in the County of Marin (see business exception below)
- the applicant is not a citizen of the United States
- the applicant has a criminal history such as substance or alcohol abuse
- the applicant has dishonorable discharge from military service
- the applicant has a history of mental illness
- the applicant was previously denied a license to carry a concealed weapon
- the applicant has had a concealed weapon's permit revoked
- the applicant has a history of violence or unstable personality
- the applicant is physically unable to handle or qualify in handling the weapon or
- if the applicant lies in any portion of the background.

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First paragraph, note that California has already gone on record — Gov. Davis and AG Lockyer — as saying there is no individual right to keep and bear arms. Now the Sheriff is telling us that even if we jump through their hoops, we do not have a right to a permit. He is telling us it's a privilege, and that he is the Lord of Privileges. Who he deems worthy of this "privilege" indicates a pattern within Marin County Sheriff's Office that deserves legal reprimand.

Marin County Sheriff  
Robert T. Doyle



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Communities"

Second paragraph, starting with the sentence "Notwithstanding this provision...", what we have is collusion between the Police Chiefs in the county against residents of incorporated towns. First, this is conspiracy to violate equal protection. Second, it's a case of "legislation by cop", which they have no right to even contemplate — as the Sheriff freely admits, this is not a type of discrimination specified in the permit laws. Third, it's NOT applied equally, as you'll see.

Third paragraph, we learn that "personal protection, personal convenience, position or job classification alone" will not ensure CCW. What that **really** means is that the Sheriff refuses to see equal protection as a factor in how he applies his power. Despite how anybody else has been treated, he reserves the right to issue to anybody regardless of their circumstances — because every single CCW application is going to fall into one of those categories.

Under the various "criteria", two stand out as illegal:

- The citizenship requirement is not listed anywhere in Penal Codes 12050-54 — last time we checked, Sheriff Doyle wasn't a legislator. He's a law enforcement officer whose job is to uphold the constitutional rights of people in his jurisdiction — not to invent new criteria by which he can arbitrarily deny equal access to the right to self-defense. (See also *People vs. Rappard*.)
- The statement that "anyone previously denied" is unqualified is a horrendous insult. First, it means that per the Sheriff's policies, anyone who first tries to apply with a PD Chief and gets inevitably denied cannot then apply with the Sheriff. Most of the towns issue no permits at all (except for some PD reserves...which is illegal per *Salute vs. Pitchess*). So the Sheriff ends up supporting illegality among the towns — even if the original denial was in itself without merit, he uses it to further deny equal access under the law.

Pages 2 through 4 of the policy manual contain no significant problems, at least not where the Sheriff's handling of CCW is concerned. Those interested can view all four pages of the policy manual linked here:

[http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/marin/m150-policy1\\_sm.gif](http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/marin/m150-policy1_sm.gif) - page 1

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The biggest shock is that he actually got the fee structure right — that's highly unusual among urban California counties.

## Section 4: Equal Protection, And How Marin Mocks It

### WHO GETS A PERMIT?

We're going to do something controversial here. We're going to show you a database printout of all permit holders, including (in some cases) a summary of their "good cause", accurate as of June

25th, 2001. We take this fairly extreme step because as the Michael Harper case and other evidence show, it's highly unlikely that any of this Sheriff's permit holders are "regular folks."

**Roster of Approved & Denied Permits in Marin County, California (1996-2001):**

Requested CCW Data For The Last Five Years

LEGAL NAME	DATE OF APP.	Denied Issued Renewed	GOOD CAUSE DETAILS	CITY OF RESIDENCE
Alberigi, Robert Craig	11/11/96	Renewed 1/6/00	Threats on life by arrestees and fellow officers	Retired Police Officer
Aleshire, Terry Kent	1/03/01	Renewed 2/25/01	Private Investigator - Surveillance work for Criminal Defense Attorneys on Narcotic, DUI, Bank Robbery and Workman's Comp cases	Point Reyes Station
Beecher, Hugh	4/11/97	Denied 5/22/97	Investment Banker - Transports large amounts of monies and securities.	Woodacre
Bertrand, Thomas	7/13/99	Renewed 9/1/99 Withdrew app. To renew	Private & City Attorney Threats to life and family members by Suspected Murderer	City Attorney
Brass, Anthony J.	11/27/00	Issued 1/22/01	Employment concern threatened/retaliation by Gang Members	Deputy D.A.
Brousseau, Roch	6/10/97	Denied 6/13/97	Executive Protection - Did not reside in Marin County	Mill Valley
Cacciatore, Charles	8/6/96	Did not complete process	Life threatened	Deputy DA
Camera, Paul G.	6/00/99 By Phone	Did not complete process	Private Attorney - Life threatened by convicted spouse of client	Kentfield
Carroll, Jon A.	3/00/98	Denied 3/30/98	Construction Contractor threatened by client civil action	Forrest Knolls
Collins, Carter	8/23/99	Renewed 12/1/99	Coin & Jewelry Business- Carries gold bullion to and from coin shows every week	Mill Valley
Coyle, Dan	2/17/99	Renewed 4/2/99	Restaurant owner Commutes on public transportation early morning hours concerned for safety	Mill Valley

LEGAL NAME	DATE OF APP.	Denied Issued Renewed	GOOD CAUSE DETAILS	CITY OF RESIDENCE
Deatrick, Charles	12/18/99	Renewed 3/19/01	PC 12027i	Retired Federal Agent
DeScala, Elizabeth	1/22/99	Did not complete renewal process	Firearms Business in San Francisco for security when leaving business at night. Carries large amounts of monies, handguns & ammo.	San Anselmo
Figone, Lewis	12/29/99	Issued 7/7/00	Works in a low class neighborhood. Deposits large sums of cash four times a week. Life threatened by former employee.	San Rafael
Flageollett, Jim	3/12/01	Did Not Complete Process	Applicant forwarded information but did not return application	County Counsel
Frugoli, Lori E.	1/3/00	Renewal Did not complete process	Threats to life in connection with past and current employment.	Deputy D.A.
Gleba, Edward	2/4/98	Issued 10/5/98	PC 12027i	Retired Federal Agent
Goldstein, Michael Joel	4/29/97	Denied 9/9/97	Applied to test his right to bear arms. No compelling reason.	San Rafael
Graham, John Stephen	10/2/98	Issued 10/8/98	Security concerns relating to present and past employment	Superior Ct. Judge
Harper, Michael	5/6/99	Denied	Did not reside in Sheriff's jurisdiction.	San Anselmo
Harris, David L.	3/27/00	Issued 9/22/00	Transports valuable gems	Mill Valley
Herman, Jerry	10/96	Did Not Renew	Threats relating to employment	D.A.
Hicks, John David	2/3/99	Renewed 3/10/99	Licensed PI, does Executive Protection for high profile clients, also transports cash during early morning hours.	Tiburon
Hopp, Richard	10/26/96	Denied 10/30/96	Did not reside in Marin County	Van Nuys

LEGAL NAME	DATE OF APP.	Denied Issued Renewed	GOOD CAUSE DETAILS	CITY OF RESIDENCE
Hyams, Milton	1/17/97	Did not Renew	Security concern related to employment	Deputy D.A.
Immendorf, Jack	10/10/97	Denied	Did not reside in Marin Co.	San Francisco
Jacobs, Michael	3/2/98	Did not renew	Threats to life by former employee	Admin. Judge
Kamena, Mark	2/26/01	Issued 4/18/01	He and his wife have received death threats due to her employment.	Former Peace Officer
Kamena, Paula	2/22/01	Issued 4/13/01	Received death threats due to employment.	D.A.
Keith, Richard	2/6/98	Issued 12/1/98 Did not renew	Carries large amounts of monies	San Anselmo
Laughton, Steven C.	7/7/00	Did not complete process	Concerned about personal security due to discovery of "bug" in office	Mill Valley
Leon, Teresa	8/6/96	Did not complete process	Threats to life in relation to employment	Deputy D.A.
La Rosa, Gianni	4/10/01	Issued 5/10/01	Personal protection for clients. Works for SF Housing Authority in dangerous areas	Novato
Mendez, Gus	5/00	Did not complete process	Retired from law enforcement in Florida and wanted permit for California	Tiburon
Moke, Douglas	9/1/98	Issued 2/17/99	PC 12027i	Retired Fed. Agent
Molloy, Gregory R.	3/20/01	In renewal process	Private Security Business, which transport large amounts of securities from Arizona to San Francisco. Also does security protection for private and federal concerns	Reserve Peace Officer
Murphy, Matt	8/21/97	Issued 11/24/97 Not Renewed	Employment position required CCW. When assignment ended permit recalled	Probation Officer

LEGAL NAME	DATE OF APP.	Denied Issued Renewed	GOOD CAUSE DETAILS	CITY OF RESIDENCE
O'Haire, Kelly	12/15/99	Issued 5/15/00	Numerous threats to life.	Deputy D.A.
O'Hara, Brian	12/6/00	Pending	Concerned for safety from a threat made three years ago.	Novato
Newhall, W. Scott	7/19/96	Denied 9/23/96	Desired to feel safe when traveling throughout the State.	Tiburon
Nolan, Robert	6/14/00	Did not Complete Process	Carries large amounts of cash and fears for personal safety	San Anselmo
Ramsey, Matthew	11/15/00	Denied 11/27/00	Did not reside in Sheriff's Jurisdiction	Law enforcement volunteer
Ravani, Ron	1/9/98	Renewed 2/6/98	Threats to life related to employment	Deputy D.A.
Rindberg, Albert	10/17/96	Denied 11/21/96	Feared for safety from incident with tenant.	Mill Valley
Rose, Stacey	2/5/01	Did not complete process	Concern for safety, life threatened by drug dealers	Petaluma
Ryder, Jack	5/19/99	Renewed 9/28/99	Threats to life in connection with employment	Deputy D.A.
Scott, Brian Dean	12/15/97	Withdrew request 12/21/98	Employed as executive protection specialist. Previous permit issued by Santa Rosa PD. Move to Marin necessitated request.	Mill Valley
Shaffer, Martin	12/15/97	Issued 8/5/98 Did not renew	Self protection related to employment. Life threatened by patient	San Rafael
Shanahan, Michael	1/09/00	Denied 2/15/00	Working in Corrections, but no actual or potential threats against safety outside of jail	Novato
Shannon, Donald T.	3/15/99	Expired 4/29/01	Subject of threats resulting from criminal investigations of gang related activity relative to employment	Fairfax
Smith, Joe	7/29/99	Renewal Pending	Gun dealer, living in remote area.	Marshall

LEGAL NAME	DATE OF APP.	Denied Issued Renewed	GOOD CAUSE DETAILS	CITY OF RESIDENCE
Stack, Robert	11/18/9	Did not complete process	Self protection related to employment	San Anselmo
Stuhltrager, Frank John	6/9/99	Issued 10/4/99	Employed as Corporate Security Required for Employment	Former Peace Officer
Thomas, Gary	1/14/98	Did not Renew	Safety concern related to employment.	Superior Ct. Judge retired
Thomas, Joshua	8/23/99	Renewed 11/22/99	Treat to life while a prosecuting attorney still continues today	Former Deputy D.A.
Vinson, George	12/7/98	Issued 3/30/99 Did not renew	PC 12027i	Retired Fed. Agent
Webb, Patrick	4/26/99	7/16/99	PC 12027i	Retired Fed. Agent
Whaley, James D.	1/29/98	Did not Complete Process	PC 12027i	Retired Fed. Agent
Whitney, Will	6/26/96	Denied 8/9/96	Self-protection while making large deposits of money at bank	Olema
Wirth, Robert	3/16/97	Denied 5/22/97	To protect wife while doing business in dangerous areas of the Bay Area	Mill Valley
Witong, Linda	8/6/98	Did not complete process	Threats made in relation to employment	Deputy D.A.
Zigounakis, George M	7/17/00	Did not complete process	Received extortion letter.	Inverness

As you read these pages carefully, notice the following:

- 1) Of the 28 people who were either issued a permit at one time or had a permit renewed, 21 of them are former or current government employees. (75% — a 3 to 1 ratio)

2) Having your life threatened is a good enough reason to get a CCW permit in Marin County if you're a City Attorney, but not quite good enough if you're a Construction Contractor.

3) Being in fear for your safety from retaliation by people you come into contact with in your line of work is a good enough reason to get a CCW permit in Marin County if you are a Deputy D.A., a Superior Court Judge, an Administrative Judge, a Housing Authority employee, or a doctor — but not if you're just a "lowly citizen" like Albert Rindberg or Robert Wirth.

As you go through the printout, notice also how lots of people DO score permits from the incorporated towns of San Rafael, Mill Valley and even San Anselmo — even though the Sheriff stated that his agreement with the Police Chiefs was that they be the ones to issue permits in the incorporated areas. The Sheriff can send a "let's refuse this guy" applicant to the Chief to create a "previous refusal" once the Chief turns him down — but he can hand out permits to his buddies and fellow government employees, even in the Chiefs' jurisdictions, too.

Then compare the case of Richard Keith (Page 3) with that of Michael Harper (Page 2). Both lived in San Anselmo. Richard Keith was issued a permit, but Mr. Harper's application was denied. The reason given: "Did not reside in Sheriff's jurisdiction." (Is San Anselmo in San Anselmo?) At that time, permits were issued yearly (it's now every two years), so when Michael Harper's San Anselmo application was denied on 5/6/99 — based on being "outside the Sheriff's jurisdiction" — Mr. Keith of San Anselmo was happily packing heat on a Sheriff-issued CCW, and had been for five months.

Understand, this wasn't about Keith having better "good cause" than Harper. Mr. Harper shared his "good cause" reason for seeking a permit, and it was extremely compelling. So the Sheriff needed to come up with "some other excuse" to deny Mr. Harper, a "peon" — he just picked a rather incriminating "reason" now that we've got the database of CCW issuance and renewal in our hands.

### *What the HELL is going on here?*

We don't know whether to laugh or cry.

Remember, this isn't about different standards for "good cause." This is a difference in application procedure — known in legal circles as a "due process violation," when a government agency doesn't follow the law in handling somebody's situation. By turning Michael down the way they did, they prevented anybody comparing his "good cause" details with the various elite and cronies who were successful. And by their own policy, Michael absolutely cannot be approved for a CCW permit in this county hereafter — no matter how misguided the original denial.

Also, notice that government-connected people DO NOT need a "good cause," or that their "good cause" is apparently better than non-government applicants with the same "good cause" reason for applying. Notice, as well, that their applications are judged totally independently of their town of residence — every single former and current government employee issued a permit or given a renewal shows their official title in the column entitled "City of Residence." (This is in violation of *Salute vs. Pitchess*.) While "regular" citizens' permit applications are denied based on their location "outside Sheriff's jurisdiction," we are left wondering where all of these government employees (successful applicants, all) reside. A question begs asking: How are we to determine which of them might live and work "outside the Sheriff's jurisdiction"?

### **YOU DON'T SAY.**

The level of preference being shown to government employees, at least to a degree they're willing to admit to on paper, is unusual enough that clarification was needed and sought. Read the letter that

came back – [http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/marin/m150-final\\_sm.gif](http://www.ninehundred.com/~equalccw/marin/m150-final_sm.gif) - if you'd like to see it. What you'll hear UnderSheriff Dennis M. Finnegan say is:

"In the past five years, seventeen Deputy District Attorneys and Judges have applied in Marin for concealed weapon permits. Twelve of these either have not been renewed or did not complete the process."

What he didn't tell you but you can see as you read through their database printout is this:

None of the D.A.s' or Judges' permit applications were denied outright. "Have not been renewed" means the permittee did not renew. A denial is quite a different creature.

Of those who "did not complete the process," nothing tells us that they'd have been denied if they *had* completed the process. (But from the Sheriff's database printout showing approvals and denials, we can fairly assume that they'd have been *approved* if they had completed the process — none of the people holding government positions mentioned by UnderSheriff Finnegan in his letter has been denied yet.)

A *former* D.A. who felt threatened during his employment had his permit *approved* — after retirement — while a currently employed citizen who works in a dangerous area of town and said so on his application was *denied*.

Equal protection under the law — if you're a *government employee*?

## **SUPPORTING KNOWN ABUSERS**

Marin County isn't the only jurisdiction abusing equal protection in CCW permit handling. The abuses are widespread, which is one reason Marin's stated policy of "no issuance to anybody previously denied" is an evil joke.

For example, in 1994, a drunk in Sacramento County was arrested after threatening somebody with a gun. He turned out to have a CCW permit, and upon being questioned by deputies, freely admitted having purchased the permit through bribery, and named then Sheriff Glen Craig, UnderSheriff (and now Sheriff of that county) Lou Blanas and #3 man in the department Moe Bailey as being in on the scandal. (The first of four pages of the resulting police report is linked here - [http://www.cco.caltech.edu/~jemonaly/hobby/ca\\_firearms/94076998\\_1.html](http://www.cco.caltech.edu/~jemonaly/hobby/ca_firearms/94076998_1.html) - the rest are clearly linked from that. It's **shocking** stuff.)

It is Sheriff Doyle's current written policy that anyone abused in CCW application processing by an outright corrupt Sheriff such as Blanas should also be automatically abused by Sheriff Doyle's department — "denied because of a previous denial." At present, we have no evidence Doyle is actually selling the permits for cold cash, which is why we said at the beginning that he's not actually the worst we know of in this area — but his strong support of corruption in other jurisdictions suggests it's possible.

## **ACCIDENTAL OMISSION?**

Also noteworthy in considering the Sheriff's failure to provide "equal access under the law" for the CCW application process is the fact that the application form isn't on his website -- but many other forms are there for the taking - [http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/SO/main/docs\\_forms\\_pdf.cfm](http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/SO/main/docs_forms_pdf.cfm) . In fact, if you search for the terms "CCW," "conceal," or "weapon" on his website's search engine, here is what you will get back:

- "No Information Found for Keyword: CCW"

- "No Information Found for Keyword: conceal"
- "No Information Found for Keyword: weapon"

Coincidence?

## Section 5: When Top Cops Get Desperate

The newest PD Chief in San Anselmo gained an appreciation of how insane a snakepit this entire issue is. After replacing his predecessor and realizing the mess, he "declared G" — which means he backed completely out of the CCW processing system:



**Charles Maynard**  
Chief of Police

**San Anselmo**  
**Police Department**  
Town of San Anselmo, California

May 16, 2000

Sheriff Bob Doyle  
Marin County Sheriff's Department  
3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 145  
San Rafael, CA 94903

Re: Concealed Weapons Permits

Dear Sheriff ~~Doyle~~ *Bob*:

As we discussed at the Chiefs' meeting on Thursday, I would like to transfer the issuance of concealed weapons permits to your agency.

I have reviewed your policy related to this subject and feel the process you have in place would better serve the citizens of San Anselmo while ensuring a consistent and unbiased procedure in the issuance of these permits.

As always, I appreciate your willingness to assist us. If you have any questions or want us to coordinate through someone specifically, please call me at 258-4608.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. L. Maynard".

**CHARLES L. MAYNARD**  
Chief of Police

Penal Code 12050(G) allows a PD Chief to "exit the CCW business" and dump the whole process on the Sheriff – while it doesn't mention the statute, the letter above is entirely in accord with this:

12050(g) Nothing in this article shall preclude the chief or other head of a municipal police department of any city from entering an agreement with the sheriff of the county in which the city is located for the sheriff to process all applications for licenses, renewals of licenses, and amendments to licenses, pursuant to this article.

Declarations of this type from a City PD are extremely rare. Most likely, it was Michael Harper's pressure that caused it — when Michael was denied, the Sheriff wrote letters to Michael with the San Anselmo PD CCed that spelled out exactly how Michael was discriminated against. (They basically duplicate what you've seen above, so they aren't included here.) It's possible that Chief Maynard reviewed the file for some reason and realized this was documentation of a conspiracy, and he grabbed at the "G clause" above as a valid escape route.

Now, this wasn't a legal problem on San Anselmo's part. On the contrary, the Chief just ensured that the Sheriff would have a more difficult time discriminating against his town's residents. This also had the effect of insulating the city of San Anselmo from any possible lawsuit on the CCW malpractice at the Sheriff's office, or Federal scrutiny of equal protection problems countywide.

Sheriff Doyle didn't like that one bit (next page):



# MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

3501 Civic Center Drive, Room 145, San Rafael, CA 94903

**ROBERT T. DOYLE**  
Sheriff  
**DENNIS FINNEGAN**  
Undersheriff

May 24, 2000

Charles L. Maynard, Chief  
San Anselmo Police Department  
525 San Anselmo Avenue  
San Anselmo, CA 94960

Dear Chief Maynard:

I received your letter of May 16, 2000, concerning concealed weapon permits. We will be glad to take on the responsibility of processing applications for concealed weapon permits for residents of San Anselmo.

You are familiar with our policy and process. Requests from residents of the Town of San Anselmo will be handled the same way in which we handle applications from residents in the unincorporated communities.

Additionally, I will instruct staff that upon receipt of an application from a resident of San Anselmo to contact your agency for input prior to issuing an application. If a permit is issued, I can notify you in writing or send you a copy of the completed package.

If you have any questions, just give me a call.

Sincerely,

ROBERT T. DOYLE  
SHERIFF

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SERVICES  
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INVESTIGATIONS  
499-7265

JAIL  
499-6655

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TASK FORCE  
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WARRANTS  
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<http://www.marin.org/mc/so>

Spot it yet? The problem is in the paragraph starting with "Additionally...". The Sheriff doesn't want to hand out the application forms to San Anselmo residents without doing a check with the Chief first.

But that's *not* how PC12050(G) (quoted previously) works. Note the use of the word "all" — once the PD Chief dumps it, that's the last decision on CCW he makes.

But the Sheriff wants to use the San Anselmo Chief as one additional barrier between a citizen and a CCW permit, which is how most of the other towns' elitist law enforcement officers misbehave.

The Sheriff has the authority to completely take over, but his letter indicates an unwillingness to bear sole responsibility. With all of the documented violations of law, this comes as no surprise.

## Section 6: Sheriff's Mission Statement

If you do visit the Sheriff's website, be sure to read his Mission Statement - [http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/SO/main/mission\\_statement.cfm](http://www.co.marin.ca.us/depts/SO/main/mission_statement.cfm) - where you'll see things like:

- "We are dedicated to providing the highest quality of service to protect the citizens of Marin."
- "We recognize that honesty, integrity, and truthfulness are the foundations of our profession."
- "We are dedicated to building a department based on a foundation of fairness, respect, and equal opportunity..."
- "...upholding our credibility within the law enforcement profession and communities we serve."
- "We will...ensure...fair and equitable treatment of all."

and our favorite...

- "We are dedicated to...protecting the rights of all individuals."

*Now, why do we have a hard time believing all this?!*

## Conclusions

A Federal Grand Jury must take a closer look at this disaster. They can do so purely on the basis of equal protection, due process and "rule of law" issues that aren't in the least bit controversial. We could see reforms without even getting into controversial areas of Second Amendment law that would be contrary to current incorrect holdings on that subject in the 9th Circuit court.

Law-abiding gun owners in Marin County are expected to disarm when denied access to CCW permits, yet we now have solid evidence that the **entire** criminal justice system in the county (Law Enforcement, D.A.s, Judges, etc.) is engaged in an illegal conspiracy against local residents, discriminating against the people they are paid to serve, to a degree unimaginable if carried out against any other population. Such discrimination based on race, gender or other hot social buttons would not fly, and it's time to clip these people's wings by stopping their concerted effort to discriminate against lawful, decent gun owners who simply desire the ability and means of defending their own precious lives.

If law-abiding gun owners who could otherwise qualify for CCW were actually the sort of violent threat that corrupt politicians masquerading as law enforcement describe us as, it would be dangerous to abuse us to this degree.

However, we are absolutely determined to see the rule of law restored in the area of self defense, and we are peacefully operating within the law and within our rights to do just that.

## Contacting the Marin County Sheriff

If you are like us, you would like to say a thing or two to the Sheriff. And it's probably a good idea that he hear from people who support law enforcement but oppose elitists within law enforcement who violate laws and abuse their positions. Have fun, and feel free to let him know how you found out about his ways.

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