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Senate Bill 0387
Public Safety - Untraceable Firearms
UNFAVORABLE

For several years, 2A Maryland has submitted Public Information Act (PIA) requests to six major law enforcement agencies seeking information on firearms, including so-called “Ghost Guns.”

Despite the proponents’ allegations that we are facing an imminent public safety crisis, only two law enforcement agencies (Howard County and Baltimore City) reported any data on these firearms. Most of the agencies either did not respond or reported they do not track so-called “Ghost Guns.” (See Attachments 1-4)

In 1994, the hobgoblin was the so-called “assault pistol.” The Maryland General Assembly reacted with a total ban on these firearms. The net result was that criminals who had previously not employed “assault pistols” to any great degree suddenly saw them as a street “status symbol” and many more of these firearms entered the criminal arena than would otherwise have happened. That the “status symbol” perception still exists was made obvious by the recent video of a criminal proudly displaying his “unserialized” handgun on social media.

This Committee would do well to view Ken Burns’ excellent documentary on Prohibition and the Volstead Act. What was intended as a ban, had just the opposite effect. An industry which was subject to limited regulation evolved into the illegal bootlegging industry with homemade distilleries springing up across the country. What was open and controlled when legal went underground and proliferated under prohibition. Neighborhood bars stocked up on liquor. Bars that had closed at 2 AM were replaced with speakeasys which remained open all night. The consumption of alcohol increased nationwide. Organized crime recognized the opportunity to profit and stepped in to take advantage of this new-found enterprise by meeting the demand.

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The provisions of Senate Bill 387 are difficult to fathom. For example:

Page 4, Lines 11-18

§5-701 (H) "UNFINISHED FRAME OR RECEIVER" MEANS A FORGED, CAST, PRINTED, EXTRUDED, OR MACHINED BODY OR SIMILAR ARTICLE THAT:

(1) HAS REACHED A STAGE IN MANUFACTURE WHERE IT MAY READILY BE COMPLETED, ASSEMBLED, OR CONVERTED TO BE USED AS THE FRAME OR RECEIVER OF A FUNCTIONAL FIREARM; OR (emphasis added)

*(2) IS **MARKETED OR SOLD** (emphasis added) TO THE PUBLIC TO BECOME OR BE USED AS THE FRAME OR RECEIVER OF A FUNCTIONAL FIREARM ONCE COMPLETED, ASSEMBLED OR CONVERTED.*

Section 5-701 (H)(2) places law-making authority in the hands of Madison Avenue. Any object, no matter how innocuous, can become an "unfinished frame or receiver" by virtue of deceptive advertising and sales.

This entire bill is based upon the adoption of federal regulations which have yet to be enacted and may not be soon. Should the federal regulations not be enacted, or not contain provisions anticipated by the sponsor, the net result will be a ban on these firearms and the instant criminalization of an unknown number of law-abiding citizens.

This bureaucratic nightmare will also impact the 161 Maryland licensed firearm manufacturers (FFL) currently identified by the ATF. Exactly who will be the "manufacturer" is not clear. There are no protections for the FFLs against civil lawsuits which have become increasingly popular among anti-gun organizations.

In the words of a very respected Federal Firearms Licensee:

"As to our discussion concerning dealers serializing 80% frames, receivers and completed non-serialized firearms, from what I understand the ATF is in the process of writing regulations dealing with these items. The person at ATF that I talked to was unable to confirm the legality and process for doing this.

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Many questions arise such as; 1) can a dealer legally put a serial number on a frame 2) to whom would they report this and with what procedures 3)does the newly serialized firearm need to be put into the dealers federal bound book 4)since a firearm is “manufactured” would Federal Excise Tax need to be paid I feel that without direction from ATF dealers would be very reluctant to put a number on any firearm or frame. We were told that ATF would make a determination concerning this in June.”

Senate Bill 387 will not impact criminals, nor will it enhance public safety or reduce crime. Criminals are already breaking the law when they purchase, possess, or carry a firearm. There is nothing in this Bill which will prevent criminals from conducting business as usual. Violation of this proposed new law is only a misdemeanor offense and is not likely to be prosecuted. At best, it will be a bargaining chip in striking a plea deal. This type of situation was noted by Delegate Attar during her testimony in support of her Bill to elevate straw purchases from a misdemeanor to a felony to make the offense more likely to be prosecuted.

However, to a law-abiding citizen, the prospect of a misdemeanor which carries a sentence which will prohibit the citizen from ever owning a firearm again is daunting. It seems clear that the real target of this Bill is not the criminal, but the law-abiding citizen.

We request this Committee return an unfavorable report on Senate Bill 387.

Respectfully,

John H. Josselyn
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Attachments

Home-Built Handguns - Legal Acts vs. Prohibited Acts					
Under 21 Years of Age			Over 21 Years of Age		
Action	Maryland	Federal	Action	Maryland	Federal
Possess 80% receiver	Legal	Legal	Possess 80% receiver	Legal	Legal
Possess completed receiver	Legal *	Prohibited	Possess completed receiver	Legal	Legal
Possess assembled handgun	Legal *	Prohibited	Possess assembled handgun	Legal	Legal
Own the handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited	Own the handgun	Legal	Legal
Transfer the handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited	Transfer the handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited
Receive a handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited	Receive a handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited
Possess transferred handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited	Possess transferred handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited

* must be supervised by person 21 years of age or older §5-133 (d)(2)

Home-Built Handguns - Legal Acts vs. Prohibited Acts - Persons Currently Prohibited					
Under 21 Years of Age			Over 21 Years of Age		
Action	Maryland	Federal	Action	Maryland	Federal
Possess 80% receiver	Legal	Legal	Possess 80% receiver	Legal	Legal
Possess completed receiver	Prohibited	Prohibited	Possess completed receiver	Prohibited	Prohibited
Possess assembled handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited	Possess assembled handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited
Own the handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited	Own the handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited
Transfer the handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited	Transfer the handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited
Receive a handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited	Receive a handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited
Possess transferred handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited	Possess transferred handgun	Prohibited	Prohibited

Home-Built Rifles - Legal Acts vs. Prohibited Acts					
Under 18 Years of Age			Over 18 Years of Age		
Action	Maryland	Federal	Action	Maryland	Federal
Possess 80% receiver	Legal	Legal	Possess 80% receiver	Legal	Legal
Possess completed receiver	Legal	Legal	Possess completed receiver	Legal	Legal
Possess assembled rifle **	Legal	Legal	Possess assembled rifle **	Legal	Legal
Transfer the rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited	Transfer the rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited
Receive the rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited	Receive the rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited
Possess transferred rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited	Possess transferred rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited

** cannot be so-called assault rifle configuration Maryland Criminal Law Article §4-301 & §4-303

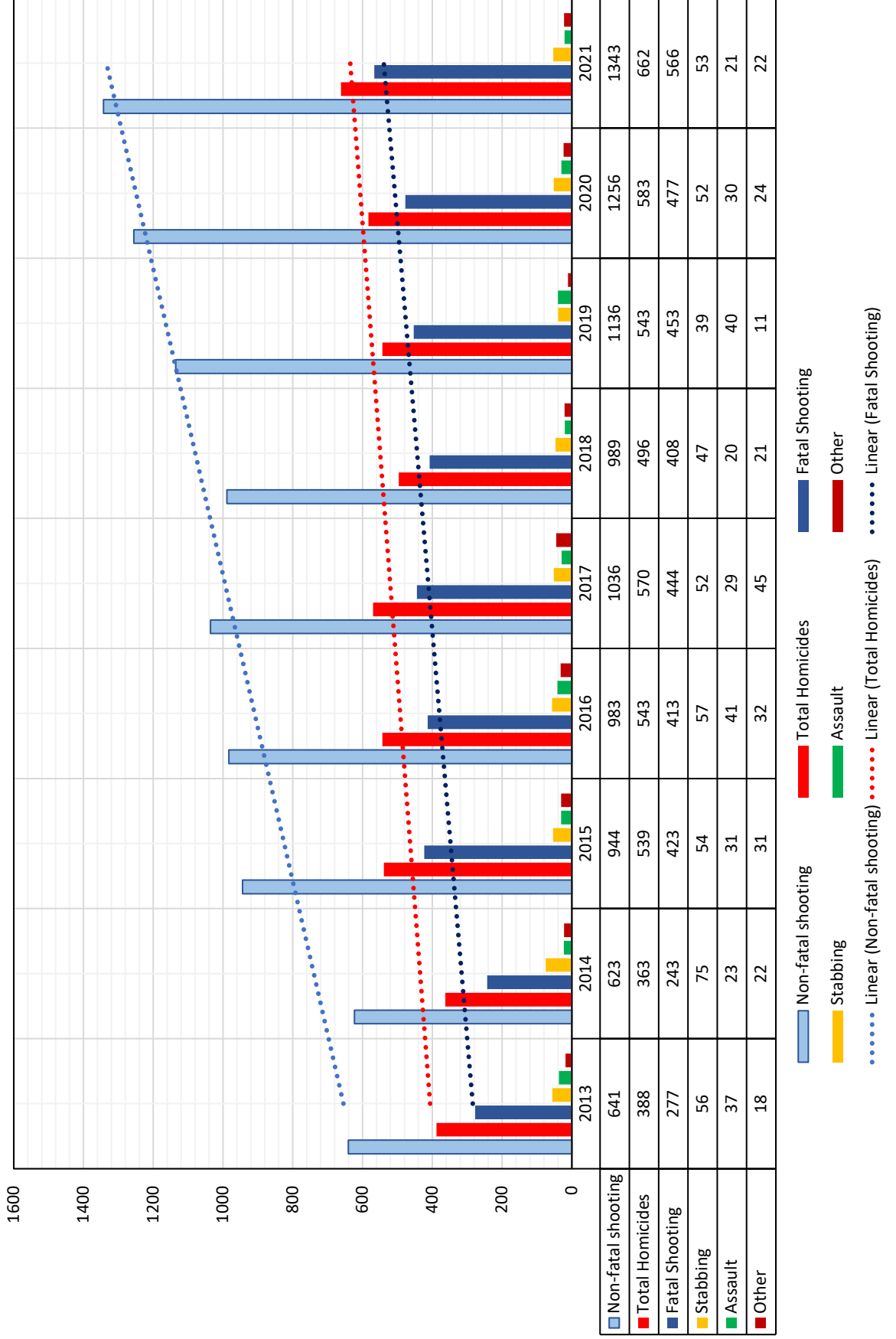
Home-Built Rifles - Legal Acts vs. Prohibited Acts - Persons Currently Prohibited					
Under 18 Years of Age			Over 18 Years of Age		
Action	Maryland	Federal	Action	Maryland	Federal
Possess 80% receiver	Legal	Legal	Possess 80% receiver	Legal	Legal
Possess completed receiver	Prohibited	Prohibited	Possess completed receiver	Prohibited	Prohibited
Possess assembled rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited	Possess assembled rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited
Own the rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited	Own the rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited
Transfer the rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited	Transfer the rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited
Receive the rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited	Receive the rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited
Possess transferred rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited	Possess transferred rifle	Prohibited	Prohibited

2A Maryland - Maryland Gun Laws 1988-2021

Session	Bill Number	Bill Title
1988	HB1131	Handguns - Prohibition of Manufacture and Sale (Saturday Night Special Ban)
1989	SB0531	Firearms - Assault Weapons
1992	SB0043	Firearms - Access by Minors
1993	SB0330	Gun Shows - Sale, Trade or Transfer of Regulated Firearms
1994	HB0595?	Storehouse Breaking - Penalty
1994	SB0619	Assault Pistol Ban
1996	HB0297	Maryland Gun Violence Act of 1996
1996	HB1254	Education - Expulsion for Bringing a Firearm onto School Property
1999	HB0907	School Safety Act of 1999
2000	SB0211	Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000
2001	HB0305	Bulletproof Body Armor - Prohibitions
2002	HB1272	Criminal Justice Information System - Criminal History Records Check
2009	HB0296	Family Law - Protective Orders - Surrender of Firearms
2009	HB0302	Family Law - Temporary Protective Orders - Surrender of Firearms
2011	HB0241	Criminal Law - Restrictions Against Use and Possession of Firearms
2011	HB0519	Firearms - Violation of Specified Prohibitions - Ammunition and Penalty
2012	HB0209	Public Safety - Possession of Firearms - Crimes Committed in Other States
2012	HB0618	Task Force to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms
2013	SB0281	Firearms Safety Act of 2013
2018	HB1029	Criminal Law - Wearing, Carrying or Transporting Loaded Handgun - Subsequent Offender
2018	HB1302	Public Safety - Extreme Risk Protective Orders
2018	HB1646	Criminal Procedure - Firearms Transfer
2018	SB0707	Criminal Law - Firearm Crimes - Rapid Fire Trigger Activators
2019	SB0346	Public Safety - Regulated Firearms - Prohibition of Loans
2020	HB1629	Office of the Attorney General - Firearm Crime, Injuries, Fatalities, and Crime Firearms - Study
2021	HB1186	Office of the Attorney General - Firearm Crime, Injuries, Fatalities, and Crime Firearms - Study Extension

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Maryland Homicides, Non-fatal Shootings & Trends 2013-2021 Data Source: Maryland Coordination & Analysis Center (MCAC)



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Homicide Victim / Offender Demographics Data Source: Maryland UCR 2011-2020

Victim - Race	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
White	68	68	69	71	96	85	102	75	88	97
Black	322	301	318	283	449	446	457	402	451	472
Asian	5	3	0	5	4	2	9	5	3	3
American Indian	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1
Unknown	3	0	0	2	4	1	1	6	1	0
Total	398	372	387	363	553	534	569	489	543	573
Per Capita Rate	6.8	6.3	6.5	6.1	9.2	8.9	9.4	8.1	9.0	9.5

Victim - Race	2011-2020 Total	Yearly Avg - 10 Years	Ratio to White
White	819	82	1.00
Black	3901	390	4.76
Asian	39	4	0.05
American Indian	4	0	0.00
Unknown	18	2	0.02
Total	4781	478	
Per Capita Rate		7.98	

Offender - Race	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
White	65	44	50	74	85	64	79	58	71	56
Black	258	271	260	186	242	190	305	266	268	310
Asian	1	0	2	2	2	6	2	2	1	2
American Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
Unknown	164	159	158	159	321	339	288	224	285	282
Total	488	474	470	421	650	599	674	551	625	653

Offender - Race	2011-2020 Total	Yearly Average - 10 Years	Ratio to White
White	646	65	1.00
Black	2556	256	3.96
Asian	20	2	0.03
American Indian	4	0	0.01
Unknown	2379	238	3.68
Total	5605	561	

Victim Age Range	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Under 18	32	21	26	30	43	27	43	27	29	30
18-21	57	65	65	40	69	81	64	52	79	89
22-29	130	104	115	110	184	179	194	157	172	165
30 and over	179	182	181	183	257	244	266	251	262	290
Unknown	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	2	1

Victim Age Range	2011-2020 Total	Yearly Average - 10 Years
Under 18	308	31
18-21	661	66
22-29	1510	151
30 and over	2295	230
Unknown	10	1

Offender Age Range	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Under 18	12	15	10	16	16	16	17	20	14	18
18-21	56	57	57	38	53	55	64	41	48	53
22-29	81	70	69	76	100	90	102	64	81	83
30 and over	99	72	83	97	103	91	107	99	91	111
Unknown	240	260	251	194	378	347	384	327	394	399

Offender Age Range	2011-2020 Total	Yearly Average - 10 Years
Under 18	154	15
18-21	522	52
22-29	816	82
30 and over	953	95
Unknown	3174	317



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November 5, 2020

Colonel Woodrow Jones III, Superintendent
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PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Re: Report on "Ghost Guns" Confiscated in Maryland

Dear Colonel Jones:

A recent funding request (copy attached) from a local gun control advocacy organization alleges *"From January to September of this year, the Maryland State Police reported 22 ghost guns seized in Baltimore and 37 ghost guns seized in Montgomery County."*

I hereby respectfully request copies of any reports and/or data which your agency may have compiled or received from other law enforcement agencies, including but not limited to Baltimore City and Montgomery County directly or indirectly relating to the existence and/or seizure of so-called "Ghost Guns".

The term "Ghost Guns" has no legal definition, for purpose of this request, "Ghost Guns" are those firearms which have never been marked with a serial number and were confiscated from some person other than the person who actually manufactured the regulated part.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have regarding this request.

Respectfully,

John H. Josselyn

Attachment: Ghost Guns 10-05-2020.pdf

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From: [Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence](#)
To:
Subject: Ghost Guns
Date: Monday, October 05, 2020 9:01:56 AM



John

We're hard at work preparing for The Maryland General Assembly's 2021 legislative session. While we aren't ready to share our entire plan yet, we did want to give you a sneak peek at one effort we are focused on.

Last week you may have seen the [article](#) in the Washington Post about the George Mason University student who pleaded guilty to selling ghost guns. This is an increasing problem in Maryland. From January to September of this year, the Maryland State Police reported 22 ghost guns seized in Baltimore and 37 ghost guns seized in Montgomery County.

These guns, free of serial numbers, are a problem as they are untraceable, easily diverted to the underground market and sold to individuals who would not be able to pass a background check. That's why we intend to return to Annapolis to pass legislation regulating the sale of ghost guns.

Please consider [donating](#) so that we can support these efforts.



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November 19, 2020

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RE: PIA 20-3412
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Copies of any reports and data received from law enforcement agencies related to the existence and/or seizure of Ghost Guns (January to September 2020)

Dear Requester:

While processing your information request, I was advised that the data posted to Marylanders to Prevent Gun Violence's (MDPGV) website, related to the numbers of Ghost Guns seized in Baltimore City (22) and Montgomery County (37), is inaccurate and was not reported by this Department. The numbers were allegedly provided by Montgomery County Assistant State's Attorney (ASA) Robert Hill. ASA Hill confirmed that the numbers were not provided by this Department nor the Baltimore Police Department.

In consideration of the above, are you still desirous of the requested information?

Sincerely,

Mark Urbanik
PIA Coordinator

From: [Mark Urbanik -State Police-](#)
To: [John H. Josselyn](#)
Subject: PIA 20-3412
Date: Thursday, January 07, 2021 3:27:34 PM

RE: PIA 20-3412

Dear Mr. Josselyn,

In response to your original request regarding the request for reports and or data compiled or received from other law enforcement agencies I offer the following information in response:
→ The Maryland State Police has not compiled any data or reports directly or indirectly related to the seizure of ghost guns.

MSP does, however, complete reports when a firearm is seized regardless of whether or not the serial number was removed or did not exist in the first place. The information from those reports is not readily compiled and would require a manual search of every record to determine if the firearm had a serial number or if it was a ghost gun. That cost was previously quoted at \$4,860.80. If you would like the MSP to attempt this manual search please let us know at your convenience.

Sincerely,



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January 10, 2019

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

PIAs SENT TO:

Anne Arundel County Police Department **Maryland State Police**
Baltimore City Police Department **Montgomery County Police Department**
Baltimore County Police Department **Prince George's County Police Department**

Dear:

Under the Maryland Public Information Act I hereby respectfully request the following firearms data and information for the years 2013 through 2018:

1. Firearms used in crime and recovered. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
2. Firearms used in crime which had serial numbers removed or otherwise obliterated. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
3. Firearms used in crime which never had a serial number (e.g. built from commercially produced 80% complete receivers) and which were produced by private individuals. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
4. Firearms used in crime which never had a serial number, which were produced from raw materials by private individuals. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
5. Firearms used in crime which were produced in whole in in part on a 3D printer of any description. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
6. Firearms used in crime which were produced on CNC machinery (other than by a licensed firearms manufacturer). Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
7. Firearms used in crimes by year and type, which were used by the registered owner during the commission of the crime. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

**NOTE: Prince George's Co. PD acknowledged but provided no info
Montgomery Co. PD did not acknowledge or provide info**

8. Firearms used in crimes by year and type, which were used by someone other than the registered owner during the commission of the crime. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
9. Firearms used in crimes by year and type listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle) which were stolen and subsequently returned to the lawful owner.
10. Firearms purchased in gun “buy back” operations between 2000 and 2018 inclusive. Listed by type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle) and which were reported by the lawful owner as stolen.
11. Firearms purchased in gun “buy back” operations between 2000 and 2018 inclusive, listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle) which were reported by the lawful owner as stolen, or determined to be stolen, and which were returned to the lawful owner.
12. Your Departmental Policy and Procedures for returning stolen and subsequently recovered firearms to the lawful owner of record.

For the purpose of this request, the data requested on firearms is for numbers only. No serial numbers or descriptive information beyond the type of firearms listed above is requested. Data in Excel electronic format, if possible, would be most helpful.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

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BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



Police Commissioner

April 23, 2019

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Re: MPIA Request 19 0096

Dear Mr. Josselyn,

On January 11, 2019 you submitted a request for public records to the Baltimore Police Department's ("BPD") Document Compliance Unit, for the following information:

Request #1. Firearms used in crime and recovered. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

Response: BPD has no responsive record. The Evidence Control Unit ("ECU") and the Firearms Analysis Unit ("FAU") are the Custodian of Records that would possibly have the information that you are requesting. Both Custodians don't share a database that collectively have the information that you are requesting. The ECU receives items into BPD custody and manage the storage of the items and many times, when firearms are brought in, no crime is associated with them. The firearms would be categorize as found firearms, firearms held for safekeeping, etc. and after they are in ECU custody, a crime may be associated with it, but ECU does not typically make changes to the status once received. So given this information, in order to provide the information that you are requesting, the Custodians would have to do a manually search of firearms used in a crime. And with that being said BPD would be creating a record, the PIA does not impose an obligation on a custodian to create a document that is responsive to a request. *See* MPIA Manual 14th Ed., October 2015, 3-44 (citing *Yeager v. DEA*, 678 F.2d 315, 324 (D.C. Cir. 1982)) ("[City] has no obligation to *create* records to satisfy a[n] [M]PIA request."); *see also MacPhail v. Comptroller of Maryland*, 178 Md. App. 115, 119 (2008) (explaining that pertinent Federal Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") cases are "persuasive" authority in Maryland because the MPIA and the FOIA share "virtually identical" purposes.").

Request #2. Firearms used in crime which had serial numbers removed or otherwise obliterated. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

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Response: BPD has no responsive record. ECU would be the Custodian of Records for this information. But ECU doesn't always track the serial numbers from firearms for different reasons, such as unable to locate, misinterpretation from the manufacturer, unknown if the firearm is old, or it may just not have a serial number. Giving a list of firearms with obliterated serial numbers from their database would not be accurate and could present a shewed representation of factual information.

Request #3. Firearms used in crime which never had a serial number (e.g. built from commercially produced 80% complete receivers) and which were produced by private individuals. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

Request #4. Firearms used in crime which never had a serial number, which were produced from raw materials by private individuals. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

Response #3 & #4: BPD has no responsive record. ECU and the FAU would be the Custodian of Records for this information but this information is not currently tracked in either ECU or the FAU. Obtaining this information is unlikely to occur with a time consuming process that would require a review and hand count of all firearms received during the time period requested. Privately manufacturing/producing a firearm for personal use from an 80% lower or raw materials is not illegal. Sharing tools, building in groups, or providing completed lower receivers ("LR") is illegal since The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives ("ATF") considers that manufactured for sale or distribution. FAU does not keep statistics on firearms received that appear to be produced from 80% LR's raw materials. The ATF may be a more reliable source for this information as they maintain lists of licensed firearms manufacturers.

Request #5: Firearms used in crime which were produced in whole in part on a 3D printer of any description. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

Request #6: Firearms used in crime which were produced on CNC machinery (other than by licensed firearms manufacturer). Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

Response #5 & #6: BPD has no responsive record. ECU and the FAU doesn't track this information in their databases. The ATF may be a more reliable source for this information.

Request #7: Firearms used in crimes by year and type, which were used by the registered owner during the commission of the crime. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

Request #8: Firearms used in crimes by year and type, which were used by someone other than the registered owner during the commission of the crime. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

Response #7 & #8: BPD has no responsive record. This information is not currently tracked in either ECU or the FAU databases. FAU does not capture this information either because Firearms Examiners analyze the evidence (firearms, and discharged firearms evidence) to determine a source of common origin (i.e. did this bullet come from this firearm). Owner, Suspect, Victim information is not considered so it won't create a potential bias for criminal cases. This information would best be obtained from the State's Attorney's Office.

Request # 9: Firearms used in crimes by year and type listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle) which were stolen and subsequently returned to the lawful owner as stolen.

Response: BPD has no responsive records. ECU is the responsible party for conducting the background investigations and returning firearms to their rightful owners. When going back to Response #1, it is unknown how many of the firearms were involved in crimes as compared to those that were not involved in crimes. ECU maintains the custody of evidence as well as personal property not involved in a crime (safekeeping, found property, etc.). Firearms are returned when legally permissible.

Request # 10: Firearms purchased in gun "buy back" operations between 2013 and 2018 inclusive. Listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

Response: BPD has no responsive records. There is no information readily available because ECU's database does not track information from "buyback" operations, this information is handled differently. In the December 2018 "buyback" the total number of firearms received was 1,860 and the breakdown was as follows (855 Handguns, 431 Shotguns, 510 Rifles and 64 Misc/Unknown. Firearms that were reported as stolen at the time of the buyback, as determined by personnel who were receiving the firearms at the buyback locations and ran the stolen check (0.59%) and the breakdown was as follows (7 Handguns, 2 Shotguns and 2 Rifles).

Request # 11: Firearms purchased in gun "buy back" operations between 2013 and 2018 inclusive, listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle) which were reported by the lawful owner as stolen, or determined to be stolen, and which were returned to the lawful owner.

Response: BPD has no responsive records This is an ongoing process and as of this date none have been returned to their lawful owner. During inventory for 1,860 firearms is a lengthy process, which is still ongoing. Information for the 2018 "buyback" will be contained in a final report when the entire operation is completed.

Request #12: BPD's Departmental Policy and Procedures for returning stolen and subsequently recovered firearms to the lawful owner of record.

Response: The Departmental Policy and Procedures for returning stolen and subsequently recovered firearms to the lawful owner of records is in a draft format and not completed. Once the draft is completed it will be released to the public.

You have the right under PIA § 4-1B-04 to contact the Public Access Ombudsman to mediate any dispute(s) you may have with this response. You may also, contest this response by filing a complaint for Judicial Review in Circuit Court pursuant to PIA § 4-362. Please refer to MPIA tracking # 19 0096 in any subsequent correspondence pertaining to this matter.

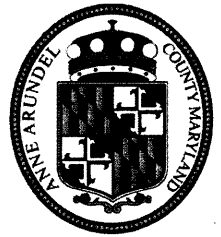
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dana Abdul Saboor". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dana" being the most prominent.

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January 23, 2019

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Dear Mr. Josselyn,

This letter is in response to your request dated January 11, 2019. Your request has been processed in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA), Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 4-101, et seq. (MPIA). Specifically, you have requested several types of information, all pertaining to firearms used in crimes and policy of return.

Upon search, the attached are all reports that we can produce pertaining to gun crime based on categorization and police report data. I have also enclosed our Department policies regarding release of firearms. Regarding all other listed items, data is not captured and/or indexed and is consequently not searchable on much of the very specific criteria you listed. Therefore, no records are responsive to those requests.

You may challenge any part of this response to your request by filing an action in the appropriate court of law pursuant to MPIA § 4-362. You may also contact the Public Access Ombudsman per MPIA § 4-1B-04.

Respectfully,


Christine Ryder
Custodian of Records

enc.

From: [Ernest Reitz](#)
To: jhosselyn@2AMaryland.org
Cc: [Vickie Wash](#)
Subject: Public Information Request, #NR19-39
Date: Monday, June 17, 2019 12:57:47 PM
Attachments: MPIA #NR19-39.docx
Evidence Retention Field Manual.docx

Hello Mr. Josselyn,

Thank you for your patience as we queried multiple departments within the Baltimore County Police Department in an attempt to fulfill your public information request. After speaking to representatives of our Firearm Interdiction Team, Evidence Management Unit, Forensic Services

Section, and Crime Analysis Units we are unable to provide information for questions one (1) through eleven (11) of your request because that information is not tracked within our department.

We do not have an existing database that captures the information you are seeking. Question twelve (12) or your inquiry is available. I have attached a copy of the BCPD Field Manual which governs the return of seized property (i.e.: firearms). Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

Thank you,

Ernest M. Reitz, Esq.

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Request	Response	Notes
(1)Firearms used in crime and recovered.	This data is not tracked.	FIT only tracks the guns their section comes into contact with, not all guns used in crime. Neither the Crime Analysis nor Evidence Management Units track this information.
(2)Firearms used in crime which had serial numbers removed or obliterated.	This data is not tracked.	"
(3)Firearms used in crime which never had a serial number and which were produced by private individuals.	This data is not tracked.	"
(4)Firearms used in crime which never had a serial number which were produced by raw materials by private individuals.	This data is not tracked.	"
(5)Firearms used in crime which were produced in whole or part on a 3D printer.	This data is not tracked.	"
(6)Firearms used in crime which were produced on CNC machinery.	This data is not tracked.	"
(7)Firearms used in crime by year and type, which were used by the registered owner during the commission of a crime.	This data is not tracked.	"
(8)Firearms used in crime by year and type which were used by someone other than the registered owner during the commission of a crime.	This data is not tracked.	"
(9)Firearms used in crimes by year and type, which were stolen and subsequently returned to the lawful owner.	This data is not tracked.	"
(10)Firearms purchased in gun 'buy back' operations between 2013 and 2018, inclusive. Listed by type and were reported by the lawful owner as stolen.	BCPD does not conduct a 'buy-back' program, nor do we track data from other jurisdiction 'buy-back' programs.	"
(11)Firearms purchased in gun 'buy back' operations between 2013 and 2018 inclusive. Listed by year and type which were reported by the lawful owner as stolen, or determined to be stolen, and which were returned to the lawful owner.	See response to #10 above.	"
(12)BCPD policy/procedure for returning stolen and subsequently recovered firearms to the lawful owner of record.	All stolen firearms are returned to lawful owner after a background check determines they are qualified.	See Field Manual Section 7-1.2



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January 29, 2019

Mr. John H. Josselyn
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RE: Maryland Public Information Act Request concerning Firearms Data and Information (#19-0090)

Dear Mr. Josselyn:

The Maryland State Police has received your request under the Public Information Act (Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article §§ 4-101 through 4-601) seeking records related to firearms data and information. We received your request on January 16, 2019.

This letter is to inform you that while the Maryland State Police maintains large volumes of records, but we would have to do a hand search for the data that requested. The information that we have would be incomplete as to firearms used in every crime for the years 2013 through 2018 because the Gun Center does not have data for every crime committed with a firearm. I have attached the policy requested in number 10 of your request letter – the policy and procedures for returning stolen and subsequently recovered firearms to the lawful owner of record.

I am required to provide you with notice of the remedies available for review pursuant to GP §4-203. You may seek judicial review of this decision in the appropriate Circuit Court in accordance with GP §4-362. You may also seek dispute resolution in accordance with GP §4-1B-04.

Having supplied a partial answer to you requested, I will close your request in our Public Information Act System.

Sincerely,

Rhea L. Harris
Public Information Act Coordinator

Attachments

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December 21, 2020

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Anne Arundel County Police Department
Baltimore County Police Department
Baltimore Police Department

Howard County Police Department
Montgomery County Police Department
Prince George's County Police Department

Dear:

Under the Maryland Public Information Act, I hereby respectfully request the following firearms data and information for the years 2018 through 2020:

1. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency. Total numbers, by year and firearm type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
2. Number of firearms used in a crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which had serial numbers removed or otherwise obliterated. Total numbers listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
3. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which never had a serial number (e.g. built from commercially produced 80% complete receivers) which were subsequently completed by a private individual. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
4. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which never had a serial number, which were produced from raw materials by a private individual. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
5. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which were produced in whole in in part on a 3D printer of any description. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
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8. The number of cases and the number of charges filed for the “Straw Purchase” of a regulated firearm. (Public Safety Articles §5-136 & §5-141)
9. The number of cases and the number of charges filed for the illegal transfer of a regulated firearm by private individuals. (Public Safety Article §5-124)
10. The number of cases and the number of charges filed for the possession of ammunition by a prohibited person. (Public Safety Articles §5-133 & §5-133.1)

For the purpose of this request, the data requested on firearms is for numbers only. No serial numbers or descriptive information beyond the type of firearms listed above is requested. Data in Excel electronic format, if possible, would be most helpful.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

John H. Josselyn

jhjosselyn@2AMaryland.org

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Mr. John H. Josselyn
jhjosselyn@2AMaryland.org

Dear Mr. Josselyn:

In response to your request under the Maryland Public Information Act §4-101 et. Seq. of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (PIA), for records relating to “firearms data and information for the years 2018 through 2020.” Please find below the responsive data for items number 1,2,3,8,9, and 10.

Item 1 - Number of Incidents with Firearm

	HANDGUN	RIFFLE	OTHER FIREARM	SHOTGUN	INCIDENTS
2018	121	9	12	3	145
2019	133	9	18	6	166
2020	141	7	15	6	169

Item 2 - Serial Numbers Removed or Obliterated

	HANDGUN	RIFFLE	OTHER FIREARM	SHOTGUN	TOTAL
2018	3	0	0	1	4
2019	3	0	0	0	3
2020	1	0	0	0	1

Item 3 - Never Had Serial Number

	HANDGUN	RIFFLE	OTHER FIREARM	SHOTGUN	TOTAL
2018	2	0	0	0	2
2019	8	3	0	0	11
2020	7	0	0	0	7

Items 8 and 9 and 10 - Charges Filed

	PS §5-136	PS §5-141	PS §5-124	PS §5-133	PS §5-133.1
2018	0	0	0	42	19
2019	0	0	0	71	24
2020	0	0	1	53	16

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Timothy J. Altomare
Chief of Police

January 12, 2021

John Josselyn
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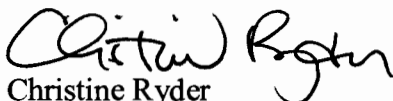
Dear Mr. Josselyn,

This letter is in response to your request dated December 20, 2020. Your request has been processed in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA), Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 4-101, et seq. (MPIA). Specifically, you have requested several types of information, all pertaining to firearms used in crimes and policy of return.

Upon search, most data sets that you have requested pertaining to information that we either do not collect or do not index in a searchable manner. I have attached three reports: Violent Crime with Guns, Stolen and Recovered Guns* and Count of Applied Selected Charges. Please note that the first two are YTD data for 2020. As we are not yet done validating police reports for that calendar year, the data is subject to change. Regarding the report of charges, please note that the data reflects what is in our system currently and does not include charges applied and later expunged by court order. Regarding all other listed items, no records are responsive to those requests. However, some unrelated data has been compiled by way of report review to provide certain elements for Anne Arundel County's Gun Violence Protection Task Force, which I have also included for reference should you be interested.

You may challenge any part of this response to your request by filing an action in the appropriate court of law pursuant to MPIA § 4-362. You may also contact the Public Access Ombudsman per MPIA § 4-1B-04.

Respectfully,


Christine Ryder
Custodian of Records

enc.

MPIA Firearms Data Request

#1) Firearms received by Type-This as specific as we break it down for reporting

	2018	2019	2020
Total	2713*	2214	2283
Semi Auto Handguns	1649	1378	1562
Revolvers	449	341	319
Long Arms (shotguns, rifles, etc.)	538	411	298
Other (Blank, starter, etc.)	75	84	104

**This gun total represents ~1800 guns from the gun buyback and are incorporated in the numbers.*

#2) Firearms received with obliterated serial numbers

2018	2019	2020
106	69	50

#3 & #4) Firearms received that never had a serial number-Ghost Guns (80%'s and raw materials) we do not differentiate between the two

2018	2019	2020
12	48	143

#5) Firearms received that never had a serial number-3D printed guns. We had one as part of a gun from the buyback in 2018.

NOTE: THIS DATA FROM BALTIMORE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

JOHN A. OLSZEWSKI, JR.
County Executive



JAMES R. BENJAMIN, JR.
County Attorney, Office of Law

April 2, 2021

VIA Electronic Mail

Mr. John H. Josselyn
jhjosselyn@2AMaryland.org

Re: MPIA Request #NR21-18 – Request for all data information on firearms from BCoPD 2018 - 2020

Dear Mr. Josselyn:

On January 5, 2021, you submitted a public information request to the Baltimore County Police Department (“BCOPD”) for firearms data and information for the years 2018 through 2020; more specifically for the items listed below. Your request was referred to the Baltimore County Office of Law for review and response. Your request is governed by the Maryland Public Information Act (“PIA”), Maryland Code, General Provisions Article (“GP”), §§ 4-101 *et seq.*

The ten (10) specific items are as follows:

1. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency. Total numbers, by year and firearm type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
2. Number of firearms used in a crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which had serial numbers removed or otherwise obliterated. Total numbers listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
3. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which never had a serial number (e.g. built from commercially produced 80% complete receivers) which were subsequently completed by a private individual. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
4. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which never had a serial number, which were produced from raw materials by a private individual. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
5. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which were produced in whole in in part on a 3D printer of any description. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
6. Number of firearms used in a crime by the legal registered owner and subsequently recovered by your agency. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
7. Number of firearms used in crimes which were used by someone other than the legal registered owner and subsequently recovered by your agency Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).

Mr. John H. Josselyn
April 2, 2021

8. The number of cases and the number of charges filed for the "Straw Purchase" of a regulated firearm. (Public Safety Articles § 5-136 & § 5-141)
9. The number of cases and the number of charges filed for the illegal transfer of a regulated firearm by private individuals. (Public Safety Article § 5-124)
10. The number of cases and the number of charges filed for the possession of ammunition by a prohibited person. (Public Safety Articles § 5-133 and § 5-133.1)

BCoPD advised that the information you are requesting in numbers 1 – 7 are not captured in the manner you are seeking. BCoPD further advised that the Evidence Management Unit ("EMU") takes in weapons and associates them with specific cases; there is no way to determine if the weapons recovered/seized are actually those that were used in the crime. In many cases, multiple weapons are recovered when a warrant is served, but no database flags a weapon as the "weapon seen/used" in the offense. The EMU database does capture notes with regard to whether the weapon had a missing or obliterated serial number.

Accordingly, please find the attached excel spreadsheets BCoPD provided as responsive to your request. Also, BCoPD notes that the data provided captured both obliterated and missing serial numbers as weapons with "NO_SERIAL". Again, BCoPD advised it may not be the weapon seen or used in the crime.

As it pertains to numbers 8-10 of your request, BCoPD advised that States Attorney's Office is the custodian of the requested records. The contact information for the State's Attorney Office is:

John Cox, Deputy State's Attorney
County Courts Building
401 Bosley Avenue, Room 511
Towson, Maryland 21204
jcox@baltimroecountymd.gov

Nothing in this response is intended to indicate that any records sought from BCoPD exist or to waive any privileges held by the BCoPD. You have the right under GP § 4-1B-04 to contact the Public Access Ombudsman to mediate any dispute(s) you may have with this response. You may also, contest this response by filing a complaint for Judicial Review in Circuit Court pursuant to GP § 4-362. Please refer to PIA tracking #NR21-18 in any subsequent correspondence pertaining to this matter.

Sincerely,

Alexa E. Ackerman

Alexa E. Ackerman
Assistant County Attorney
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Aug. 11, 2021

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

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Re: MPIA Request

Dear Mr. Josselyn:

This is the final response from the Prince George's County Police Department. To your request for records made pursuant to the Maryland Public Information Act ("MPIA"). You were requesting the following documents;

1. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency. Total numbers, by year and firearm type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle). **Those numbers are not kept in a traceable data base that fits your request.**
2. Number of firearms used in a crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which had serial numbers removed or otherwise obliterated. Total numbers listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle). **Those numbers are not kept in a traceable data base that fits your request.**
3. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which never had a serial number (e.g. built from commercially produced 80% complete receivers} which were subsequently completed by a private individual. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle). Those numbers are not kept in a traceable data base. **Those numbers are not kept in a traceable data base that fits your request.**
4. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which never had a serial number, which were produced from raw materials by a private individual. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle). **Those numbers are not kept in a traceable data base that fits your request.**
5. Number of firearms used in crime and subsequently recovered by your agency which were produced in whole in in part on a 30 printer of any description. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle). **Those numbers are not kept in a traceable data base that fits your request.**

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6. Number of firearms used in a crime by the legal registered owner and subsequently recovered by your agency. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle). **Those numbers are not kept in a traceable data base that fits your request.**

7. Number of firearms used in crimes which were used by someone other than the legal registered owner and subsequently recovered by your agency Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle). **Those numbers are not kept in a traceable data base that fits your request.**

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10. The number of cases and the number of charges filed for the possession of ammunition by a prohibited person. (Public Safety Articles §5-133 & §5-133.1) **Those numbers are not kept in a traceable data base that fits your request.**

In closing, you may seek judicial review of this decision pursuant to Maryland Code Ann., General Provisions, §4-362. You may also refer any concerns about this decision to the Public Access Ombudsman pursuant to GP § 4-1B-01 et seq. If you have any questions or need to contact me regarding this matter, I can be reached during normal business hours at (301) 516-5978.

Sincerely,

John T. Mitchell

John T. Mitchell

Associate County Attorney



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November 8, 2021

PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

Anne Arundel County Police Department
Baltimore County Police Department
Baltimore Police Department

Howard County Police Department
Montgomery County Police Department
Prince George's County Police Department

Dear :

Under the Maryland Public Information Act, I hereby respectfully request the following firearms data and information for the years 2018 through October 31, 2021:

1. Number of firearms recovered by your agency. Total numbers, by year and firearm type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
2. Number of firearms recovered by your agency and which had serial numbers removed or otherwise obliterated. Total numbers listed by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
3. Number of firearms recovered by your agency and which never had a serial number (e.g. built from commercially produced "80% complete" receivers) which were subsequently completed by a private individual. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
4. Number of firearms recovered by your agency and which were produced in whole in part on a 3D printer of any description. Total numbers by year and type (rifle, pistol, revolver, shotgun, assault rifle).
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Failed to respond:

Baltimore County PD, Prince George's Co PD & Montgomery Co PD

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Recipient's name
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For the purpose of this request, the data requested on firearms is for numbers only. No serial numbers or descriptive information beyond the type of firearms listed above is requested. Data in Excel electronic format, if possible, would be most helpful.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Respectfully,

John H. Josselyn

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November 29, 2021

John Josselyn
2A Maryland


Dear Mr. Josselyn,

This letter is in response to your request dated November 8, 2021. Your request has been processed in accordance with the Maryland Public Information Act (MPIA), Annotated Code of Maryland, General Provisions Article § 4-101, et seq. (MPIA). Specifically, you have requested several types of information, all pertaining to firearms used in crimes and policy of return.

Upon search, most data sets that you have requested pertaining to information that we either do not collect or do not index in a searchable manner. As in the past, I have attached three reports: ~~Violent Crime with Guns, Stolen and Recovered Guns and Count of Applied Selected Charges.~~ Regarding the report of charges, please note that the data reflects what is in our system currently and does not include charges applied and later expunged by court order. Regarding all other listed items, no records are responsive to those requests. However, some unrelated data has been compiled by way of report review to provide certain elements for Anne Arundel County's Gun Violence Protection Task Force, which I have also included for reference should you be interested.

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Respectfully,


Christine Ryder
Custodian of Records

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From: [Hurst, Kenneth](#)
To: jhosselyn@2amaryland.org
Subject: MPIA 21 2343 Gun Numbers Request
Date: Tuesday, December 14, 2021 8:59:50 AM
Attachments: Gun Numbers Request.pdf
MPIA 21 2343 data.docx

Dear Mr. John Josselyn:

In reference to your request for gun numbers under MPIA 21 2343. Please see the attached which will satisfy this request.

Thank you

Ken Hurst
Baltimore Police Department
Operations Assistant II
Document Compliance Coordinator
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Baltimore City Police Department - MPIA Firearms Data Request

#1) Firearms received by Type-This as specific as we break it down for reporting

	2018	2019	2020	2021**
Total	2713*	2214	2283	2159
Semi Auto Handguns	1649	1378	1562	1567
Revolvers	449	341	319	220
Long Arms (shotguns, rifles, etc.)	538	411	298	300
Other (Blank, starter, etc.)	75	84	104	25

**This gun total represents ~1800 guns from the gun buyback and are incorporated in the numbers.*

#2) Firearms received with obliterated serial numbers

2018	2019	2020	2021**
106	69	50	112

#3 & #4) Firearms received that never had a serial number-Ghost Guns (80%'s and raw materials) we do not differentiate between the two

2018	2019	2020	2021**
12	48	143	323

#5) Firearms received that never had a serial number-3D printed guns. We had one as part of a gun from the buyback in 2018.

***The 2021 number is from Jan 1-Nov 30, 2021.*

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HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
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12/14/2021

Mr. John H. Josselyn
jhjosselyn@2AMaryland.org

Dear Mr. Josselyn:

In response to your request under the Maryland Public Information Act §4-101 et. Seq. of the General Provisions Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (PIA), for records relating to “firearms data and information for the years 2018 through October 31, 2021.” Please find below the responsive data for items number 1,2,3, and 4.

Item 1 - Number of Firearms Recovered by your Agency

	Handgun Revolver/ Pistol	Rifle	Other Firearm	Shotgun	Total
2018	152	89	0	59	300
2019	188	87	0	54	329
2020	139	49	0	23	211
1/1/21 - 10/31/2021	139	45	0	25	209

Item 2 - Serial Numbers Removed or Obliterated

	Handgun Revolver/ Pistol	Rifle	Other Firearm	Shotgun	Total
2018	3	0	0	1	4
2019	3	0	0	0	3
2020	1	0	0	0	1
1/1/21 - 10/31/2021	1	0	0	0	1

Item 3 - Never Had Serial Number

	Handgun Revolver/ Pistol	Rifle	Other Firearm	Shotgun	Total
2018	2	0	0	0	2
2019	8	3	0	0	11
2020	7	0	0	0	7
1/1/21 - 10/31/2021	11	1	0	0	12

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Item 4 - 3D Printed

	Handgun Revolver/ Pistol	Rifle	Other Firearm	Shotgun	Total
2018	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0	0
1/1/21 - 10/31/21	1	1	0	0	2

Please be advised that item numbers 5 and 6 will require a hand review of approximately six hundred eleven (611) incident reports. The estimated time it will take to review these reports is 38 hours.

Pursuant to the Act, you may be charged a reasonable fee for the search, preparation and reproduction of the requested records. By law, the first two (2) hours of labor costs are provided to you at no charge. The time expended complying with your request at this point is 2 hours. The review of the incident reports to obtain data for items 5 and 6 fee estimation is \$ 984.20. If you would like the Department to complete this research, and review of the incident reports to obtain the data requested in items 5 and 6, please submit a check or money order made payable to the Howard County Director of Finance for the total fee amount listed above, upon receipt the Department will begin the process of the review.

Please be advised that you have the right to judicial review of the denial of a part of a public record pursuant to Section §4-362 of the General Provisions Article by filing a petition in the Circuit Court for Howard County or in the Circuit Court in Maryland in which you reside or maintain a principal place of business. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-313-2280.

Sincerely,

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