

When the Feds Criminalize a Woman's Right to Self-Defense: The Outrageous 922(g) Indictment of Joseph LaForte

By Freedom Fighters of America

If you read the mainstream media, you might think you know the story of the July 2020 federal raid on the home of Joseph LaForte. You have likely read sensationalized headlines trying to paint a non-violent man as a dangerous individual hoarding an arsenal.

But the media is not telling you the truth. They are not telling you whose guns those were, why they were purchased, or the terrifying, lingering trauma that made them necessary. And they certainly are not telling you about the blatant lies the government told to keep a man locked in solitary confinement during a global pandemic.

Here is the reality of what happens when an overzealous AUSA office decides to trample on the Second Amendment, a woman's right to protect herself, and the basic principles of justice.

The Trauma Behind the Triggers

To understand why there were firearms in the LaForte home, you must go back to a nightmare that unfolded in 2013. Joseph's wife, Lisa, was working late at her salon when a man entered, pulled out a large, serrated knife, and announced a stick-up. He demanded her 13-carat platinum diamond wedding ring. He then violently ripped her diamond earrings right out of her ears, causing physical injury, before stealing her watch.

The Philadelphia police thoroughly investigated, but the assailant was never captured.

Exhibit: 2013 Police Investigation Interview Record

INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW RECORD		PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT SOUTH DETECTIVE DIVISION		CASE# 13- INTERVIEWER: DET. FUNK #680	
NAME	AGE	RACE/SEX	DOB		
Lisa Mcelhone	34	W/F	[REDACTED]		
ADDRESS	APT#		PHONE#		
50 S. 16 th St	4408		215 820 8206		
NAME OF EMPLOYER / SCHOOL			SS#		
Lacquer Lounge					
ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER / SCHOOL			PHONE#		
501 Fitzwater St			215 987 3656		
DATES OF PLANNED VACATION / BUSINESS TRIPS					
NAME OF CLOSE RELATIVE			RELATIONSHIP		
Joe Mcelhone			Husband		
ADDRESS OF RELATIVE			PHONE#		
Same Addr			215 776 9338		
PLACE OF INTERVIEW			DATE	TIME	
SDD			9/27/13	9:50pm	
BROUGHT IN BY			DATE	TIME	
Police			9/27/13		
WE ARE QUESTIONING YOU CONCERNING:					
Robbery at 501 Fitzwater st					
WARNINGS GIVEN BY:			DATE	TIME	
ANSWERS:					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6) (7)

1Q) My name is Detective Funk#680, I will be interviewing you today. Can you tell me what happened while you were working at 501 Fitzwater today?

1A) I was working at my salon and it was about 8:25pm and we had one last customer in there. As she was leaving this guy entered the store before it had a chance to lock and shut. The male entered the salon and he was acting like he was on his cell phone and he was asking us if we could stay open for another 20 minutes. I was telling him no and that we were closed and he was asking again. I again told him we were closed and that I had to lock up and I walked him to the door and I was gonna lock up and he suddenly pulled out a knife and said this was a stick up. I ran back towards our register and he came up and demanded my ring. He kept saying, "give me the ring" I took off my ring and then he demanded my earrings. I was trying to take them off but he was pulling on them. He then took my watch. After that, he went to my sister and took her necklace, watch and bracelet. After taking that stuff, he just left.

2Q) Do you have any injuries?

2A) no, just my ears (from him pulling on the earrings)

3Q) Can you describe this male?

3A) He was white male with dark hair with a tall build kind of hunched over (6'1") and he was thin. He had a long pointed nose. He had scruff like he hadn't shaved in a day. He was wearing dark gray or faded black hoodie jacket that was unzipped. I am pretty sure he had blue jeans and sneakers on. He was also wearing a baseball cap but I'm unsure of the color.

4Q) Can you describe the knife?

4A) It was a long knife with serrated edges to the blade. It was all black, the metal and the handle. It was definitely not a kitchen knife.

5Q) Had you ever seen this male before?

5A) Yes, about 3 or 4 weeks ago (during the south st festival) I was sitting outside my salon with my husband. There was these two guys and they were on the corner and this guy, the one from tonight, kept walking over and asking us what time it was. After a few times my husband was asking him, why are you asking what time it is, you have a cell phone, after that he walked away from us. Mary also said that this guy had come in my salon doing some of the same stuff.

RECORD	CHECKED BY:
YES NO	
REVIEWED BY:	

75-482

Allen 9/27/13

INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW RECORD		CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
CONTINUATION SHEET		POLICE DEPARTMENT
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6Q) Can you describe the jewelry?

6A) my wedding ring is a platinum eternity band and its 13 carats. Its 13 one carat diamonds, Asher cut. Its value is \$250,000. My earrings were diamond 5 carat total and they were valued at \$25000. My watch "Krieger" is black and orange with an orange face and a black band, its value is \$3500.

7Q) Which way did he go when he fled the store?

7A) I didn't see but a few people said it was east on Fitzwater.

8Q) Is there anything else you would like to add to this interview?

8A) He is a smoker because the day he was across on the corner and coming up to me and my husband he was smoking. He also smelled of smoke.

Lisa McElhone 9/27/13

Exhibit: News Articles/Media regarding the robbery that took place

Suspect sought in Queen Village salon holdup

By ABC30

Tuesday, October 1, 2013

PHILADELPHIA - October 1, 2013

The robbery happened at 8:35 p.m. Friday inside of the Lacquer Lounge Nail Salon, located at 501 Fitzwater Street.

According to police, the suspect entered the salon armed with a large knife and began demanding jewelry from the customers and employees.

After getting jewelry from those inside the suspect fled on foot east on Fitzwater Street.

The suspect is described as a white male with possible acne or acne scarring on face, standing 5'10" to 6'1" with a thin build. He was last seen wearing a black or dark grey hooded sweatshirt, baseball cap, and armed with a black military or Kbar style knife.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Philadelphia Police at **215-686-TIPS (8477)**, text a tip to **PPD TIP (773847)** or through PhillyPolice.com.

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LOCAL NEWS

Knife-Wielding Suspect Sought In Robbery Of Queen Village Nail Salon



October 1, 2013 / 12:18 PM EDT / CBS Philadelphia

By Steve Beck

PHILADELPHIA (CBS) -- Philadelphia police are searching for a suspect who robbed customers and employees of a nail salon at knife-point.

The robbery happened at about 8:35 p.m. on September 27th at the Lacquer Lounge Nail Salon in the 500 block of Fitzwater Street in the city's Queen Village section.

WATCH: *Surveillance Video*

Robbery 501 Fitzwater St DC# 13 03 060081



Robbery 501 Fitzwater St DC# 13 03 060081 by PhiladelphiaPolice on YouTube

According to investigators, the suspect entered the salon armed with a large knife and demanded jewelry from customers and employees.

After taking assorted types of jewelry, the suspect ran away and was last seen east on Fitzwater Street.

The suspect is described as a white male, 5'10"-6'1" with a thin build. He was wearing a black or dark grey hooded sweatshirt with a baseball hat. Investigators say the suspect has possible acne or acne scarring on his face.

He was armed with a black military or Kbar style knife.

Anyone with information is urged to call **911**.

More from CBS News

The sheer terror of that night shattered Lisa's sense of security. The assailant did not just take her physical possessions; he stole her peace of mind, plunging both Lisa and Joseph into a traumatizing state of hyper-vigilance and fear. With Joseph working 15-hour days, Lisa was frequently home alone. She refused to be a victim again.

Lisa took the legal, responsible steps to exercise her Second Amendment rights. On June 15, 2017, she was granted a license to carry firearms in Pennsylvania. She joined the Philadelphia Training Academy and received extensive, professional firearms training. When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, bringing with it reports of looting and burglaries—and factoring in their time spent at a lake house in bear country—her anxiety understandably skyrocketed. The firearms in their home were legally purchased and owned entirely by her to defend her life.

Exhibit B: Lisa's Pennsylvania License to Carry Firearms and Philadelphia Training Academy Membership

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6P-001-0076 PENNSYLVANIA LICENSE TO CARRY FIREARMS
1. NAME: NCELPHONE, LISA M
2. ADDRESS: 609 FERDALE LAKE, HAVERFORD, PA 19041
3. DATE ISSUED: 6/15/2017
4. EXPIRES: 6/15/2022
5. SEX: F
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Philadelphia Training Academy



LISA McELHONE

Club Membership

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Exhibit C & D: Legal Firearm Purchase Receipts

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Firearms Transaction Record

WARNING: You may not receive a firearm if prohibited by Federal or State law. The information you provide will be used to determine whether you are prohibited from receiving a firearm. Certain violations of the Gun Control Act, 18 U.S.C. 921 et. seq., are punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment and/or up to a \$250,000 fine.

Transferor's/Seller's
Transaction Serial
Number (If any)

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Read the Notices, Instructions, and Definitions on this form. Prepare in original only at the licensed premises ("licensed premises" includes business temporarily conducted from a qualifying gun show or event in the same State in which the licensed premises is located) unless the transaction qualifies under 18 U.S.C. 922(c). All entries must be handwritten in ink. "PLEASE PRINT."

Section A - Must Be Completed Personally By Transferee/Buyer

1. Transferee's/Buyer's Full Name (If legal name contains an initial only, record "IO" after the initial. If no middle initial or name, record "NMN".) Last Name (Including suffix (e.g., Jr, Sr, II, III))			First Name		Middle Name			
McElhone			Lisa		Marie			
2. Current State of Residence and Address (U.S. Postal abbreviations are acceptable. Cannot be a post office box.)								
Number and Street Address		City		County		State	ZIP Code	
568 Ferndale Ln		Haverford		Montgomery		PA	19041	
3. Place of Birth			4. Height	5. Weight	6. Sex	7. Birth Date		
U.S. City and State -OR- Foreign Country			Ft. 5 In. 4	(Lbs.) 138	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	Mo. Da. Yr.		
Phila, PA								
8. Social Security Number (Optional, but will help with identification)				9. Unique Personal Identification Number (UPI) (If applicable (See Instructions for Question 9.))				
7								
10.a. Ethnicity		10.b. Race (In addition to ethnicity, select one or more race in 10.b. Both 10.a. and 10.b. must be answered.)						
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino		<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native		<input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino		<input type="checkbox"/> Asian		<input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander				
11. Answer the following questions by checking or marking "yes" or "no" in the boxes to the right of the questions.							Yes	No
a. Are you the actual transferee/buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this form? Warning: You are not the actual transferee/buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person. If you are not the actual transferee/buyer, the licensee cannot transfer the firearm(s) to you. Exception: If you are picking up a repaired firearm(s) for another person, you are not required to answer 11.a. and may proceed to question 11.b. (See Instructions for Question 11.a.)							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Are you under indictment or information in any court for a felony, or any other crime for which the judge could imprison you for more than one year? (See Instructions for Question 11.b.)							<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Have you ever been convicted in any court of a felony, or any other crime for which the judge could have imprisoned you for more than one year, even if you received a shorter sentence including probation? (See Instructions for Question 11.c.)							<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

d. Are you a fugitive from justice? (See Instructions for Question 11.d.)

e. Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance?
Warning: The use or possession of marijuana remains unlawful under Federal law regardless of whether it has been legalized or decriminalized for medicinal or recreational purposes in the state where you reside.

f. Have you ever been adjudicated as a mental defective OR have you ever been committed to a mental institution? (See Instructions for Question 11.f.)

g. Have you been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions?

h. Are you subject to a court order restraining you from harassing, stalking, or threatening your child or an intimate partner or child of such partner? (See Instructions for Question 11.h.)

i. Have you ever been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence? (See Instructions for Question 11.i.)

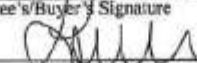
12.a. Country of Citizenship: (Check/List more than one, if applicable. Nationals of the United States may check U.S.A.)
 United States of America (U.S.A.) Other Country/Countries (Specify):

	Yes	No
12.b. Have you ever renounced your United States citizenship?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12.c. Are you an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12.d.1. Are you an alien who has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa? (See Instructions for Question 12.d.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12.d.2. If "yes", do you fall within any of the exceptions stated in the instructions? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. If you are an alien, record your U.S.-Issued Alien or Admission number (ARI, USCIS#, or I94#):

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I certify that my answers in Section A are true, correct, and complete. I have read and understand the Notices, Instructions, and Definitions on ATF Form 4473. I understand that answering "yes" to question 11.a. if I am not the actual transferee/buyer is a crime punishable as a felony under Federal law, may also violate State and/or local law. I understand that a person who answers "yes" to any of the questions 11.b. through 11.i and/or 12.b. through 12.d.1 is prohibited from purchasing or receiving a firearm. I understand that a person who answers "yes" to question 12.d.2 is prohibited from receiving or possessing a firearm, unless the person answers "yes" to question 12.d.2 and provides the documentation required in 18.c. I also understand that making any false oral or written statement, or exhibiting any false or misrepresented identification with respect to this transaction, is a crime punishable as a felony under Federal law, and may also violate State and/or local law. I further understand that the repetitive purchase of firearms for the purpose of resale for livelihood and profit without a Federal firearms license is a violation of Federal law. (See Instructions for Question 14.)

14. Transferee's/Buyer's Signature  15. Certification Date 6/9/17

Section B - Must Be Completed By Transferor/Seller

16. Type of firearm(s) to be transferred (check or mark all that apply):
 Handgun Long Gun Other Firearm (frame, receiver, etc. See Instructions for Question 16.)
rifles or shotguns

17. If transfer is at a qualifying gun show or event:
Name of Function: _____
City, State: _____

18.a. Identification (e.g., Virginia Driver's license (VA DL) or other valid government-issued photo identification.) (See Instructions for Question 18.c. Issuing Authority and Type of Identification) Number on Identification Expiration Date of Identification (if any)

<u>PADL</u>	<u>24 955 150</u>	Month	Day	Year
		<u>7</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>19</u>

18.b. Supplemental Government Issued Documentation (if identification document does not show current residence address) (See Instructions for Question 18.b.)

18.c. Exception to the Nonimmigrant Alien Prohibition: If the transferee/buyer answered "YES" to 12.d.2, the transferor/seller must record the type of documentation showing the exception to the prohibition and attach a copy to this ATF Form 4473. (See Instructions for Question 18.c.)

Questions 19, 20, or 21 Must Be Completed Prior To The Transfer Of The Firearm(s) (See Instructions for Questions 19, 20 and 21.)

19.a. Date the transferee's/buyer's identifying information in Section A was transmitted to NICS or the appropriate State agency:
Month 6 Day 9 Year 2017

19.b. The NICS or State transaction number (if provided) was: 17W0308623

19.c. The response initially (first) provided by NICS or the appropriate State agency was:
 Proceed Delayed [The firearm(s) may be transferred on _____ if State law permits (optional)]
 Denied Cancelled

19.d. The following response(s) was/were later received from NICS or appropriate State agency:
 Proceed _____ (date) Overturned
 Denied _____ (date)
 Cancelled _____ (date)

No response was provided within 3 business days.

19.e. (Complete if applicable.) After the firearm was transferred, the following response was received from NICS or the appropriate State agency on: _____ (date). Proceed Denied Cancelled

19.f. The name and Brady identification number of the NICS examiner. (Optional) C _____ (name) _____ (number) 19.g. Name of FFL Employee Completing NICS check. (Optional)

20. No NICS check was required because a background check was completed during the NFA approval process on the individual who will receive the NFA firearm(s), as reflected on the approved NFA application. (See Instructions for Question 20.)

21. No NICS check was required because the transferee/buyer has a valid permit from the State where the transfer is to take place, which qualifies as an exemption to NICS. (See Instructions for Question 21.)

Issuing State and Permit Type _____ Date of Issuance (if any) _____ Expiration Date (if any) _____ Permit Number (if any) _____

Section C - Must Be Completed Personally By Transferee/Buyer

If the transfer of the firearm(s) takes place on a different day from the date that the transferee/buyer signed Section A, the transferee/buyer must complete Section C immediately prior to the transfer of the firearm(s). (See Instructions for Question 22 and 23.)

I certify that my answers to the questions in Section A of this form are still true, correct, and complete.

22. Transferee's/Buyer's Signature _____ 23. Recertification Date _____

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Section D - Must Be Completed By Transferor/Seller Even If The Firearm(s) is Not Transferred

24. Manufacturer and Importer (if any) (If the manufacturer and importer are different, the FFL must include both.)	25. Model (If Designated)	26. Serial Number	27. Type (See Instructions for Question 27.)	28. Caliber or Gauge
1. STW	Body Guard	KEM 2420	Pistol	380
2. /	/	/	/	/
3. /	/	/	/	/
4. /	/	/	/	/

REMINDER - By the Close of Business Complete ATF Form 3310.4 For Multiple Purchases of Handguns Within 5 Consecutive Business Days

29. Total Number of Firearms Transferred (Please handwrite by printing e.g., zero, one, two, three, etc. Do not use numerals.) ONE 30. Check if any part of this transaction is a pawn redemption. Line Number(s) From Question 24 Above:

31. For Use by Licensee (See Instructions for Question 31.) 32. Check if this transaction is to facilitate a private party transfer. (See Instructions for Question 32.)

33. Trade/corporate name and address of transferor/seller and Federal Firearm License Number (Must contain at least first three and last five digits of FFL Number X-XX-XXXXX.) (Hand stamp may be used.)

PHILADELPHIA TRAINING ACADEMY
831-33 Ellsworth St.
Philadelphia, PA 19147
(215) 551-4544 Fax (215) 271-3715

8-23-101-01-5M-05830

For Denied/Cancelled Transactions, the Person Who Completed Section B Must Complete Questions 34-37.

I certify that: (1) I have read and understand the Notices, Instructions, and Definitions on this ATF Form 4473; (2) the information recorded in Sections B and D is true, correct, and complete; and (3) this entire transaction record has been completed at my licensed business premises ("licensed premises" includes business temporarily conducted from a qualifying gun show or event in the same State in which the licensed premises is located) unless this transaction has met the requirements of 18 U.S.C. 922(e). Unless this transaction has been denied or cancelled, I further certify on the basis of — (1) the transferee's/buyer's responses in Section A (and Section C, if applicable); (2) my verification of the identification recorded in question 18 (and my re-verification at the time of transfer, if Section C is completed); and (3) State or local law applicable to the firearms business — it is my belief that it is not unlawful for me to sell, deliver, transport, or otherwise dispose of the firearm(s) listed on this form to the person identified in Section A.

34. Transferor's/Seller's Name (Please print) JAMES MASTRONDI 35. Transferor's/Seller's Signature [Signature] 36. Transferor's/Seller's Title Sales 37. Date Transferred 6/9/17

Cash Register Receipt

SALE

LISA MCELHONE
50 S 16TH ST UNIT 4408
PHILADELPHIA, PA 19102
215-820-8206

PHILA TRAINING ACADEMY
831-33 ELLSWORTH ST.
PHILA PA 19147
(215)551-4544

Clerk: 51 Posted: 6/23/2017 2:01:09 PM Tran #: 23914 Reg #: 1

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ADD25	GUN PROCESSING	25.00	1	0.00	25.00
08244281500	BERETTA 84 FS CHEETAH NICKEL 380ACP	769.00	1	0.00	769.00
	Log # 29725 Serial # H72038Y				
04369989101	UNC IN-THE-PANT SZ10 BLK RH	14.45	1	2.55	14.45
Subtotal					808.45
Sales Tax 1					62.68
Total					871.13
CASH					871.13

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Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives

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Firearms Transaction Record

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Section A - Must Be Completed Personally By Transferee/Buyer

1. Transferee's/Buyer's Full Name (If legal name contains an initial only, record "JO" after the initial. If no middle initial or name, record "NMI".)

Last Name (Including suffix (e.g., Jr, Sr, II, III))	First Name	Middle Name
McElhone	Lisa	Marie

2. Current State of Residence and Address (U.S. Postal abbreviations are acceptable. Cannot be a post office box.)

Number and Street Address	City	County	State	ZIP Code
568 Ferndale Ln	Northford	Montgomery	PA	1904

3. Place of Birth	4. Height	5. Weight	6. Sex	7. Birth Date
U.S. City and State	Ft. In.	(Lbs.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Female	Month Year
Phila., PA	5 4	140		

8. Social Security Number (Optional, but will help prevent misidentification)	9. Unique Personal Identification Number (UPIN) if applicable (See Instructions for Question 9.)
[Redacted]	[Redacted]

10.a. Ethnicity	10.b. Race (In addition to ethnicity, select one or more race in 10.b. Both 10.a. and 10.b. must be answered.)
<input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino	<input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> White

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a. Are you the actual transferee/buyer of the firearm(s) listed on this form? Warning: You are not the actual transferee/buyer if you are acquiring the firearm(s) on behalf of another person. If you are not the actual transferee/buyer, the licensee cannot transfer the firearm(s) to you. Exception: If you are picking up a repaired firearm(s) for another person, you are not required to answer 11.a. and may proceed to question 11.b. (See Instructions for Question 11.a.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Are you under indictment or information in any court for a felony, or any other crime for which the judge could imprison you for more than one year? (See Instructions for Question 11.b.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c. Have you ever been convicted in any court of a felony, or any other crime for which the judge could have imprisoned you for more than one year, even if you received a shorter sentence including probation? (See Instructions for Question 11.c.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- d. Are you a fugitive from justice? (See Instructions for Question 11.d.)
- e. Are you an unlawful user of, or addicted to, marijuana or any depressant, stimulant, narcotic drug, or any other controlled substance?
Warning: The use or possession of marijuana remains unlawful under Federal law regardless of whether it has been legalized or decriminalized for medicinal or recreational purposes in the state where you reside.
- f. Have you ever been adjudicated as a mental defective OR have you ever been committed to a mental institution? (See Instructions for Question 11.f.)
- g. Have you been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions?
- h. Are you subject to a court order restraining you from harassing, stalking, or threatening your child or an intimate partner or child of such partner? (See Instructions for Question 11.h.)
- i. Have you ever been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence? (See Instructions for Question 11.i.)

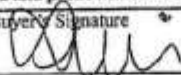
12.a. Country of Citizenship: (Check/List more than one, if applicable. Nationals of the United States may check U.S.A.)
 United States of America (U.S.A.) Other Country/Countries (Specify):

- 12.b. Have you ever renounced your United States citizenship? Yes No
- 12.c. Are you an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States? Yes No
- 12.d.1. Are you an alien who has been admitted to the United States under a nonimmigrant visa? (See Instructions for Question 12.d.) Yes No
- 12.d.2. If "yes", do you fall within any of the exceptions stated in the instructions? N/A Yes No

13. If you are an alien, record your U.S.-Issued Alien or Admission number (AR#, USCIS#, or I94#):

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I certify that my answers in Section A are true, correct, and complete. I have read and understand the Notices, Instructions, and Definitions on ATF Form 4473. I understand that answering "yes" to question 11.a. if I am not the actual transferee/buyer is a crime punishable as a felony under Federal law, and may also violate State and/or local law. I understand that a person who answers "yes" to any of the questions 11.b. through 11.i and/or 12.b. through 12.c is prohibited from purchasing or receiving a firearm. I understand that a person who answers "yes" to question 12.d.1. is prohibited from receiving or possessing a firearm, unless the person answers "yes" to question 12.d.2. and provides the documentation required in 18.c. I also understand that making any false oral or written statement, or exhibiting any false or misrepresented identification with respect to this transaction, is a crime punishable as a felony under Federal law, and may also violate State and/or local law. I further understand that the repetitive purchase of firearms for the purpose of resale for livelihood and profit without a Federal firearms license is a violation of Federal law. (See Instructions for Question 14.)

14. Transferee's/Buyer's Signature  15. Certification Date 1/2/20

Section B - Must Be Completed By Transferor/Seller

- 16. Type of firearm(s) to be transferred (check or mark all that apply):
 Handgun Long Gun (rifles or shotguns) Other Firearm (frame, receiver, etc. See Instructions for Question 16.)
- 17. If transfer is at a qualifying gun show or event:
 Name of Function: _____
 City, State: _____

18.a. Identification (e.g., Virginia Driver's license (VA DL) or other valid government-issued photo identification.) (See Instructions for Question 18.a.)
 Issuing Authority and Type of Identification: PADL Number on Identification: 24955 150 Expiration Date of Identification (if any):
 Month: 07 Day: 31 Year: 2023

18.b. Supplemental Government Issued Documentation (if identification document does not show current residence address) (See Instructions for Question 18.b.)

18.c. Exception to the Nonimmigrant Alien Prohibition: If the transferee/buyer answered "YES" to 12.d.2. the transferor/seller must record the type of documentation showing the exception to the prohibition and attach a copy to this ATF Form 4473. (See Instructions for Question 18.c.)

Questions 19, 20, or 21 Must Be Completed Prior To The Transfer Of The Firearm(s) (See Instructions for Questions 19, 20 and 21.)

19.a. Date the transferee's/buyer's identifying information in Section A was transmitted to NICS or the appropriate State agency:
 Month: 1 Day: 2 Year: 2020

19.b. The NICS or State transaction number (if provided) was: 20W0001022

- 19.c. The response initially (first) provided by NICS or the appropriate State agency was:
 Proceed Delayed (The firearm(s) may be transferred on _____ if State law permits (optional))
 Denied
 Cancelled
- 19.d. The following response(s) was/were later received from NICS or the appropriate State agency:
 Proceed _____ (date) Overturned
 Denied _____ (date)
 Cancelled _____ (date)
 No response was provided within 3 business days.

Lies, Solitary Confinement, and the Dirty Game

The injustice did not stop at the indictment. In a desperate bid to deny Joseph bail and label him a "flight risk," the AUSA blatantly lied to the magistrate. The prosecutor concocted a story claiming Joseph had spoken to an undercover agent about "moving bags of cash to Nevis."

Based on this fabricated narrative, Joseph was thrown into solitary confinement at FDC Philadelphia for 80 grueling days during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. He contracted the virus while incarcerated and suffered, all while isolated from his family.

But why go to such extreme, deceitful lengths to keep a man locked up? The answer lies in the timeline. The SEC case against Joseph was just beginning. In fact, the SEC is the agency that ordered the raid based on the fake and phony temporary restraining order that we exposed in the DE-663 fraud on the court. They knew Joseph knew the company inside and out. By taking him off the litigation battlefield and cutting off his access to counsel while locked in solitary confinement, it gave the SEC and the feds an 80-day head start to poison the courts and weaponize the press. It was a dirty game they played to paralyze their strongest opponent. The truth eventually came to light. Thanks to the relentless work of defense attorney Brian J. McMonagle, the actual transcript of the conversation was uncovered. At an industry event, an undercover agent posing as a merchant approached Joseph and asked, "Did you ever think about moving bags of cash to Nevis?" Joseph's immediate response was, "No. You're crazy. What is Nevis?"

When Judge Tucker from the 3rd Circuit heard the undeniable proof of this blatant lie by the government, she released Joseph immediately. This is the reality of a "win at any cost, even if you have to lie" FBI and prosecutorial team.

Exhibit- July 22 Recordings of LaForte saying, "he never heard of Nevis"

Nevis

The island comes up several times during the recording (which is just over 4 hours long). Here are the highlights:

1:15:00 - 1:19:00 - UCE 1 (the woman) mentions Nevis for the first time. UCE 2 says it's a great place to put money.

1:37:55 - 1:40:00 - LaForte raises Nevis again. UCE 1 talks about flying cash there. At the end of the conversation, LaForte says he never heard of Nevis.

The Constitution is on Our Side

This is not just a gross misapplication of justice; it is unconstitutional.

The Third Circuit Court of Appeals recently handed down a stunning en banc decision in *Range v. Garland*. Relying on the Supreme Court's landmark decision in *New York Rifle & Pistol Ass'n, Inc v. Bruen*, the Third Circuit ruled that there is no historical tradition of permanently disarming

non-violent citizens.

If a non-violent individual maintains their constitutional right to bear arms, then charging Joseph LaForte with a crime because his fully licensed wife kept a firearm to protect herself from the haunting memories of a violent assault is a sickening abuse of power.

The tragedy of this situation continues to unfold today. Because of a bogus tax crime, the federal government has now completely stripped Lisa of her constitutional rights. They took her guns and made her a felon. The very woman who survived a violent, traumatizing attack and took every legal, necessary step to ensure she would never be a victim again is now left terrified, entirely unable to protect her own home.

Joseph LaForte is not a violent man, and Lisa McElhone's right to safety should never have been criminalized. The Freedom Fighters of America will continue to shine a light on this unconstitutional overreach and the government's willingness to lie to destroy a family. We must fight back, not just for the LaForte's, but to protect the fundamental rights of every American citizen.