

When I attended high school in Oregon back in the 1980's every third pickup truck in the school parking lot had a rifle and/or a shotgun in its rear window. There were no problems. So, what has changed to enable these school shootings?

FIRST the names and faces of school shooters are forever canonized by the media's 24-hour news cycle. We can't restrict the First Amendment, but I refuse to utter their names.

SECOND any threats of resistance to a school shooter were removed by the Gun-Free School Zones Act of 1990 and the Gun-Free Schools Act of 1994. Limiting the Second Amendment has actually *increased* school shootings. Further restrictions will continue to have an effect opposite to what is desired.

THIRD while the addition of armed school resource officers has served as a deterrent, people intent on doing harm know that one cop cannot be all places at once. This is where licensed concealed carry holders pick up the slack. Whether you like it or not, there are school teachers, staff and parents with an Oregon Concealed Handgun License who have carried their pistols every day on campus for years to protect our kids. This has not been a problem. Studies have shown that Concealed Carry permit holders commit less crime than police officers. We are not the problem.

Why is this harmful legislation even being considered? Because Oregon Senate Democratic Leader Ginny Burdick believes *"parents coming to parent-teacher conferences with loaded guns is not conducive to a healthy education environment."* her quote at time 3:37 from this interview <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CF4UXOhS5lo>

To exclude an entire class of law-abiding people from public places simply because you or a handful of liberal teachers are not comfortable around them is the worst kind of discrimination. As other citizens have already stated, this law would create a chessboard pattern of bare land adjacent to schools, airports, hospitals, and other public buildings that legal concealed carriers would not be able to enter. The cost of signage alone for public entities would be astronomical for absolutely no public safety benefit.

On a personal note, as a real estate professional I inspect a large number of foreclosed vacant houses. I have seen nefarious looking people run out the back of a vacant house while I unlock the front door. This is why I have an Oregon CHL and carry my pistol for personal protection. If this section of SB978 passes I will be subject to fines and imprisonment when I drop off or pick up my child in the school parking lot as I go to or come from work even if my pistol is locked in a

safe! If this passes, I will have no choice but to home school our youngest child and send the older students to college in free states such as Idaho or Utah.

I urge you to vote NO on SB 978 or at least remove Sections 26, 27, 28 and 29 entirely from this bill.

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The Oregon 2019 Safe Storage Act would not have saved Cindy Yuille and Steve Forsyth according to the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office active shooter investigation, linked <https://dochub.clackamas.us/documents/drupal/03ed9911-ccaf-4197-8b1e-918fc7b4b685> and attached.

The murderer who had seen the rifle several months prior, stole it on December 11 between 5 a.m. and noon while sleeping over at the owners home.

The owner did not wake up until 4 p.m. on December 11, to find his rifle and murderer gone. This was over half an hour AFTER the shooting.

The owner called 911 from payphone at approximately 7 p.m. to report the rifle stolen to Portland Police, well within the 24 hour required by the proposed law.

Back on December 8 and 9 the murderer purchased several 30 round AR-15 magazines and .223 ammo from a local gun shop, a sporting goods store and a local big-box retailer. If the rifle were secured as required by the proposed law with a lock similar to the ones included with every new gun, then the murderer could have easily defeated that with a set of wire or bolt cutters also purchased earlier.

Note that only 17 rounds total were fired. A "high capacity" magazine ban would NOT have affected the outcome.

Finally, the murderer was 22 years old with NO criminal history, NO history of violence and NO history of diagnosed mental illness. Unless he had walked into the local gun shop or sporting goods store smelling of Marijuana he could have passed the NICS background check by lying about his drug use on the Form 4473 and purchased a rifle himself.

SB 978 is based on a lie and I urge you to vote no.

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Clackamas County Sheriff's Office active-shooter investigation: TIMELINE OF EVENTS / OTHER FACTS

Following is a basic chronology of events in the case, along with other facts. Many are being revealed here publicly for the first time. Further details can be found in the investigation case files.

BASIC INVESTIGATION STATS:

- Number of tips received: **311**
- Number of reports written by police: **281**
- Number of people interviewed: **227**
- Number of different police-report authors: **114**

VICTIMS:

1. Cindy Yuille

- 54 years old
- Shopper
- Died as the result of a single rifle gunshot
- Hit by first shot fired by suspect

2. Steven Forsyth

- 45 years old
- Working at his kiosk store
- Died as the result of a single rifle gunshot while moving behind his mall kiosk

3. Kristina Shevchenko

- 15 years old
- Walking through mall to train stop on other side
- Survived a single rifle gunshot; injury sustained while running away from suspect

INFO ON SUSPECT JACOB TYLER ROBERTS:

BASIC FACTS:

- 22 years old
- No criminal history
- No relationship to any victim
- No known ties to the mall
- No history of violence
- No history of diagnosed mental illness

WEARING AT TIME OF SHOOTING:

- Foam earplugs
- Mask
- Gloves
- Load-bearing vest with pockets for rifle magazines (not bullet-resistant)
- No ID or Wallet

WEAPON:

- Suspect armed with Stag Arms AR-15, a semi-automatic rifle
- Had 145 rounds in 5 magazines
- Fired 17 shots total (this includes the self-inflicted shot to the head that killed him)

TOXICOLOGY:

- Marijuana
- Low level of residual cocaine (use 36-48 hrs. prior)

SUSPECT ACTIONS PRIOR TO SHOOTING INCIDENT:

DEC. 1, 2012:

Suspect and girlfriend voluntarily break up. He says he is moving to Hawaii; she doesn't have the money to go with him.

DEC. 5:

Suspect tells boss he is moving to Hawaii and voluntarily quits job.

DEC. 7:

Suspect stops by job to say goodbye to co-workers. Meets friend at local bar and tells her he is leaving for Hawaii on Dec. 8.

DEC. 8:

Suspect buys two 30-round AR-15 magazines from local gun shop, then buys two 20-count boxes of .223 ammo, ear plugs, paper targets at local big-box retailer.

DEC. 9:

- Suspect buys two 30-round AR-15 magazines and paper targets from sporting-goods store, then buys four 20-count boxes of .223 ammo and paper targets at local big-box retailer. He also lists his car for sale on Craigslist.
- Roommates return from weekend trip and are surprised to find suspect still here. Suspect tells roommates he partied Friday night, and so he overslept and missed his flight. Tells roommates he is still going to Hawaii and says he has switched his flight date to next weekend.

DEC. 11, 2012 -- DAY OF SHOOTING

(all times approximate):

- **12:15 a.m.** -- Suspect meets friend, Sean Cates, at Putter's Bar & Grill.
- **1:30 a.m.** -- Suspect and Cates buy beer at 7-Eleven and return to Cates' home to drink, play pool, and smoke marijuana. Cates shows suspect his AR-15 rifle (later stolen by suspect). Suspect had seen this rifle several months prior, but Cates had never taken the suspect shooting.
- **3 a.m.** -- Suspect and Cates head to Denny's (across the street from mall) for late-night meal.
- **UNKNOWN TIME:** Suspect confides in Cates that he decided not to go to Hawaii and doesn't want others to know, but is still leaving town. Cates didn't ask further.
- **5 a.m.** -- Suspect & Cates return to Cates' home. Suspect goes to sleep on couch.
- **Unknown time between 5 a.m. and noon** -- Suspect steals rifle.
- **12 noon** -- Suspect stops by his home, talks briefly with roommates, leaves with pair of boots and small plastic bag of clothes.
- **3 p.m.** -- Suspect visits friend Tyler Eheler, who lives two miles from mall. The two talk about him leaving to Hawaii and smoke small amount of marijuana.
- **3:15 p.m.** -- Approximate time suspect leaves Tyler Eheler's.
- **3:28 p.m.** -- Suspect enters Macy's from parking lot wearing a mask and carrying a rifle. Leaves windshield wipers running and his ID in car. There are an estimated 8,000-10,000 shoppers on the mall property at the time.
- **3:29 p.m.** -- Clackamas County 9-1-1 receives a call from Macy's store at the mall.
- 12 seconds after initial incoming 9-1-1 call, dispatch broadcasts the call for patrol units. Transit Police Officers respond to mall on foot from their office in the MAX parking garage.
- First CCSO unit arrives in the mall parking lot at **3:30:29** -- 1 minute and 12 seconds after call was dispatched.
- **3:30 p.m.** -- Shortly after first units arrive, dispatch receives info that suspect has a white face mask, black coat and pants, rifle and is walking into Macy's Home Store. Also begin to get calls confirming victims.
- **3:29 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** -- Suspect shoots Cindy Yuille, Kristina Shevchenko, then Steven Forsyth, and fires 13 more rounds that do not hit anyone.
- **3:51p.m.** -- CCSO locates suspect dead in service hallway near JC Penney.

OTHER INCIDENT TIMES:

- First 9-1-1 call from department store: **37 seconds** after suspect enters
- Time suspect is in public view: **1 min. 41 sec. (35 sec. in Macy's)**
- Time from 9-1-1 call to first police group entering mall: **2.5 min.**
- **6 minutes** after dispatch, **17 officers** are inside mall searching for suspect.
- **21 minutes** after dispatch, an initial response police team locates suspect deceased in back service hallway.
- Tactical teams finished "slow clear" of mall -- looking for additional injured people or possible accomplices in hiding -- at 3:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

DISPATCH SURGE STATS:

- On a typical weekday in December, Clackamas County Dispatch will answer 200 to 300 9-1-1 calls in a 24-hour period.
- On Dec. 11, 2012, in the five hours between 2 and 7 p.m., **365** 9-1-1 calls were answered.
- At approximately 3:29 p.m., Clackamas County Dispatch receives the first call about this incident.
- By 3:40 p.m. (11 minutes later), Clackamas County Dispatch dispatchers answered **94** 9-1-1 calls.

JACOB TYLER ROBERTS' ROOMMATES: INTERVIEWS / TIPS

- Roommates called into CCSO Tip Line at 7:03 p.m. after hearing of shooting. Provided name of Jacob Roberts.
- Earlier in day, roommates had found empty ammo boxes in his room. Learned from Internet that ammo could be used for AR-15.
- Suspect told roommates he was getting inheritance and moving to Hawaii. Roommates confirmed he had sold a couch and Xbox on Craigslist.

INFO ON STOLEN RIFLE / INTERACTIONS WITH OWNER

(all times approximate):

- Stolen rifle owner: **Sean Cates**. Rifle legally purchased in 2011.
- Suspect visited, hung out, slept at Cates' on Dec. 11.
- Cates wakes up 4 p.m. on Dec. 11, finds rifle and suspect gone.
- Goes to work at 5 p.m. Tells co-worker who is getting off shift that rifle is missing.
- Co-worker calls later, tells Cates about mall situation.
- Cates calls 911 from payphone at approximately 7 p.m. to report the rifle stolen to Portland Police. Reporting officer recognizes possible relation to mall situation and contacts Sheriff's Office detectives.
- Sheriff's Office detectives respond to Cates' home and do a detailed interview.

METHODS OF SUSPECT ID:

- Fingerprint at scene revealed no matches in criminal system
- Suspect name, obtained from rifle owner and roommates
- Computer databases used to locate possible relative's address
- Aunt (had no contact for 2 years)
- Matching tattoos on aunt and suspect

CINEMA

FOOD COURT

MACY'S HOME

LOADING DOCK

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Cindy
Yuille

Victim 2:
Steven
Forsyth

Victim 3:
Kristina
Shevchenko

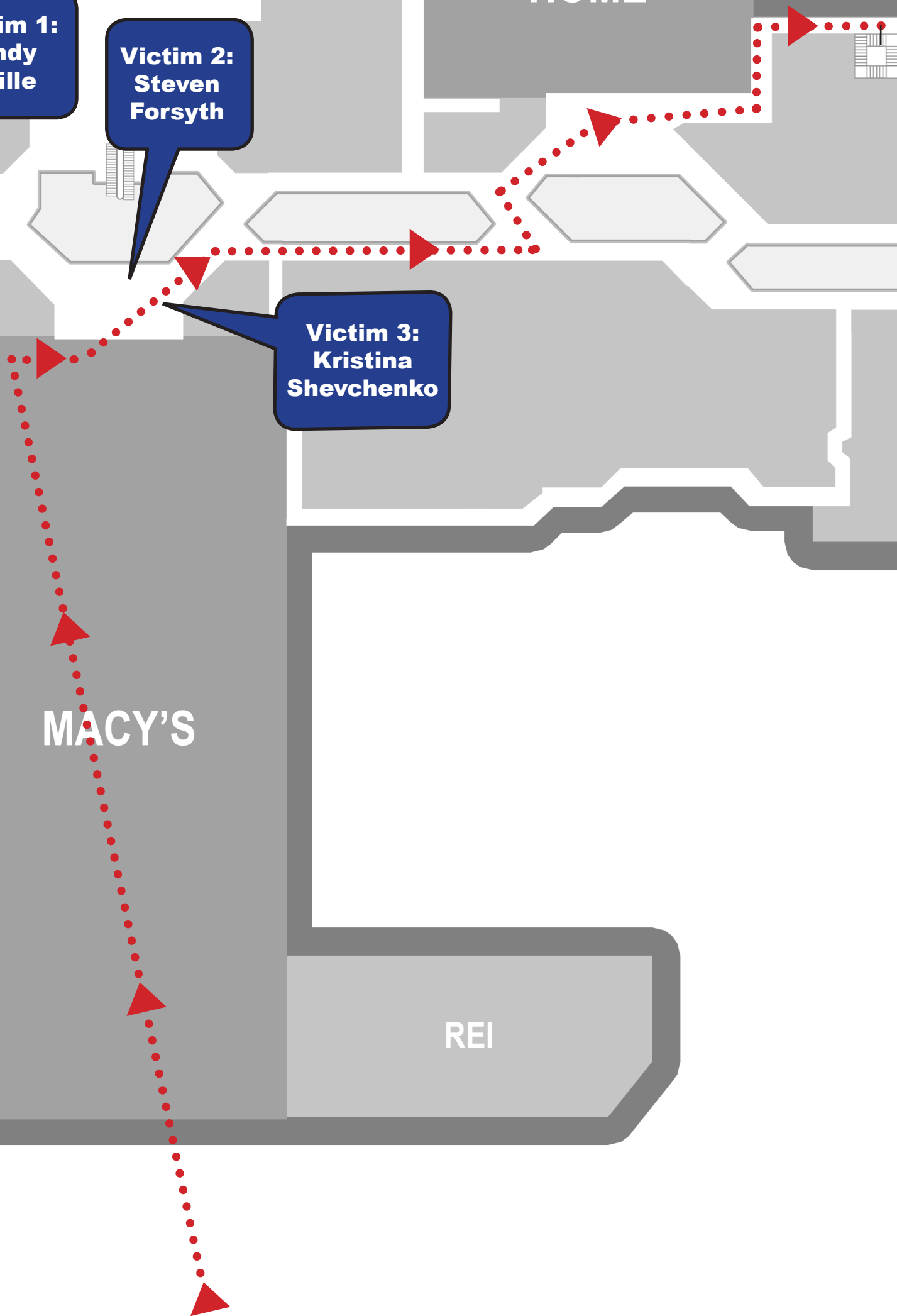
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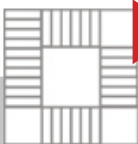
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SUSPECT
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UPPER LEVEL



MACY'S
HOME



Suspect's
Body
Found

JC PENNEY

BARNES
& NOBLE

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