

Written Testimony of Paul Kemp

Submitted to the Oregon State Senate Judiciary Committee

Thank you Chairman Prozanski and the members of the Committee, for holding this important hearing and for giving me the opportunity to share my story with you.

My name is Paul Kemp. I'm a gun owner. I don't have a CHL, but I have taken the necessary class required in Oregon to get a CHL. I have many friends who have had a CHL for years. I have heard that there are many of our legislators who have a CHL too.

Over the last few years I've appeared before this committee advocating for more comprehensive background check laws. Unfortunately, I am here today to relate another personal experience, this time with a CHL holder. I hope you were able to bring your copy of my testimony so you can see the series of threatening and disturbing social media posts that compelled me to testify today.



**Kyle Young** Droop122

14 Nov

Getting my concealed license in two weeks. Who wants to get shot?

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Figure 1



**Kyle Young** Droop122

12 Nov

I got my twin glock .40's cocked back. [pic.twitter.com/DXYDdans](http://pic.twitter.com/DXYDdans)

Hide photo Reply Retweet Favorite



Figure 2



Figure 3



Figure 4

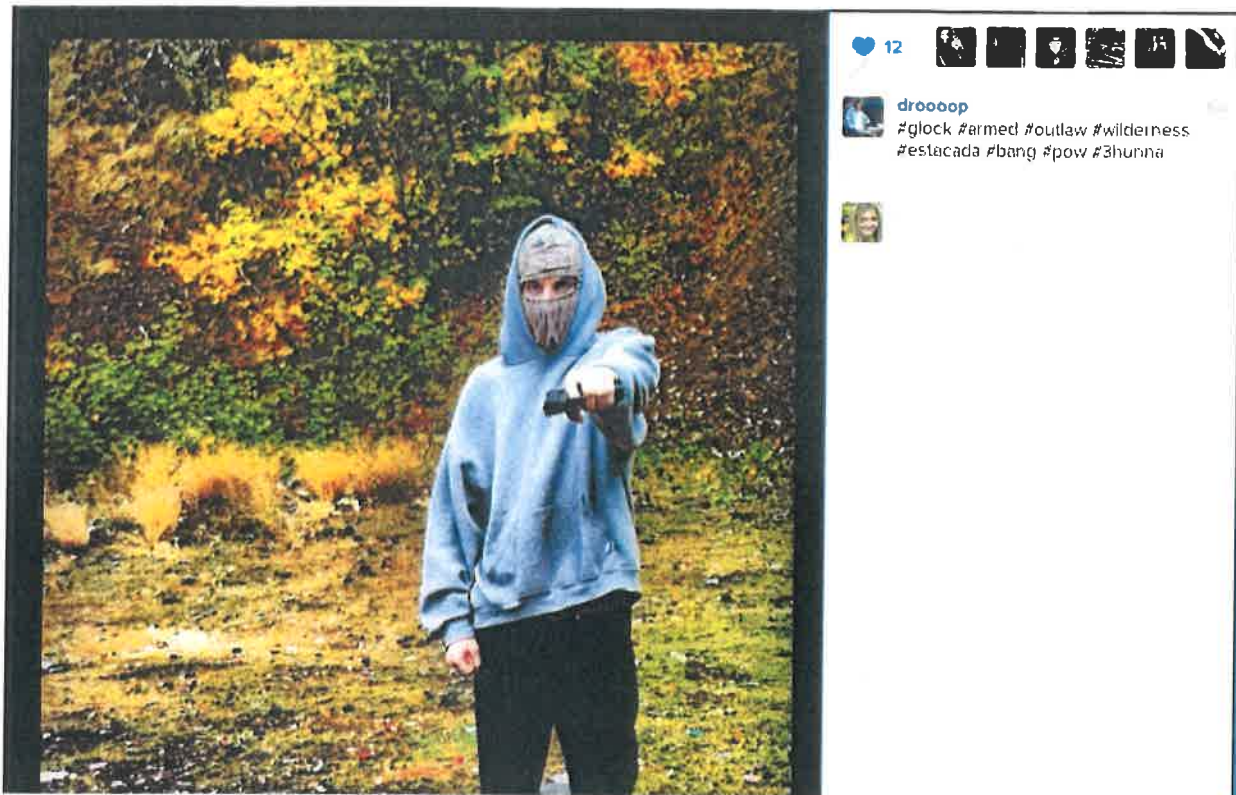


Figure 5

This series of screen shots was from my daughter's ex-high school boyfriend. My daughter called me; she was obviously and rightfully very upset after she saw these messages on social media. These screen shots were from messages Kyle sent in the fall of 2012, a few months before the Clackamas Town Center shooting.

I called the Clackamas County Sheriff's office who issued Kyle his CHL to see if they would revoke the CHL based on these public threatening messages he sent out for all to see. The sheriff's office would not revoke Kyle's CHL (the permit is good for 4 years). I asked them if they would not renew

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the CHL after the initial permit expired, they had no answer. I e-mailed these to the Sheriff's office for future reference in the event he did shoot someone, specifically my daughter.

The Clackamas County Sheriff's office would not do anything, as Kyle had not physically attacked my daughter, he had just made numerous threats to harm her.

The most ironic thing about the CHL permit process in Clackamas County, it is the same place they sent Carla Forsyth (my sister), her daughter Katie (my niece) and me after I picked them up outside the Clackamas Town Center the afternoon of the Clackamas Town Center shooting. The building we met the TIP (Trauma Intervention Program) volunteers and police chaplain's from a few jurisdictions is the Public Safety Center and Indoor Firing Range located at 12700 SE 82nd Ave, Clackamas, Oregon. This facility is just west of the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office on SE Sunnybrook and a short distance from the Clackamas Town Center Mall. This is also the office Clackamas County issues CHL's from. So while we waited 4 1/2 hours to find out if Steve Forsyth (Carla's husband) was OK, injured or dead, I was able to press my argument about not renewing Kyle's CHL permit with the very folks who issued the CHL permit to Kyle in the first place.

I am sorry to say I don't know which states HB 3093 is set to work with, but this is one example why I think HB 3093 is a bad idea. When I can't even get my home states county sheriff who issued a permit to do anything against someone making public threats, there is something wrong. I sent Kyle's own words and photos to Rose Parkhill at the Clackamas County Sheriff's office. Her reply to me is below between the dashed lines.

**The irony here is the reply from Officer Parkhill was only 4 hours before Steve Forsyth and Cindy Yuille were murdered at the Clackamas Town Center.**

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From: RosePar@co.clackamas.or.us  
To: [REDACTED]  
Date: Tue, 11 Dec 2012 11:25:28 -0800  
Subject: RE: Attached screen shots from Kyle's Tweets  
Thank you!

Officer Rose Parkhill  
Clackamas County Sheriff's Office  
9101 SE Sunnybrook Blvd, Clackamas OR 97015  
503-785-5000 ex. 7387  
rosepar@co.clackamas.or.us

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*In the e-mail from Rosepar@co.clackamas.or.us I have blacked out my personal e-mail address since this will be part of the public record. If any one of you wants, I would be happy to forward you this e-mail without the blacked out portion.*

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Since the Clackamas County Sherriff's office was unwilling or unable to act on my request to revoke Kyle's CHL I contacted his father Lou. I sent Lou the same screen shots you've seen here. I do not know if Lou talked with his son Kyle or not about the social media threats he made. However, I felt helpless to protect my daughter from these threats.

We are one family out of the thousands here in Oregon. In the span of a few months our lives were affected by instances of gun violence threats and a murder. No one in our family is involved in crime, the drug trade, street gangs or trafficking guns. We actually lead quite normal and many would say boring lives in the suburbs.

**How many other Oregon families have had similar experiences as I have described here? Is there some overwhelming benefit to OREGON citizens with the passage of HB 3093? I and many others would love to know how OREGONIANS will benefit from passage of this bill.**

**I would urge the Oregon Legislature to strengthen Oregon's current CHL requirements to include:**

- 1. Justified circumstances warranting a CHL, in other words show "good cause" for CHL**
- 2. Give local authorities discretion for issuing a CHL**
- 3. Allow local authorities the ability to revoke a CHL, for behavior such as that noted above.**
- 4. Add a live fire training requirement demonstrating safe handling of the applicants gun**
- 5. Deny a CHL applicant if they have been convicted of violent or fire-arm related misdemeanor, including assault battery and unlawful possession of a firearm.**
- 6. The CHL applicant must own the gun used in the live fire training**
- 7. Prohibit the carrying of loaded firearms in schools, universities, public parks and government buildings.**

**I urge you to vote NO on HB 3093 unless reciprocity is granted to CHL holders from states with equal or more stringent requirements than Oregon.**