



NOTICE TO APPLICANTS FOR CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS

Date: December 30, 2016

To: Prospective Concealed Carry Weapons Permit (CCW) Applicants

From: Sheriff Ben Trotter

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "BT", is written over the name "Ben Trotter".

Topic: Eligibility for CCW

Nevada law is quite specific on many requirements for qualification for obtaining a CCW; however, the law is silent on citizenship requirements. This memorandum clarifies my perspective on this issue as it pertains to issuance of CCW's in Churchill County, Nevada.

My perspective is the Constitution of the United States was written for "We the People of the United States..." and this makes the protections of this Constitution applicable most specifically to U.S. citizens and residents. While we in the United States may elect to allow many of the protections of this Constitution to apply to anyone within our borders, assuming them to be *basic human rights*, the right to bear arms as protected by the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution is clearly not a basic human right but is a *Constitutional right* than may not apply to people in other countries. In fact, the right to bear arms is far from universal throughout the world and firearms are banned in many countries. Were the right to bear arms actually considered a "basic human right" one could perceive the United States implementing sanctions against countries that violated this right – something that has never happened. In fact, the United States, in reviewing the Bill of Rights has spent rather little energy attempting to force foreign countries to abide by this Bill of Rights when dealing with their own citizens. This Bill of Rights is basically non-applicable in a large percentage of other nations where things like personal liberty, due process, free speech and the list goes on, do not exist or exist in a substantially different form than we know here. These are quite uniquely ours as U.S. Citizens.

Furthermore, it is literally impossible and, if possible, highly impractical and questionably valid to conduct a legitimate background on persons who are not citizens of the U.S. They are also difficult to impossible to enter into the Nevada CCW database due to lack of certain required documents.

Based on these premises, I strongly encourage prospective CCW applicants who are not United States citizens to not apply for CCW permits in Churchill County. I will not approve such applications.

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