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## Farm attacker poses as firearm license inspector

This article is a month old but remains a warning to all gunowners.

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On Tuesday, December 20, two black men and a woman posing as gun inspectors, with forged documents entered a farm near Cookhouse, Glen Avon, Blue Crane Route Municipality, in the Eastern Cape Province. The farmer suspected that something was not right and closed the gate, trapping their vehicle inside the property.

Apparently, the suspects presented falsified documents to obtain gun license survey information. As soon as the suspects realized that they were found to be imposters, they tried to flee. The two male suspects jumped out of the car and fled on foot. The driver of the car was caught along with the woman who remained in the car.

The suspects fired at the farmer when chased and are armed and considered dangerous.

Farmers are warned not to confront scammers who pretend to be inspectors as they could be armed and dangerous. The suspects are still at large.

The South African police are investigating the incident.

<http://southafricatoday.net/south-africa-news/eastern-cape/farm-attacker-poses-as-firearm-license-inspector/>

## Book on South African Manufactured Firearms

The Pretoria Arms and Ammunition Association's (PAAA) hard-covered book **Firearms Developed and Manufactured in Southern Africa 1949-2000** is being launched on 3 March 2017.

Consisting of more than 550 pages, printed on high quality paper, containing about 1000 full-colour

photographs and high quality illustrations, it covers 222 South African manufactured firearms and models.

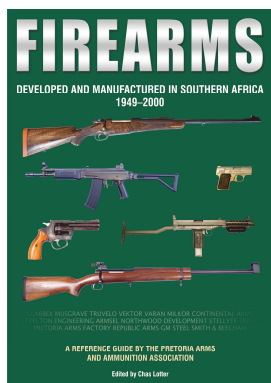
The book not only comprehensively covers the technical data on Southern African hunting rifles, sporting arms, handguns and military firearms but also tells the story of the companies which manufactured them, the designers who created them and the people who made them.

The book deals with the following:

1. A Preface, the Key Role of the Collector and an Historical Perspective
2. Musgrave
3. Vektor/Lyttelton Engineering Works
4. Truvelo
5. Republic Arms

6. Other South African Manufacturers
7. Rhodesia
8. A comprehensive firearm Index, general index and glossary

If you are interested in placing an order, please contact Dirk at [pwavpaaa@gmail.com](mailto:pwavpaaa@gmail.com) for an order form. The current pre-publication price, valid until 2 March 2017, is R490.00 plus postage, thereafter it will be R720.00 plus postage.



## Obama's Final Shot: Ban on 'Traditional Ammo'

### **BANNED!!**

By Paul Bedard

23 January 2017

In its final attack on gun owners, the Obama administration moved to ban traditional lead ammo on federal grounds and waterways on its last full day in office.

The ban, which includes cheap bullets and common fishing tackle, can be repealed by the Trump administration and was immediately condemned as an attack on outdoors people and rural life.

"This directive is irresponsible and driven not out of sound science but unchecked politics," said Lawrence Keane, senior vice president and general counsel of the National Shooting Sports Foundation.

"The timing alone is suspect. This directive was published without dialogue with industry, sportsmen and conservationists. The next director should immediately rescind this, and instead create policy based upon scientific evidence of population impacts with regard to the use of traditional ammunition."

The National Rifle Association's lobby shop predicted that the ban will be "short lived."

In a statement, it said, "Like so much of what Barack Obama claimed as 'accomplishments,' it will hopefully amount to little more than a symbolic act of defiance by a president with little of substance to show for his eight years in office."

The Fish and Wildlife Service ban is aimed at protecting birds, animals and fish from lead poisoning. It is to begin now and cover all federal lands by 2022 unless revised.

But it apparently came as a surprise to state agencies working with FWS to study the impact of lead bullets and weights. The association that represents state agencies, the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, for example, ripped the 11th hour move as an attack on hunters, anglers and life in rural America.

A statement from Association President Nick Wiley said: "This action flies squarely in the face of a long and constructive tradition of states working in partnership with the service to effectively manage fish and wildlife resources."

He adds, "the Association views this Order as a breach of trust and deeply disappointing given that it was a complete surprise and there was no current dialogue or input from state fish and wildlife agencies prior to issuance. It does a disservice to hunters and anglers, the firearms and angling industries, and the many professionals on staff with the USFWS who desire a trusting and transparent relationship with their state partners." This is unacceptable federal overreach into the states' authority to regulate the methods of take for sport fish as well as complete disregard for the states' concurrent jurisdiction with the Service for the management of migratory birds. Further, the economic impacts of this action, which likely will be felt most by rural Americans, is likely to be hundreds of millions of dollars."

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<http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/obamas-final-shot-ban-on-traditional-ammo/article/2612647>

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## 5 Movies That Got Gun Handling Right (For a Change)

<https://www.nrafamily.org/articles/2017/1/20/5-movies-that-got-gun-handling-right-for-a-change/#>

by Brad Fitzpatrick  
Friday, January 20, 2017

Many of the top actors of the mid-twentieth century like Audie Murphy and Neville Brand were former soldiers and had the background knowledge required to handle firearms properly while on set. Today, however, many of Hollywood's top actors don't have military experience and lack proper gun-handling skills. Some of their errors are comical, and others display behavior that is downright dangerous. But not all actors are bad with guns, and some silver screen stars are skilled and responsible shooters.

If you've ever watched a major motion picture there's a good chance you've seen props rented from Independent Studio Services in Sunland, California, the go-to place for film makers looking to rent everything from Glockes and Gatling guns to garbage cans. Larry Zanoﬀ of the ISS Weapons Department shares some of his picks for the films and actors that display gun handling on the highest level.

### 1. Heat

Heat is a 1995 crime film starring Al Pacino, Robert De Niro and Val Kilmer. The director, Michael Mann, is known for his attention to detail with regard to firearms handling, so you won't see a bunch of muzzles pointed at feet or fingers on triggers in his flicks. Zanoﬀ ranks this among the very best films with regard to firearms handling.

"(Mann) is an avid shooter, knowledgeable about weapons, and

wanted the same from his on-screen characters," Zanoﬀ says. "The bank robbery/street battle scene is full of good weapons handling like tactical magazine changes, the product of days and days of actor training."

### 2. Enemy At The Gates

This 2001 film is based upon a nonfiction account of the Battle for Stalingrad in 1942/1943 and stars Joseph Fiennes, Jude Law and Ed Harris. Law portrays Vasili Zaitsev, a well-known Soviet sniper, and Harris plays his German counterpart Major Erwin Konig, who is charged with killing Zaitsev. Larry Zanoﬀ says that both actors deserve attention for their skill with firearms in this film.

"While possibly not the most historically correct film, both the stars displayed actual sniping skills," Zanoﬀ says. These include, "staying back so as to stay in shadow, timing fire to disguise location, and, most importantly, the care they show for their weapons during general daily movement."

### 3. Collateral

Collateral is a 2004 crime thriller that stars Tom Cruise and Jamie Foxx, and it was also directed by Michael Mann. Mann, as previously mentioned, has very high expectations for gun handling in his films and he expects actors to train diligently for their roles. Cruise practiced live-fire drills at the L.A. Sheriff's Department shooting range with instructors Chic Daniel and Mick Gould before filming.

"Tom's scene in the alleyway shows exceptional weapons handling skills, and proves again that practice makes perfect," Zanoﬀ says. It should also be noted that the actors handle their guns safely. The theatrical release poster shows Cruise with his

finger properly indexed outside the trigger guard of his Ruger Mk II.

### 4. A Good Day to Die Hard

Bruce Willis, who portrays John McClane in the Die Hard film series, is an avid shooter, and that real-world experience translates to the screen, Zanoﬀ says.

"(Willis) is a professional actor who has good weapons skills from the training he has received for films as well as from his own recreational shooting," Zanoﬀ says. "He can actually do those quick mag changes you see on screen. When you see him manipulating weapons on screen that's practiced skill, not acting."

Part of what makes this particular film a standout is that Willis uses so many weapons properly, from a SIG Sauer P220 Combat to an FN SCAR-H CQC rifle to a Remington 870 Police Entry shotgun. In one scene Willis is shown carrying the Remington shotgun with a proper muzzle-down manner with his finger riding along the receiver just above the trigger.

### 5. Pale Rider

As with Willis, it's hard to choose a single Clint Eastwood film in which the actor's gun handling skills stand out because his familiarity and respect for firearms is apparent in all of his movies.

"From...The Outlaw Josey Wales to the fantastic on-screen assembly of a German MP40 in Where Eagles Dare it's easy to see that Clint knows how to handle firearms of all types," Zanoﬀ says. But if there's a standout moment for Zanoﬀ it's the reloading in Pale Rider.

"The ease with which Eastwood changed cylinders in his 1858 Remington only comes from hours of practice and a natural comfort with firearms."

## Gun Owners Welcome Donald J. Trump

### Gun Owners Welcome Donald J. Trump as President of the United States

Friday, January 20, 2017

Gun owners across the nation breathed a sigh of relief as Donald J. Trump was sworn in Friday morning as the 45th president of the United States.

Trump's election was the result of a sweeping grassroots movement to upend the Washington status quo and restore the concept of popular sovereignty in America.....

And that, after all, is the essence of the Second Amendment, the principle that in a government of laws, and not of men, ultimate power and authority reside with the people. And that includes the power of self-defense, so that no person is left to depend solely on the state's good graces for his or her very life.

.... NRA was among Trump's earliest and most faithful backers during a campaign in which

conventional wisdom gave him no chance of winning. As a concealed carry permit holder, Second Amendment advocate, and father to two enthusiastic hunters and shooters, Trump may well be the most pro-gun president to date.

Trump's swearing in also ends the imperious reign of Barack Obama, who has repeatedly said on the record that failure to see federal gun control legislation enacted was the biggest frustration of a tenure also marked by slow economic growth, terrorism, and unrest and division in the homeland.

The NRA, its members, and the pro-gun Congress ....thwarted Obama's designs for new federal gun laws, but Obama aggressively used executive authority to curb Second Amendment rights wherever possible. ....

Obama continued these tactics through his last hours in office, as the Fish and Wildlife Service late

on Thursday announced plans to seek a ban on lead ammunition and fishing tackle in areas under its control.

Yet as President Trump said while addressing the nation and the world, "[T]hat is the past. And now we are looking to the future."

As ever, stay tuned ....

"You will never be ignored again," Trump said to the everyday working people of America.

You can rest assured that ..... NRA will continue fighting for the American gun owner every day. We will do all in our power to ensure that we make the most of this historic moment in time.

Today, American gun owners have earned the right to celebrate. But tomorrow our work continues.

<https://www.nraila.org/articles/20170120/gun-owners-welcome-donald-j-trump-as-president-of-the-united-states>