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Armed and Prohibited Persons System

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Pursuant to Penal Code section 30015, the Department of Justice shall address the backlog in the Armed and Prohibited Persons System and the illegal possession of firearms by those prohibited persons. This is the calendar year 2016 Armed and Prohibited Persons System report due to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by March 1, 2017.

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Executive Summary

This report summarizes the accomplishments of the California Department of Justice (Department or DOJ), Bureau of Firearms (BOF) during the reporting period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.

The Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS) program was conceptualized by the Legislature in 1999 in response to the proliferation of gun violence across the state and the nation. The focus of the APPS program is to disarm convicted criminals, individuals with mental illness, and other dangerous individuals. The APPS database, which went into effect in December 2006, cross-references firearms owners across the state against criminal history records, mental health records, and restraining orders to identify individuals who have been, or will become, prohibited from possessing a firearm subsequent to the legal acquisition or registration of a firearm or assault weapon. This is a proactive way to prevent crime and reduce violence, including incidents of domestic violence.

The State of California is the first and only state in the nation to establish an automated system for tracking firearm owners who might fall into a prohibited status. To accomplish the APPS program's mission of removing firearms from individuals who may pose a threat to themselves and our communities, the California Attorney General sought additional funding to initiate the first enforcement program.

Until recently, the APPS database was exclusively focused on handgun transaction records, even though approximately half of all California firearm sales involve long-guns. Effective January 1, 2014, a new California law mandated the Department to collect and retain firearm transaction information for all types of guns, including long-guns, which in turn increased the number of subjects who may fall into the APPS database. The number of subjects who were deemed prohibited in 2016 increased by 14.49 percent over the prior year.

Senate Bill 140 (SB 140, Leno) passed the Senate overwhelmingly and took effect on July 1, 2013. The bill appropriated \$24,000,000 from the Dealers' Record of Sale fund, over a period of three years, to the Department to reduce the volume of pending APPS background investigations. With the support of the Legislature and the Attorney General, California Department of Justice agents doubled the average number of firearms seized annually, removed 29,746 subjects from the APPS database, and reduced the total number of listed prohibited individuals to 10,634. Considering the starting figure of 20,721 active subjects in the APPS database on July 1, 2013, and the addition of 30,450 newly prohibited subjects since that date, the number of subjects currently in the APPS database is at an historic low. These figures highlight the program's effectiveness and the steadfast dedication of the Department's enforcement program.

In 2016, the APPS enforcement program completed 9,183 investigations, resulting in 511 arrests and the seizure of 3,954 firearms. Other significant seizures include 947,653 rounds of ammunition, 3,742 magazines, and 663 large-capacity magazines. An additional 220 cases were filed with the respective District Attorney offices when the APPS subject was not present at the time of seizure.

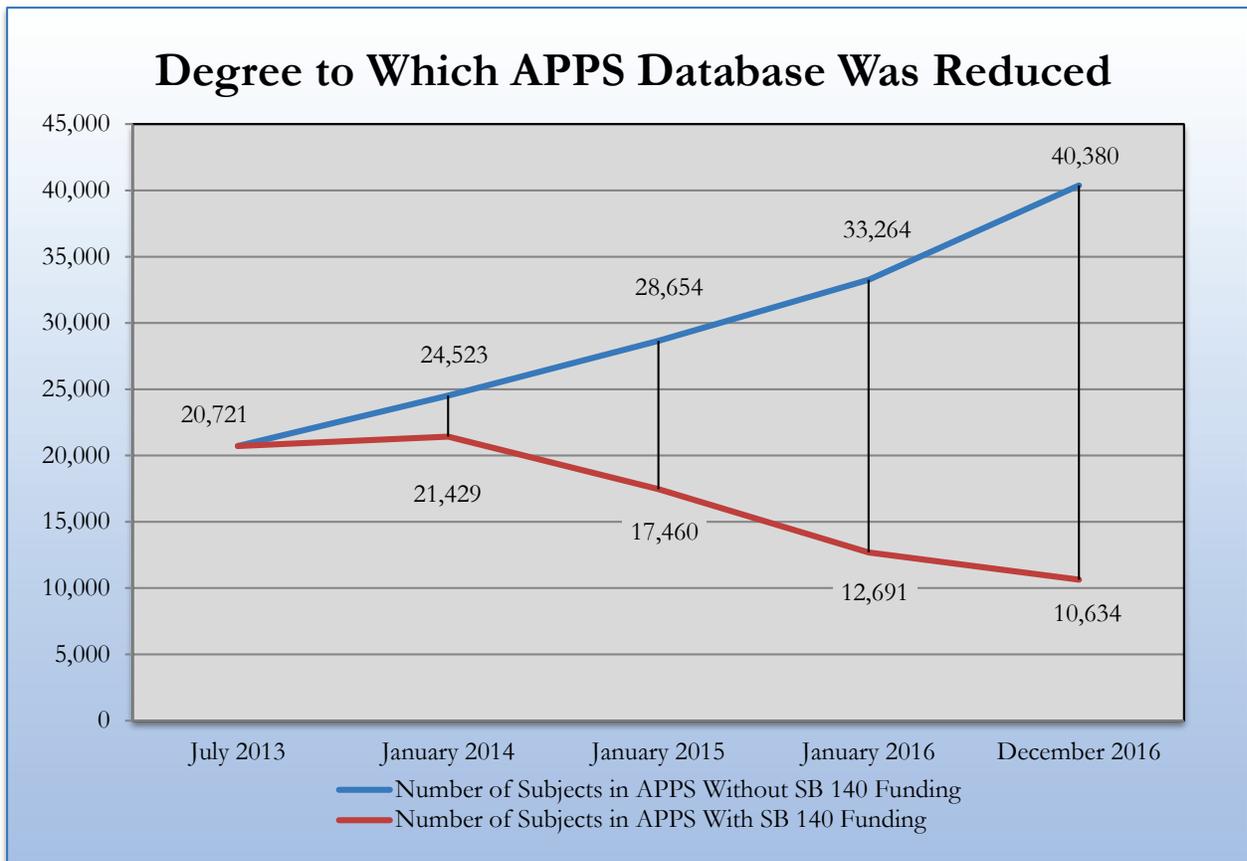
SB 140 requires the Department to submit an annual report for the prior calendar year to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by March 1. The following statistics were included in Senate Bill 140.

Degree to Which the Armed and Prohibited Persons System (APPS) Database Has Been Reduced or Eliminated

On January 1, 2016, there were 12,691 subjects in the APPS database. The Department’s work has effectively reduced the long-standing list to an historic low of 10,634 subjects. The last time the database contained so few subjects was February 2008.

As a point of reference, there were 20,721 subjects in the APPS database at the inception of SB 140. Without SB 140 funding, APPS enforcement would have been far less robust and the number of subjects in the APPS database would have climbed significantly higher. Had the Department taken no enforcement action, the number would have grown to 40,380. Thus, through the Department’s investigative and enforcement efforts there has been an overall reduction of 29,746 subjects, which is a 73.67 percent decrease in the number of APPS subjects.

The following graph illustrates the reduction of subjects in the APPS database since July 1, 2013.



Number of Agents Hired for the Enforcement of APPS

Recruitment and retention remain a critical nationwide problem for law enforcement agencies. A recent survey by the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training revealed that a significant number of law enforcement agencies are still experiencing high vacancies and applicant failure rates, often as high as 90 to 95 percent.

In 2013, SB 140 allocated 36 limited-term agent positions to the Department. The Department has worked diligently to fill the SB 140 positions. In 2016, a total of 10 new special agents were hired for the enforcement of APPS; however, vacancies continue to persist due to factors outside of the Department's control, such as hiring criteria imposed by collective bargaining agreements, retirements, and a change in retirement formulas. The Department has taken proactive measures to address these issues, such as expanding its recruitment efforts, working with the labor union to extend to 24 months the minimum amount of time an agent must stay in one position in order to be eligible to transfer to a new assignment, and mandating overtime for all agents assigned to APPS enforcement.

Number of Subjects Cleared from the APPS

The creation of the enhanced APPS enforcement program enabled the Department to reduce the number of subjects in the APPS database to an extent that would not otherwise have been possible. As of the inception of SB 140 on July 1, 2013, there were 20,721 subjects in the APPS database. An additional 30,450 subjects were deemed prohibited between July 1, 2013 and December 31, 2016; during the same period of time, 10,791 subjects were removed via attrition due to expired prohibitions or death. Without the Department's enforcement efforts, the number of APPS subjects would have grown to 40,380. The database ended 2016 with 10,634 subjects, the lowest it has been since February 2008. Enforcement efforts since July 1, 2013, have eliminated 29,746 subjects from the APPS database, an overall reduction of 73.67 percent.

At the beginning of 2016, there were a total of 12,691 subjects in the APPS database. Over the course of the year, an additional 10,099 subjects were deemed prohibited from owning or possessing firearms and 3,197 subjects were removed from the database due to death or expired prohibition. As a result, the Department worked diligently to address the combined 19,593 prohibited subjects. By the end of 2016, 8,959 subjects had been cleared from APPS.

Since the inception of SB 140, other law enforcement agencies have directly or indirectly affected the APPS numbers (see charts on pages 12 and 13 for a list of agencies). The Los Angeles Police Department had the greatest impact, as they have a Gun Detail that works closely with the Department on APPS investigations. It must be noted, however, that the Department's own enforcement and investigative efforts had the greatest impact on clearing subjects from the APPS database.

Number of Subjects Added to APPS

As stated in the Executive Summary, the APPS database was historically used exclusively for handgun transaction records, despite the fact that approximately half of all California firearm sales involve long-guns. Effective January 1, 2014, a new California law required the Department to begin collecting and retaining firearm transaction information for all types of guns, including long-guns, which consequently increased the number of subjects in the APPS database. In 2016, an additional 10,099 subjects were deemed prohibited from owning or possessing firearms and 3,197 subjects naturally fell out of the database due to death or expired prohibition. 14.49 percent more subjects were deemed prohibited in 2016 as compared to the prior year.

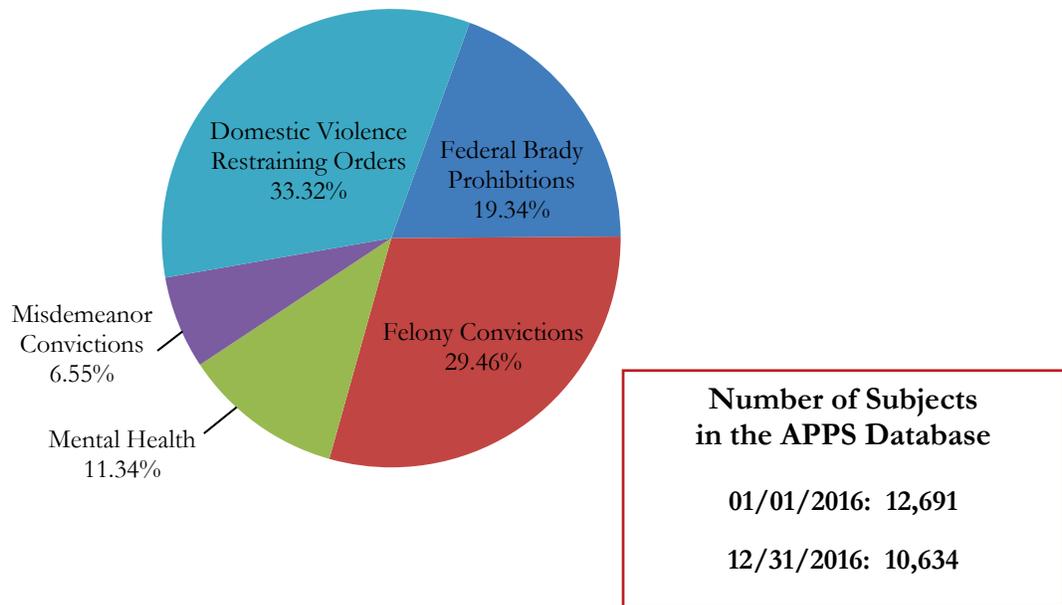
Number of Subjects in the APPS Database Before and After the Relevant Reporting Period, Including a Breakdown of Why Each Person in the APPS is Prohibited from Possessing a Firearm

The APPS database cross-references firearms owners across the state against criminal history records, mental health records, and restraining orders to identify those individuals who have become prohibited from possessing a firearm subsequent to the legal acquisition or registration of a firearm or assault weapon. Historically, the percentages of categorical information updating the APPS database were as follows: 32 percent due to changes in criminal history; 30 percent due to mental health prohibitions; 20 percent due to domestic violence and other restraining orders; and 18 percent due to arrest warrants. The reasons subjects are prohibited fluctuate due to societal and behavioral changes.

Many APPS subjects have multiple prohibitions; for example, a felon with a domestic violence restraining order or one who is a fugitive from justice. This fact, coupled with the fluidity of the APPS database – prohibited subjects are entering and exiting the database on a regular basis – makes it difficult to accurately break down the reason(s) each subject in the APPS is prohibited from possessing a firearm. We can, however, report the categorical percentages for each year.

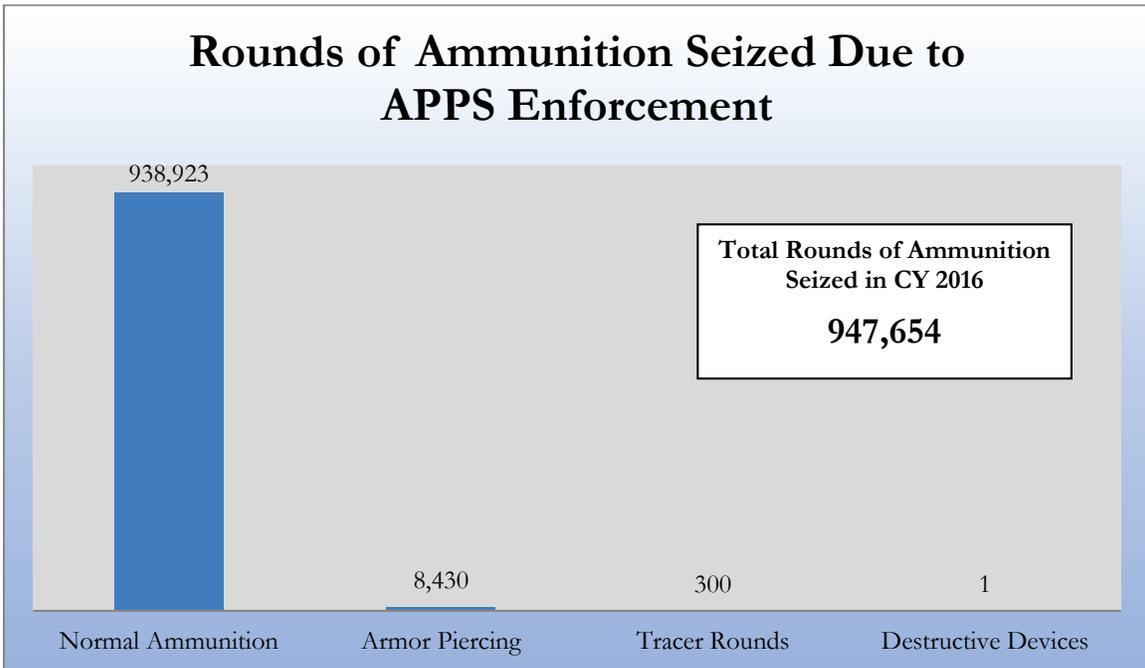
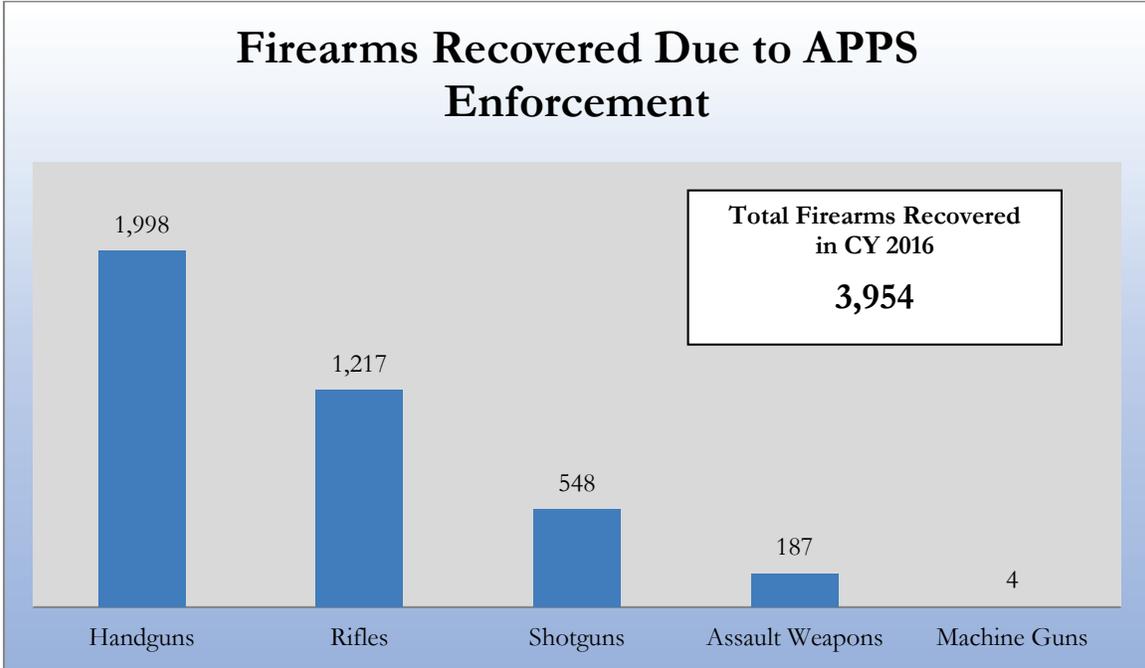
The following graph provides the prohibiting categorical percentages for calendar year (CY) 2016 and the number of subjects in the APPS database before and after the relevant reporting period.

Prohibiting Reasons - CY 2016

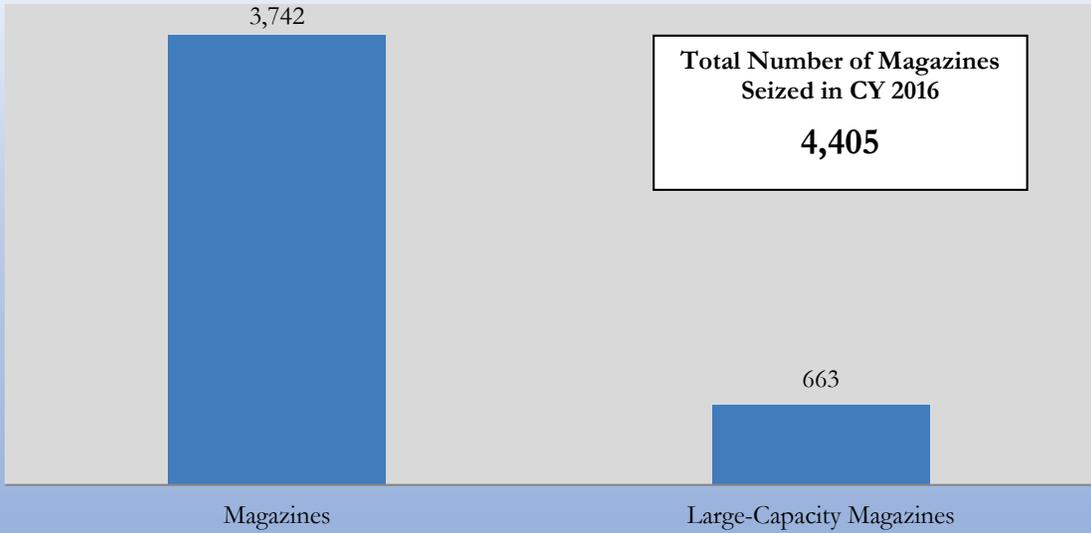


Number of Firearms Recovered Due to APPS Enforcement

The following graphs detail the number of firearms seized due to APPS enforcement in 2016, the types of firearms seized, and other relevant seized contraband.



Magazines and Large-Capacity Magazines Seized Due to APPS Enforcement



Number of Contacts Made During APPS Enforcement Efforts

Enforcement staff continuously research and develop viable APPS investigations to garner the highest number of positive results. An average of three separate contacts are required to resolve one APPS case, usually because (1) the APPS subject is not home at the time of the initial contact, (2) the APPS subject moved and failed to update their address with the Department of Motor Vehicles, or (3) the APPS subject claims to have given their firearm to another person outside of the legal gun transfer process, thereby requiring agents to track down the firearm and/or verify the information provided. Some cases require a higher number of contacts to verify information provided.

Agents resolved 9,183 APPS investigations in 2016. This number is not indicative of the number of times agents attempted to locate an APPS subject; it only captures the number of resolved cases. The Department's case management system does not capture the number of attempted contacts for each case.

A case is considered resolved (closed) when the APPS firearm(s) is seized, the APPS subject is arrested, and/or all investigative leads have been exhausted.

Information Regarding Task Forces or Collaboration with Local Law Enforcement on Conducting APPS Investigations

The Department takes pride in its collaborative efforts with its law enforcement partners. Since the inception of SB 140, the Department has worked with the following agencies to lower the number of subjects in the APPS database:

Anaheim Police Department	Fremont Police Department
Brea Police Department	Fresno Police Department
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives	Fullerton Police Department
Butte County Sheriff's Department	Galt Police Department
California Highway Patrol	Huntington Beach Police Department
Chico Police Department	Imperial County Sheriff's Department
Chula Vista Police Department	Irvine Police Department
Citrus Heights Police Department	Laguna Beach Police Department
Clearlake Police Department	Lincoln Police Department
Colusa County Sheriff's Department	Lodi Police Department
Colusa Police Department	Long Beach Police Department
Concord Police Department	Los Alamitos Police Department
Contra Costa County Probation Department	Los Angeles Police Department
Contra Costa County Sheriff's Department	Manteca Police Department
Corona Police Department	Marin County District Attorney's Office
Cypress Police Department	Marysville Police Department
Daly City Police Department	Mendocino County Sheriff's Department
Danville Police Department	Montclair Police Department
Davis Police Department	Napa County Sheriff's Department
Dixon Police Department	Napa Police Department
Dublin Police Department	Nevada County Sheriff's Department
El Dorado County Sheriff's Department	Oakley Police Department
Elk Grove Police Department	Ontario Police Department
Fairfield Police Department	Orange County Sheriff's Department

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Oroville Police Department	Santa Ana Police Department
Oxnard Police Department	Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Department
Placer County Sheriff's Department	Seal Beach Police Department
Placerville Police Department	Simi Valley Police Department
Pittsburg Police Department	Solano County Sheriff's Department
Redlands Police Department	Stockton Police Department
Richmond Police Department	Sutter County Sheriff's Department
Riverside County Sheriff's Department	Tracy Police Department
Riverside Police Department	Tustin Police Department
Rocklin Police Department	Vacaville Police Department
Sacramento County Sheriff's Department	Vallejo Police Department
Sacramento Police Department	Walnut Creek Police Department
San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department	West Sacramento Police Department
San Bernardino Police Department	Willits Police Department
San Diego County Sheriff's Department	Woodland Police Department
San Diego District Attorney's Office	Yolo County Sheriff's Department
San Diego Police Department	Yuba City Police Department
San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department	Yuba County Sheriff's Department

The following task force also assisted with the reduction of pending APPS investigations:

Napa County Hi-Tech Crimes Task Force

Other Information Deemed Relevant by the Department

From December 2015 through the end of 2016, the Department identified 861 individuals who were in the APPS database due to a traffic or non-prohibiting misdemeanor arrest warrant. A letter was sent to each individual advising them of their prohibited status due to the existing warrant and they were instructed to contact their local law enforcement agency or Superior Court to resolve the warrant. To date, 23.8 percent (205) of those individuals are no longer in the APPS database.

The Department has made great strides in reducing the number of subjects in the APPS database. The success of the APPS program will continue due to the Department's commitment to fulfill the obligations set forth in SB 140.

The following synopses detail some of the resolved APPS cases and highlight the importance of the APPS program to statewide public safety.

VISALIA APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in the Visalia area which resulted in the seizure of nine rifles, six handguns, two large-capacity magazines, 20 standard magazines and 7,090 rounds of ammunition. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29825(b), Possession of a Firearm While Under a Restraining Order; and 30305(a), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition.



UNDERCOVER OPERATION AT GLENDALE GUN SHOW RESULTS IN ARREST OF PROHIBITED PERSON

BOF agents conducted an undercover enforcement operation at a gun show in Lancaster. During the operation, agents identified a prohibited subject determined to be a vendor at the gun show. The subject had a small amount of ammunition visible at his table, along with miscellaneous gun parts. While speaking with the subject, agents learned he was in the business of selling serialized lowers for AR and AK style rifles. Agents purchased a small amount of ammunition from the subject, and when he packed up his booth and exited the gun show venue, agents obtained consent to search his vehicle and uncovered five serialized lower receivers, ammunition magazines, and numerous rounds of ammunition. The subject admitted to being a convicted felon and knowingly possessing firearms and ammunition while being prohibited. The subject also admitted to having additional lower receivers, firearms, and ammunition at his residence in Bakersfield, where agents subsequently served a search warrant. A search of the subject's residence resulted in the seizure of one handgun, four rifles, seven serialized lower receivers, 32 magazines, and 1,260 rounds of ammunition. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29800(a), Felon in Possession of Firearm; and 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition.



APPS INVESTIGATION IN OAKDALE LEADS TO ARREST AND SEIZURE OF CONTRABAND

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation on a subject in the Oakdale area who was prohibited from firearm possession due to a mental health commitment. Agents contacted the subject's live-in girlfriend, who told them the subject was an in-patient at a mental institution. Agents conducted a consent search and seized 13 handguns, 14 rifles, one shotgun, four large-capacity magazines, 39 standard magazines, and approximately 10,000 rounds of ammunition. Only four of the recovered firearms had been secured in locked containers.

Agents discovered the APPS subject's girlfriend was on felony probation and open to search and seizure. They conducted a search of her property, where they located and seized approximately 2.0 grams of methamphetamine. She was arrested for violation of Health & Safety Code section 11377, Possession of Methamphetamine.

Due to the APPS subject's status as an in-patient at a mental institution, it was determined that an out-of-custody filing would be submitted to the District Attorney's Office, requesting charges of Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) section 8103(i), Possession of Firearms by WIC 5150 Subject; and Penal Code section 30305(a)(1), Possession of Ammunition by Prohibited Person.



DOWNEY MAN ARRESTED FOR GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER

BOF agents conducted a Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) investigation on a subject who had threatened to kill himself. The Downey Police Department had placed the subject on a Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) section 5150 hold and served him with a GVRO at the same time.

The subject denied possessing any firearms or ammunition and refused the officer's request for a consent search of his residence. Agents made contact with family members and learned the subject may have given some firearms to a neighbor earlier in the year. Agents contacted the neighbor and recovered six rifles, one shotgun, four handguns, and approximately 1,000 rounds of ammunition. Agents also executed a search warrant on the subject's residence in Downey, resulting in the seizure of approximately 200 rounds of ammunition. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29800(a)(1), Felon in Possession of a Firearm; and 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition.



HOLLISTER APPS SUBJECT AND HIS WIFE ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND ASSAULT WEAPON

BOF agents conducted an investigation in Hollister of an APPS subject with a felony conviction. The agents conducted a consent search of the residence and located one assault rifle, two handguns, six long-guns, one shotgun, one AR-15 style lower receiver, four magazines, and approximately 800 rounds of ammunition. Both the APPS subject and his wife were believed to be in possession of the assault weapon. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29805, Prohibited Person in Possession of a Firearm; 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition; and 30605(a), Possession of an Unregistered Assault Weapon. His wife was arrested for violation of Penal Code section 30605(a), Possession of an Unregistered Assault Weapon.



JOINT APPS INVESTIGATIONS WITH ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RESULTS IN ARREST AND FIREARMS SEIZURE

BOF agents and Orange County Sheriff's Department investigators worked an APPS detail in South Orange County. Agents and investigators contacted a subject at his residence in Mission Viejo and through consent search they seized four handguns, an assault weapon (Colt Sporter .223), 14 rifles, three shotguns, 21 magazines, and approximately 3,624 rounds of ammunition.

The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition; 30605(a), Possession of Unregistered Assault Weapons; and Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) section 8103(f)(1), Mental Health Prohibition.



PASO ROBLES APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND ASSAULT WEAPONS

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Paso Robles. The APPS subject was prohibited due to a prior mental health commitment. Agents contacted the individual, who gave them consent to search his residence. As a result of the search, agents seized 17 rifles, 11 shotguns, seven handguns, two unregistered assault weapons, 20 large-capacity magazines, 28 standard magazines, and 98,525 rounds of ammunition. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 30600(a), Manufacture/Import of Assault Weapon; 29805, Prohibited Person in Possession of Firearms; 30305(a)(1), Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person; and 30605(a), Possession of Unregistered Assault Weapon.



JOINT APPS OPERATION WITH CHULA VISTA POLICE DEPARTMENT NETS SEIZURE OF 45 GUNS

BOF agents and the Chula Vista Police Department conducted an APPS sweep in Chula Vista. The search of one location yielded 45 firearms, 12 magazines, and approximately 2,000 rounds of ammunition. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29800(a)(1), Felon in Possession of Firearms; and 30305(a), Felon in Possession of Ammunition.



SAN JOSE APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in San Jose, which resulted in the seizure of six handguns, four rifles, two magazines, and 650 rounds of ammunition. The APPS subject was prohibited due to a mental health commitment. Agents arrested the subject for violation of WIC section 8103(i), Possession of Firearms by WIC 5150 Subject; and Penal Code section 30305(a), Possession of Ammunition by Prohibited Person.



GUN VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDER ENFORCED ON SUBJECT IN HACIENDA HEIGHTS LEADS TO ARREST

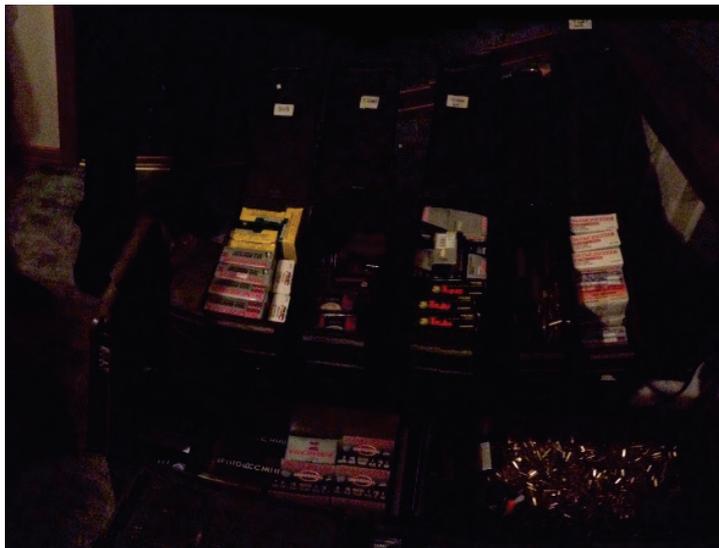
BOF agents conducted a Gun Violence Restraining Order (GVRO) investigation on a subject in Hacienda Heights. The GVRO was issued based on the court finding reasonable grounds to believe the subject would cause personal injury to his wife. Agents made contact with the subject at a restaurant and served him with the GVRO. The subject told agents he only had two semi-automatic rifles at his residence and would be willing to release them to the agents pursuant to the order. When questioned about the eight firearms registered to him, the subject explained that he sold the firearms years ago and only kept the two mentioned. After the subject refused to consent to a search, agents obtained a search warrant for his residence. The agents recovered three assault weapons, three rifles, two shotguns, six handguns, 11 large-capacity magazines, three standard magazines, and 2,177 rounds of ammunition. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 30605(a), Possession of Assault Weapons; and 273.6, Violation of Court Order.



YUBA CITY APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED WITH LARGE CACHE OF FIREARMS AND THOUSANDS OF ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Yuba City that led to a consent search of a residence. As a result of the search, agents located 11 rifles, one revolver, and approximately 25,000 rounds of ammunition.

The APPS subject was arrested for violation of WIC section 8103(i), Possession of Firearms by WIC 5150 Subject; and Penal Code section 30305(a), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition.



ASSAULT WEAPONS AND OTHER FIREARMS SEIZED FROM APPS SUBJECT IN TORRANCE

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Torrance that led to the seizure of four assault weapons, four rifles, eight handguns, 4,343 rounds of ammunition, and 69 magazines. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of WIC section 8103(f)(1), Mental Health Prohibition; and Penal Code section 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition.



AGENTS SEIZE UNREGISTERED ASSAULT WEAPON AND MULTIPLE FIREARMS FROM APPS SUBJECT IN PLACER COUNTY

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Placer County at the home of a subject who was prohibited due to a mental health commitment. The prohibited subject was found to be in possession of one assault weapon, seven rifles, four shotguns, seven handguns, and approximately 6,000 rounds of ammunition.

The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 30605(a), Possession of an Unregistered Assault Weapon; 29805, Prohibited Person in Possession of Firearms; and 30305, Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person.



BUTTE COUNTY APPS SUBJECT FOUND IN POSSESSION OF NUMEROUS FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Butte County that resulted in the seizure of eight rifles, six shotguns, four handguns, and approximately 6,000 rounds of ammunition. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29805, Possession of Firearms by a Prohibited Person; 30305(a)(1), Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person; and WIC section 8103(i), Possession of Firearms by WIC 5150 Subject.



EX-FELON APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED FOR POSSESSING FIREARMS IN LA PALMA

BOF agents conducted a search warrant on an APPS subject in La Palma and seized 11 handguns, five rifles, five shotguns, one assault weapon, 22 magazines and approximately 6,000 rounds of ammunition. Agents also discovered an ammunition can containing blasting caps. The residents in the surrounding area were evacuated until the Orange County Bomb Squad arrived to assist. The bomb squad removed several blasting caps, military grade signal flares, and other suspicious materials. The subject was arrested and charged with violation of Penal Code sections 29800, Felon in Possession of Firearms; 30305, Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition; and 30605, Possession of an Assault Weapon.



FRESNO APPS SUBJECT, A PRIOR LICENSED FIREARMS DEALER, ARRESTED FOR POSSESSING WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVES

BOF agents served a search warrant at the residence of a man who was a previous firearms dealer in the Fresno area. The man was prohibited from firearms possession due to a domestic violence restraining order. His license to sell firearms had previously expired.

As a result of the search warrant, agents seized two assault rifles, one assault pistol, two rifles, one shotgun, six handguns, a silencer, large-capacity magazines, ammunition, 32 pounds of Tannerite (an explosive), and a large amount of illegal fireworks.

The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29825(b), Violation of Protective Order; 30305(a), Possession of Ammunition by Prohibited Person; 30605(a)(1), Possession of Assault Weapons; 30600(a), Manufacturing of Assault Weapons; and Health & Safety Code section 12305, Unlawful Possession of Explosives.



HEMET MAN PROHIBITED FROM OWNING FIREARMS ARRESTED IN HOME

BOF agents conducted a search warrant in Hemet on an APPS subject who was prohibited due to a mental health commitment. The search resulted in the seizure of 11 rifles, six handguns, three AR lower receivers, 37 magazines, and 2,500 rounds of ammunition. The subject was arrested for violation of WIC section 8103(a)(1), Possession of Firearms while Prohibited; and Penal Code section 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition.



APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED IN LOS ANGELES ON SEVERAL FIREARMS CHARGES

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation on a Los Angeles man prohibited from owning firearms due to a domestic violence restraining order. When agents made contact with the man's mother at their front door, the subject was able to flee the residence through the back door. The mother was uncooperative, but agents developed information to secure a search warrant for the residence and a storage facility rented by the subject. A search of the residence and storage facility resulted in the seizure of five assault weapons, 17 large-capacity magazines, nine standard magazines, and approximately 8,370 rounds of ammunition. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 30605, Possession of an Unregistered Assault Weapon; 30305(a)(1), Possession of Ammunition; and 29825(b), Possession of Firearms while Under a Restraining Order.



AGENTS INVESTIGATE 62 APPS SUBJECTS IN LONG BEACH ENFORCEMENT DETAIL

BOF agents, in partnership with the Long Beach Police Department, conducted focused enforcement of persons in the APPS database. Prior to the operation, BOF agents identified 73 viable targets. As a result of the enforcement operation, 62 cases were closed, nine suspects were arrested, and 23 firearms (including three assault weapons), 3,637 rounds of ammunition, 12 large-capacity magazines, and 20 standard magazines were seized. Nine subjects were arrested and charged with violation of Penal Code sections ranging from 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition; to 30605, Possession of an Assault Weapon(s).

ACCUSED CHILD PREDATOR APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED FOR POSSESSING ILLEGAL AMMUNITION

BOF agents served a search warrant in West Covina on an APPS subject who was prohibited from owning or possessing firearms due to a restraining order connected to his alleged relationship with a minor. According to court records, the subject was released from custody on a \$20,000 bond for charges of unlawful sex with a minor and possession of child pornography. Agents seized numerous rounds of ammunition from the subject's residence and arrested him for violation of Penal Code section 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition. Additional follow-up investigation by the agents resulted in the recovery of two firearms, which were seized from a gun store.

Conclusion

The Department has made great strides in reducing the number of subjects in the APPS database. It is also important to mention the efforts the Department has made in addressing the historical backlog. On July 1, 2013, the number of subjects in the historical backlog was 382,934. As of January 1, 2016, there were 122,566 subjects in the historical backlog. By March 31, 2016, the APPS section and DOJ personnel collectively eliminated the active APPS historical queue, nine months ahead of the December 2016 deadline.