

# For Your Safety:

## The **Updated** Book of Concealed or Unusual Weapons

The following is a compilation of officer safety items involving unusual or unique weapons or locations of concealment that have appeared in the Brunswick Police Crime Bulletins.

In this updated version of the booklet numerous items have been added courtesy of the U.S. Army Directorate Emergency Services at Fort Drum, New York.



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### RAZOR SHARP PLAYING CARDS:

The Pierce County Sheriff's Department in Washington State, recently found a unique weapon on a student at their Junior High School.

The card (shown here) is made of metal and is about the size of a playing card. All four corners and sides are razor sharp. When the officer lightly threw it at a board – it stuck in about a quarter of an inch.

A check of the internet found these razor THROWING CARDS can be bought through martial arts supply companies in groups of 5 for about \$30.



### HANDGUN HIDEAWAY:

A police officer from the North Bend Police Department in Oregon discovered that a dictionary (or other large book) can house more than just words, it can be a prime spot to conceal drugs or weapons.

The NBPD operates on what they call a "Plus One" theory, believing that, in the majority of incidents where substantial drugs or weapons are found in a vehicle or residence, a second search will yield more contraband.

This dictionary and handgun were located during search #2 after the first search had located 4 lbs. of drugs, a 9mm handgun and drug paraphernalia.

The American Heritage Dictionary had been cut out to conceal a semi-automatic handgun. As observed in the photo, the cutout was in the shape of a Glock 22, but could easily be custom made with an razor knife to fit almost any handgun.

The dictionary was positioned face up and directly behind the driver's seat so that it could be accessed quickly, but would not be suspicious to anyone making a cursory visual check of the car's contents.

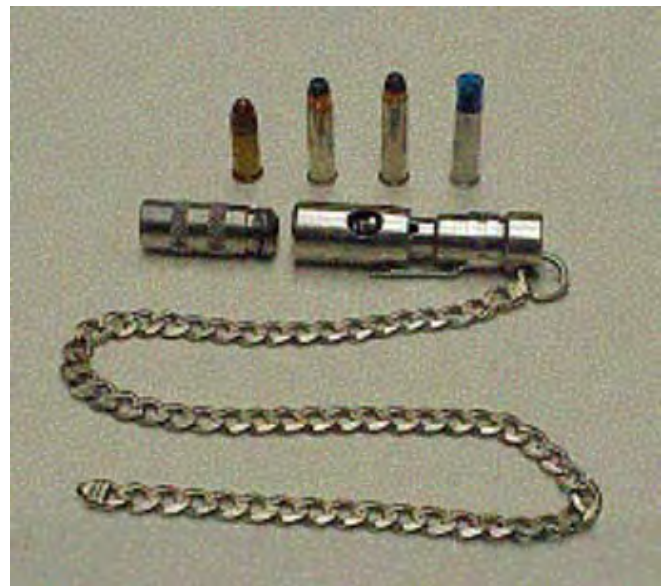


The following info was passed on to us from MDEA in Houlton, Maine & the US Border Patrol:

### Bangstick Adapted for Pocket or Neck

A deputy sheriff in Palm Beach County Florida recently arrested a man in possession of a “bangstick,” measuring 4-5/8” in length with a 1-3/4” barrel and capable of firing either a single .38 cal. short Colt, .38 special or .357 magnum cartridge. This device is intended for use by fishermen and scuba divers to kill sharks and alligators. When used in such a way it is attached to a threaded pole and then used as a prod to hit the target. A very slight tap at the end of the barrel will cause the device to discharge. The “bangstick” is considered a firearm. ATF has classified this device as an “*any other weapon*” that is prosecutable by 10 years in prison and up to \$10,000 in fines under Title 26, Section 5871. These devices can be found at almost any scuba or diving accessories shop.

Officers should be extremely cautious when handling these devices; they can discharge simply by being tapped on the barrel end. In addition, its appearance is deceiving and can lead an officer to discount it as a dangerous weapon. It is a triggerless device that can easily be mistaken for a tool or some other harmless article.



### INCREDIBLY REALISTIC REPLICA WEAPONS:

During the months of October and November of 2002 several incidents were covered by the police in Brunswick (Maine) where replica handguns were found either on a suspect or in their vehicles or residences. (In two of these cases the suspects involved were convicted felons.)

This ‘replica’ phenomenon appears to be escalating and it bears mentioning that many of these weapons are made of metals that are EXTREMELY realistic. A replica Glock seized in November had the same characteristics AND WEIGHT of a real weapon and the only way an untrained eye could tell the difference would be to look down the barrel.





### **HOLSTER-ON-A-CHAIN:**

Info from Jefferson County, Colorado Police: This holster-on-a-chain is currently available on through various websites and can hold a North American or Freedom Arms .22LR or .22 Magnum mini-revolver. Similar holsters can be custom designed to fit other weapons. The same websites also sell neck holsters for knives.



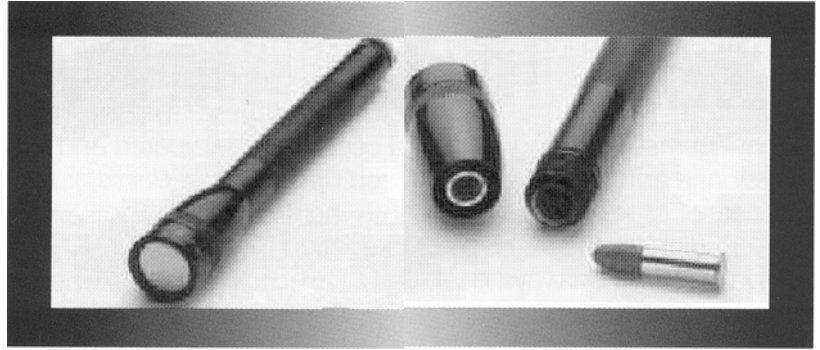
### **MOTORCYCLE OIL TANK KNIFE**

An officer in Cumru Township, Pennsylvania reported to the Calibrepress.Com Newsline (a valuable website serving police agencies with information on weapons, training, law updates, etc.) the existence of this 'oil tank knife' that can be purchased to replace the dipstick on Harley Davidson motorcycles. The dipstick is located on the right side of the motorcycle just under the seat. The model shown below is available for most Harley bikes and can be purchased on the internet.



**From NESPIN:**

This flashlight is one of 5 taken off a known arms dealer by Swiss police recently. The normal glass lens of each flashlight had been replaced with an opaque cover to disguise the barrel and a plunger was added to the rear. To fire the weapon the plunger must be pulled back and then released. The plunger strikes the primer, firing the weapon.



## **E-HOLSTER -- CONCEALMENT FOR PERSONAL ELECTRONICS**

The Calibrepress Newsline has issued an alert to officers about the **e-Holster** -- a product of Personal Electronics Concealment, LLC, which is intended for the concealment of personal electronics (cell phones, handheld computers, etc.), which has been available for purchase since 1999. **The e-Holster consists of a container connected to a strap and strongly resembles a shoulder holster for a gun.**

Newsline subscribers have reported that it is difficult to distinguish between the e-Holster and a shoulder holster for an actual weapon.

The potential dangers that could arise if you are not aware of this product:

- 1) the possibility of mistaking the e-holster for a weapon holster when a subject goes to 'draw' his or her handheld computer or even a wallet.
- 2) The avenue of weapon concealment this provides for criminals.



### HIDDEN COMPARTMENT IN CADILLAC

Officers in Nevada discovered a unique method of concealment when they conducted a felony car stop recently. The stop was on a Kidnap suspect who was driving a 2000 Cadillac Seville STS. The officers were told prior to the stop that the suspect had a gun, however, when they conducted the stop and took the suspect into custody they were unable to locate the firearm even though the victim had warned of a hidden compartment in the car.

During a more extensive search the officers found two hinges directly below the steering wheel, but efforts to find or open a compartment were unsuccessful until the victim told them he had seen the suspect place a magnet on the dash and open the glove compartment door before opening the hidden door. Once the magnet was in place and the glovebox was open, the hidden compartment opened automatically by pushing down the tilt steering wheel adjuster, revealing a fully loaded Smith & Wesson .40 cal. handgun.

(See the [Calibrepres.com](http://Calibrepres.com) website for additional photos and information on this item.)



### Three-Compartment Water Bottle

Several law enforcement officers in Maine and other areas of the country have recently discovered this seemingly innocuous water bottle with a hollowed-out center chamber during searches of vehicles. These bottles can be bought at the local boutiques here in Brunswick (Maine).

The bottles break down into three separate pieces, with the top and bottom ones containing some water -- while the center section (behind the label) could conceal a weapon or contraband.

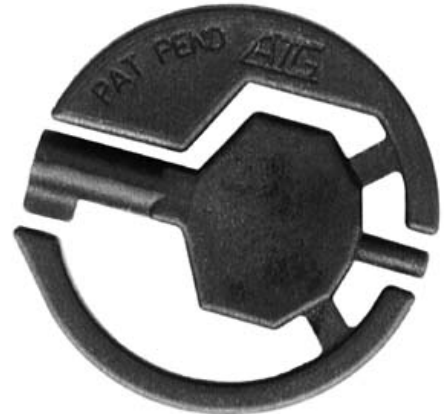
Inside one bottle found in California was a stash of six plastic Ziploc bags containing methamphetamine, a plastic scale, and a spoon. Other bottles found in California and New York contained other contraband. The concealed area is also large enough to hold a small weapon.



### **COVERT CUFF KEY**

This easy to conceal handcuff key was found recently on a suspect in New Jersey. Originally manufactured for use by officers or prison personnel should they be taken hostage, it is now being found on civilians.

Designed specifically for effective concealment, these keys, which are suspended in a quarter-sized plastic or metal ring, can be easily hidden under watches, in shoes or attached to the inside of belts, waistbands or ballcaps. They are fully functional and can be quickly snapped out for use.



### **FROM HAMILTON, NEW JERSEY:**

On August 6, 2002 a Patrol Officer from the Township of Hamilton PD (Atlantic County, NJ) stopped a Harley Davidson motorcycle for suspected OUI.

The driver of the motorcycle turned the handlebars to the right and got off the motorcycle. After the primary tests were performed the driver was arrested for OUI.

A search of the saddlebags revealed the colors of the "Krooked Eye Hawgs" to which the motorcyclist serves as the Sgt. at Arms.

The reason for this alert: Wrapped under a leather jacket and strapped to the handlebars with two quick release bungee cords was a pistol grip 12ga. pump shotgun. The shotgun had one round in the chamber, five rounds in the magazine tube, and six rounds clipped to the stock. The weapon was ready to fire.

After local authorities spoke with several other riders, it was discovered that the normal position for the handlebars when stopped is to the LEFT, not the right as Ingersoll had turned his.

The weapon was positioned so it could have been fired by pulling the trigger (left side) and pointing the barrel (right side) towards a target. By turning his handlebars to the right, the barrel was pointing in the general direction of the approaching officers. Luckily the backup officers approached at a "bad angle" so there were no injuries.



### SWITCHBLADE LIGHTERS:

An officer on the Eatontown, New Jersey Police Department recently discovered this switchblade/lighter on a shoplifter who had been arrested at a local mall. This is similar to a lighter/knife located on a subject during a traffic stop in another New Jersey town last winter. During that incident the weapon was found after the suspect pulled the lighter from his pocket and asked the officer if he could have a cigarette.

The device has a small silver button on the upper corner of the lighter and, when pushed, a 2-inch blade springs out and locks into position. The device is also fully functional for producing a flame.



This innocent looking cigarette lighter knife was confiscated recently during an arrest by the Holyoke, Massachusetts Police Department.



### POLYMER PLASTIC KNIFE:

This is a HIGH-STRENGTH POLYMER KNIFE that was recently purchased by a police officer for \$13. at a store in Virginia. **The officer conducted an independent experiment by taking it through airport security and found that it was NOT detectable by the x-ray machines.**

The blade of the knife is reasonably sharp and has a strong point which, according to the literature that comes with it, can be sharpened.





### **THE HAIRBRUSH DAGGER:**

This "hairbrush" is sold as a personal defense tool. When the head of the brush is removed, a pointed dagger made of hard plastic is revealed. This potential weapon can be easily overlooked. Be sure to closely inspect hairbrushes for removable heads.



### **380 Mini-Flashlight Gun:**

This small but potentially deadly weapon looks like a normal 4-inch mini flashlight, but in fact it's a gun capable of firing a .380 round.

The gun is loaded by unscrewing the front lens area and inserting a single round. When the back end of the flashlight is screwed closed the firing pin, which runs the length of the less than 2-inch-long shaft, is held in place putting the gun on \*safety.\*

When the back end is unscrewed, the firing pin is freed - rendering the gun fire-ready. The pin automatically releases itself when it's pulled back and discharges the round.

(This commercially available firearm also comes with a blunt metal end that can be used to replace the lens cap area so the weapon looks like a mini Kubotan. )

Please pay **CLOSE ATTENTION** to all mini flashlights you encounter!



## ZIP GUN

Finding pieces of metal pipe and tubing like these on a suspect may indicate the makings of a zip gun, among the most common improvised firearms.

Here a .357 Magnum round or similar cartridge is inserted snugly into the smaller-diameter tube. That "loaded" tube is then inserted into the larger pipe, which has an end cap with a piece of pointed metal inside it. When a suspect slams the end cap back against a hard surface, the pointed metal strikes the primer of the round like a firing pin and discharges the weapon.

The zip gun can then be disassembled and the parts discarded in different locations, with little chance they will be put back together and identified as a weapon.



## CELLULAR PHONE STUN GUN

Calibrepress, a website that tracks concealed or unusual weapons the police should be aware of, advises this CELLULAR PHONE STUN GUN is available on various commercial Internet sites for purchase by the general public. It is designed to look just like a cell phone and includes a safety lock. One model in particular is the MTD-125, which is boasted as the advanced new product of 2002 by Motedo, Co. in Taiwan and has an output of up to 180,000 volts through it's antenna. The company promotes the device as an effective defense for anyone, including security officers. (The stun gun will NOT function as an operable cell phone.)



## TEAR GAS GUNS

The items shown below are being sold through readily obtained sportsmen and police buff magazines and catalogs. These photos were found in a copy of 'DEER CREEK' product magazine and were brought to the attention of one of the police safety websites by an Illinois officer.

THESE ARE .22 CALIBER NON-LETHAL TEAR GAS GUNS. The ads explain that no federal license or gun permit is needed to carry one and that they sell for \$29.95 each. Either handgun will fit in a pocket or their specially designed holster and LOOK ALMOST EXACTLY LIKE A REAL GUN.

In the same magazine an ad was found for 'Authentic Professional Badges' with the choice of Special Police, Private Detective, Security Guard, Special Investigator or Special Officer in either silver or gold....all for \$6.95 each.

To buy any of these items you only need to check off the box indicating you are at least 18 years of age, and we all know no one would EVER lie about THAT. For more info go to [www.calibrepress.com](http://www.calibrepress.com). (This is a secure site and you will have to register; however once you are registered you can access significant police safety info.)

**THE TIME HAS COME TO DEFEND YOURSELF!**

**FEEL COMPLETELY SAFE!**

Now you no longer need to live in fear of muggers, rapists

That's right! Feel completely safe and secure wherever you go. Yes! In just seconds you can immediately scare away any attacker. Because now you are armed with one of the most effective .22 calibre non-lethal tear gas handgun ever devised. Both guns will fire a sudden burst. Each shot sounds so real that the intruder will be easily scared away - and well he should be! But the best part is that you do not need a federal firearms license to purchase these starter pistols. So now you can walk without fear. Imagine what this could mean to you.

**All solid metal! Precision made**

**Your Choice Only \$29.95 / Why Pay \$79.95?**

NO FEDERAL OR LICENSE GUN PERMITS NEEDED

8 Shot Revolver

Get the extra federal firearms license to purchase these starter pistols. So now you can walk without fear. Imagine what this could mean to you.

**All solid metal! Precision made**

**Your Choice Only \$29.95 / Why Pay \$79.95?**

These desirable, high quality starter guns are beautifully balanced. Our revolver is the famous Snub Nose model 8-shot side loading cylinder. Our 6-shot, heavy-duty frame, semi-automatic is clip fed. Both guns respond perfectly to your every movement and are extremely easy to handle. Both the automatic and revolver can be loaded with either non-lethal tear gas cartridges or blanks. As you can see, these handsome, solid metal guns will easily fit into a pocket, purse or in our specially designed gun holster. These precision made guns are extremely sturdy, yet lightweight. So if you are 18 years of age or older, order now.

**6 Shot Semi-Automatic**

6 Shot Starter Semi-Automatic (G6S-134) ONLY \$29.95  
8 Shot Starter Snub Nose Equalizer (SOLD3) ONLY \$29.95

Check your local area for restrictions. Not available in CT, MA.

**AUTHENTIC PROFESSIONAL BADGES**

Special Police Gold (BDSPL-G) Silver (BDSPL-S) \$6.95

Security Guard Gold (BDSGL-G) Silver (BDSGL-S) \$6.95

Special Officer Gold (BDSOL-G) Silver (BDSOL-S) \$6.95

Regulation badge holder with I.D. window. Badge Holder (BH) \$6.95

The same professional badges used by detective and security people are now available to you. These are not toys. Use them in your official capacity.

**CHOICE OF STYLES GOLD OR SILVER**

Private Detective Gold (BDPD-G) Silver (BDPD-S) \$6.95

Special Police Gold (BDSP-G) Silver (BDSP-S) \$6.95

Security Guard Gold (BDSG-G) Silver (BDSG-S) \$6.95

Special Investigator Gold (BDSI-G) Silver (BDSI-S) \$6.95

**KEY KNIFE:**

A Waterville, Maine police officer encountered a subject in February, 2002 after responding to a call from a local firefighter that a suspicious person was digging around in the donation dumpster of a nearby charity organization. The subject fled when he saw the officer, but was located a short time later and arrested on several outstanding warrants as well as for BURGLARY TO A MOTOR VEHICLE & THEFT. No weapons were found during the initial pat down search; however during a second search in the booking room the officer found this "key knife" hanging from a clip on the suspect's belt. The key-knife had a 1-inch blade, which folds into the side of the key. Not extended, the weapon appears to be a regular key -- approximately 2.5 inches long.



**FOLDING HANDGUN:**

This is a folding 5 shot .22 cal handgun that is fully functional. It was found loaded and ready for use in an eyeglass case. The butt of the gun is on a swivel that allows the trigger guard and barrel to fold into the butt. A cut-out in the handle accommodates the cylinder.

(This info was gained from a police website and they did not list the location where the gun was recovered.)





**THE LIPSTICK KNIFE:**

An Indianapolis, Indiana school teacher confiscated this "lipstick knife" from a 9-year-old girl in her class. It seems the girl had brought it to school to "cut up" one of her friends. The lipstick knife is widely available through mail order catalogs.

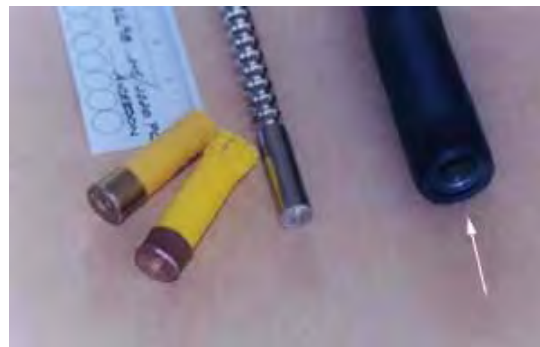


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**THE 'CLUB' SHOTGUN:**

This is a 'CLUB' car steering wheel locking device that has been modified to fire shotgun rounds. The handle of the CLUB has been hollowed out to act as a shotgun barrel and, when the lock end of the Club is pulled back, the modified tip of the metal shaft acts as a firing pin. The weapon is then fired manually by slamming the shaft into the end of the round.

(Sorry, the original info on this weapon does not list a town or state where it was discovered.)

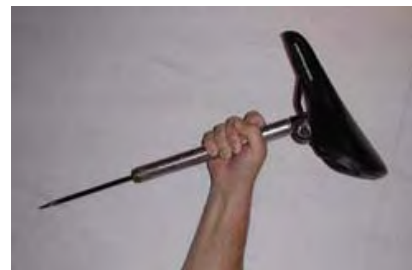


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**BIKE SEAT KNIFE:**

This "Bike Seat Dagger" was discovered by an officer on the New Haven, Connecticut PD after a suspected gangbanger abandoned his bicycle and fled during a street stop.

The "dagger" consists of a 10-inch piece of solid steel, machined down to a spear-like point and then welded to the end of the bicycle seat post. It is easily concealed when the seat post is clamped in place in the bike's vertical seat-post tube.



## **NEW WEAPON TO WATCH FOR : The "Bloodsucking Pen"**

Remove the cap of this ordinary looking pen and you're looking at a **SERIOUSLY** dangerous weapon specifically designed to drain blood very quickly. The pen's hollow titanium tube/blade is cut at an angle for quick and deep skin penetration. Its shape is designed to aggravate the entrance wound and expedite blood loss. Preferred targets are eyes and ear canals but the "blade" is actually long enough to penetrate a lung or your heart.

Although designed as a last-ditch backup weapon for police officers by a Minneapolis cop and sales are limited to LEOs and military special forces personnel, The Calibrepress Newline and the manufacturer both feel you need to be aware of this weapon in case one were to accidentally and unexpectedly end up in the wrong hands.



## **TIRE GAUGE FIREARM:**

The Maine Drug Enforcement Agency advises this spring-loaded .22 caliber pistol that appears to be a tire gauge was recovered by MDEA and Border Patrol agents in Northern Maine on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002 following a tip from an informant.

To fire the weapon the threaded top needs to be removed and the cartridge dropped in. The spring-loaded top is then pulled back and let go, driving the rim-fire firing pin into the cartridge.

The only real indication this is not a real tire gauge (without disassembling it) is the absence of the plastic measuring device.

The suspect who had this weapon claimed to have purchased it from a member of the Hell's Angels.

MDEA also advises they have been told by ATF that possession of this weapon is a FEDERAL CRIME regardless of the person's prior record.



## GRAD 22 HYBRID KNIFE-GUN

There is now more information available on the knife-gun combination known as the G.R.A.D. 22, which was mentioned in a recent Crime Bulletin. The weapon is marketed as offering the "newest in knife/gun technology." It is manufactured by the GRAD Co. (Global Research and Development) and is being promoted as the world's first knife to contain a working .22 caliber revolver within the grip.

The blade is made of 440C heat-treated high carbon stainless steel. There are two models that come in three different versions -- AOW (All Other Weapons firearm), non-gun, and Blank-only gun (which as the name suggests, shoots blanks).

The Model RS1- Standard Hybrid, which is the AOW (Any Other Weapon) version, applies to all NFA rules. This weapon looks just like a knife, but it can fire five .22 caliber rifle cartridges.

With one hand, an assailant can discharge five cartridges in rapid succession before reloading - and before you have a chance to react to the surprising discovery that what you thought was "just" a big knife in a suspect's hand is also a fully functional firearm.

Hidden in the handle are a revolving cylinder, a firing mechanism and a 1.75-in. gun barrel. The muzzle is located in the guard, just above the top edge of the blade.

The handle is hinged at the guard so its upper and lower sections can be pulled apart for easy loading, cleaning and inspection of the firearm components.

The spring-lever trigger mechanism is housed in the lower half of the handle. When the knife is held in an underhand grip (thrusting position), a suspect can "cock" the gun by relaxing his fingers so the trigger lever pops down from the underside of the handle. When he contracts his grip and squeezes the trigger lever, the gun fires.

The non-gun version is the Model RS1N and is BATF-approved, meaning it is considered as a knife and not a firearm under the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms criteria. The difference between this model and the AOW model is the fact that it has no firing pin or barrel; however, it has a firing mechanism. Therefore, it is exempt from firearms restrictions.





**USE OF CRUISER SEATBELT TO BREAK HANDCUFF CHAIN:**

A Tallahassee, Florida patrol officer observed a prisoner moving about suspiciously in the back seat of the patrol vehicle while handcuffed. After his delivery to the jail it appeared as though the seat belt had been tampered with. It was later learned that prisoners have been sharing information that a properly applied seat belt can break handcuff chains. The damage shown here was gained with only moderate effort and the highest risk is when prisoners are handcuffed in the front.



**VIDEO CAMERA HIDING PLACE:** On April 24<sup>th</sup> a Glendale, California police officer made a traffic stop reference a registration violation. During a consent search of the vehicle he located a full size "Sharp" camcorder on the rear passenger seat. A closer look at the camera revealed a fake videocassette had been placed in the camera and, once it was removed, he found a fully loaded "Taurus" 9mm semi-automatic handgun with an altered serial number.

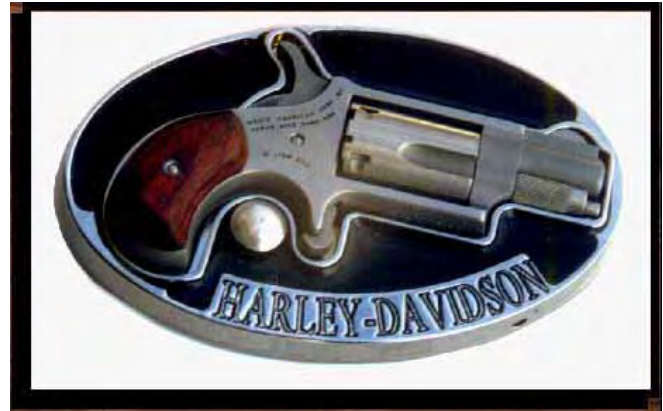




### **BELT BUCKLE FIREARM:**

An online company that is selling the belt buckle shown here with a removable, fully operational, 5 shot single action .22 mini revolver mounted in the center.

The site also sells other belt buckles with removable knives.



### **PEN FIREARM:**

From MDEA and the Houlton Border Patrol in Houlton, Maine:

This “pen” firearm was seized recently by officers in Regina, Canada and Border Patrol officers advise finding similar weapons are becoming more and more common.

It is a fully functional single shot .22 caliber pen firearm that Border Patrol found while searching a female suspected of drug trafficking. The pen was concealed in her vagina.



### **MAGIC MARKER – POT PIPE:**

An officer at the Brunswick Maine Police Department Took this marker/pot pipe off a kid during a probation check last October. Please keep in mind how resourceful people can be in hiding weapons and contraband. In spite of being converted to a pot pipe – this marker actually worked!



### CELLPHONE GUN:

At first sight this looks like a regular cell phone, same size, same shape, same overall appearance, but beneath the digital face lies a .22 caliber pistol. The phone gun is capable of firing 4 rounds in quick succession with a touch of the otherwise standard keypad.

The phone gun has been showing up in Europe and, although no police agencies in the US have reported problems with it yet, the FBI, ATF & Customs Service have all been briefed on it and expect it to appear in the U.S. shortly.

The guns are loaded by twisting the phone in half. The rounds fit into the top of the phone under the readout screen and the lower half, under the keyboard, holds the firing pins. The bullets fire through the antenna by pressing the keypad from numbers 5 to 8.

The phone guns have turned up during drug raids in Amsterdam, England and Germany. They are being manufactured in Croatia and Yugoslavia and are sophisticated machines constructed to fit inside gutted cell phones. The gun phones are significantly heavier than real cell phones and do not operate or have lighted screens. The gun parts will also show up if xrayed.



### PEPSI GUN LOCKER:

Police in Riley County, Kansas were executing a narcotics search warrant on a residence when they discovered the Pepsi machine shown below. The machine had been converted into a gun safe and concealed 17 firearms and over 4,000 rounds of ammunition.



**FOLDING KNIFE WITH PUSH BUTTON RELEASE:**

This is a 'TACTICAL FOLDING KNIFE' equipped with a 420 stainless steel blade and a push button handle release. It is available on the internet for \$44.95 and has been brought to our attention by an Intelligence Officer at the ATF office in Phoenix, Arizona. He advises the knife has a 3 ¼" long blade and is extremely well crafted. It reaches 8" overall length when opened and fits easily in an average size wallet. The knife, made in Argentina and Germany, is close to what could be described as a switchblade, and, although it is legal for law enforcement to carry, can be purchased by anyone.



**Cat Head Key Chain:**

This key chain is currently being sold on the Internet as a legitimate self defense tool.

When searching suspects please stay alert to keychains shaped like this and don't disregard it as a simple 'key holder'.





## “Vehicle Shade Blowgun”



Overall Length of the Weapon



Front Red Sight and Attached Rear Folding Sight



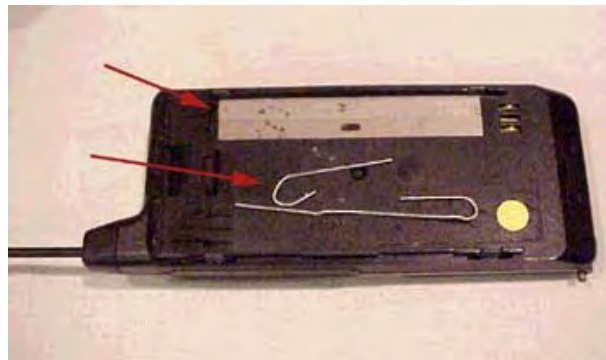
Rear Darts, One Exposed Dart and One Dart Placed In Chamber



Rear to Front View from Mouthpiece with Rear Site Up

This homemade 36-inch, fully equipped blowgun was fashioned from a vehicle shade. Twenty metal spokes used to turn the shade hardware were converted into 4-inch metal darts. The forward end of the darts had been filed to a sharp point and the rear end of the darts had been equipped with a yellow plastic chute to catch the air when blown.

## Working Cell Phone hiding handcuff keys & razor blades:



Secreted between the battery and the body of this Motorola cellular flip phone are 2 large, sturdy paperclips bent into improvised handcuff keys and a 3 1/4-in., razor-sharp single-edge blade that may have come from a wallpaper cutter.

When the battery pack is in place, the phone is fully functional and will turn on when being tested - at airport and courthouse security points, for example.



## “Twine Knife”



“Twine Knife” found by an officer with the New York State Department of Conservation. This knife is worn around a finger like a ring and can easily be concealed from your view. As always, stay alert to suspect’s hands and keep your eyes open for a “ring” that may really be a concealed knife.



## Flashlight Stun Gun

**This handy little flashlight is also a 130 db alarm**

**and an 80,000 volt stun baton.**

**•The body is made of fiberglass reinforced plastic.**

**•Uses one 9-volt alkaline battery.**

**16 inches long (a second model is 16 ½ inches long)**

**Sold thru the Internet at \$50.00**

The following came from Anthony Losada, the Army Plans & Training Officer for Fort Drum:

**Found at a Web auction with a starting bid of \$1,995:.**

**"Shoots sub sonic 22 and is absolutely silent. Has a pull type pen gun (that is the small piece off of the box, about the size of a lighter). The square box is the silencer. Fits neatly in a cigarette case. This unit is constructed well. MFG DAW, designed by the great gun fairy for some gov agency somewhere. There are one or two units available, extremely rare item. "**



**UMBRELLA DAGGER:**

**This fully functioning umbrella comes complete with a 12" dagger in the handle and is sold as a "personal protection device".**



**UTILIZING THE SPACE BETWEEN THE ENGINE AND THE DASHBOARD OF AN SUV:**

**A US Customs Primary Inspector asked the driver of the Chevy Suburban shown below for his registration. Suddenly a hand come out of the glove compartment producing the requested document which the driver then handed to the Inspector.**

**A search of the vehicle found a 135 lb. woman was hidden in the cavity behind the dashboard. (If a full size woman could be smuggled in this hidden compartment, imagine how much drugs or weapons would fit.)**





# Toter's Jeans

This is a legitimate company marketing jeans in the Southern USA and producing them with built-in gun and knife pockets.

The gun pockets are lined and can be bought for both left or right hand carry. The pockets are lined with non-abrasive Cordura-Plus and are designed to conceal the silhouette of the gun.

The gun pockets have a patent pending lacing system that is adjustable to fit most handguns.

Toter's also produces jackets, vests and T-shirts that guarantee total concealment.



## TRIGGER CONTROLLER:

This the called the "HELL FIRE TRIGGER SYSTEM"  
AKA: "Hell Storm 200"

It can reportedly simulate automatic gun fire at a rate of 10 –15 rounds per second

(Sorry, I have no further info on the logistics of this trigger system.)





**Knife/.22 cal. Firearm Combo:**

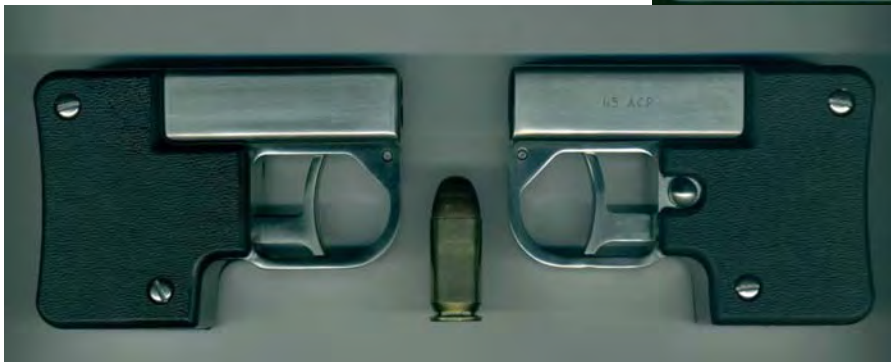
This 'knife' was taken off a suicidal man in North Plainfield, New Jersey in September of 2002. It doubles as a .22 cal. firearm. Originally this combination weapon was sold as a novelty in the 1920's through magazines such as Popular Mechanics.



**.22 Caliber  
Knife/Pistol**

**MINI FIREARM:**

This is called the DOWNSIZER WSP and is billed as the world's smallest pistol. It is smaller than a playing card and fires either .45 ACP or .357 rounds.







# GUN CONCEALED IN CHILD' S TOY



Los Angeles County Deputies from Industry Station stopped several males who appeared to be gang members at a Valinda hotel at 2 a.m. on August 30, 2000. When Initially detaining the males for a possible vehicle burglary, one began to walk away towards a nearby hotel room. He was carrying various items including a stuffed 14 inch "Cookie Monster" doll. The male was detained, placing the items he was carrying on the ground. A deputy checked the items and noticed that the doll felt unusually heavy. He found that the back had a Velcro opening with an interior pocket where the suspect had concealed a loaded semi-automatic pistol.

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## WEAPONS WARNING

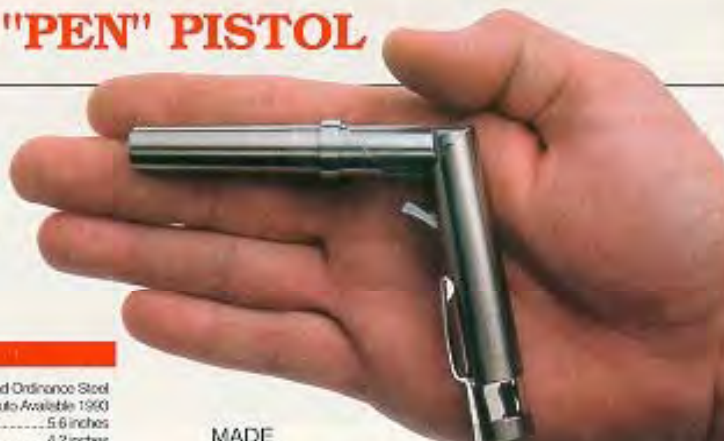
### Pen Gun

This gun is commercially manufactured to look like a pen. It fires a single shot, and comes in .25, .22, and .32 calibres.

## MODEL 2 STEEL "PEN" PISTOL

*Transforms From A "Pen" To A Legal Pistol In 2 Seconds*

This new patented Pen Pistol transforms from a pen to a Legal Pistol in 2 seconds. This pistol cannot be fired in its "Pen" configuration. To transform this "Pen" into a pistol all you have to do is pull it apart and bend it 80 degrees to form a pistol.



### SPECIFICATIONS

Metal	High Strength Stainless Steel and Ordinance Steel
Caliber	.25 Auto Available 1882, .22 Long Rifle Available 1960, .32 Auto Available 1960
Length in "Pen" Format	5.6 inches
Length in Pistol Format	4.2 inches

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### Armor Piercing Ammunition:

On December 30, 2002 the BLOC/HIDTA Watch Center received an Information Bulletin from the Nevada Department of Public Safety concerning a new type of ammunition known as AGUILA IQ which has been identified as being able to penetrate bullet-resistant vests. The ammunition is manufactured in Mexico under the AGUILA brand name by munitions manufacturer TECNOS of Cuernavaca, Mexico and is being imported into the US by Centurion Ordnance Inc. of Helotes, Texas for sale to the general public. According to the bulletin, the Michigan State Police Ordnance Unit tested the ammo and found that it does penetrate police issued vests. The ammunition is available by dealers throughout the US and can be ordered over the internet at [www.aguilaammo.com](http://www.aguilaammo.com).



### Comb Knife:

This is yet another plastic weapon concealed as a comb. Unlike some of these 'self-defense' weapons that are easily available through the internet and at flea markets, this one is made up of completely plastic components that would not show up on any security X-ray scanners.





MORE INTERNET GOODIES:

# PEPPER SPRAY RING

## This Stunning Ring Can Stun an Attacker!

This elegant sterling silver and onyx ring is the most discreet personal protection device we offer. It's the Self-Defense Ring, the gorgeous piece of jewelry that releases a blast of the strongest pepper spray on the market with just a flick of your thumb. So there's no fumbling in purse or pocket in the event of an attack; with the Ring on your finger, you're prepared. With the Self-Defense Ring, elegance and confidence are right at hand.

Finger Sizes: 6-10

TS204-6 - Self-Defense Ring (size 6)

TS204-7 - Self-Defense Ring (size 7)

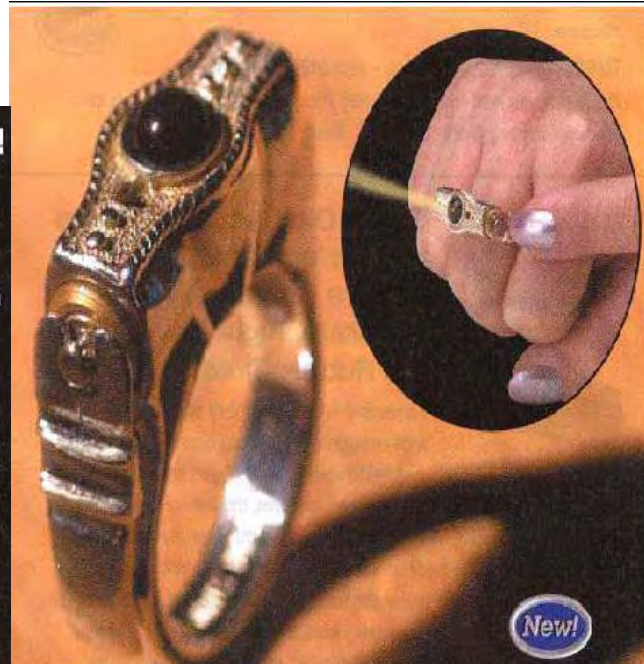
TS204-8 - Self-Defense Ring (size 8)

TS204-9 - Self-Defense Ring (size 9)

TS204-10 - Self-Defense Ring (size 10)

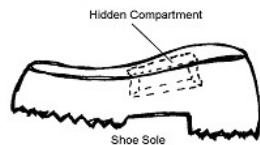
\$69.95 each

TS205 - Refill Cartridge - \$29.95



## Hidden Pouches:

Several incidents have been reported recently where contraband and/or weapons were discovered hidden in the arches, soles and sports pouches on sneakers and other footwear.



### Hidden handcuff keys:

Many subscribers to the Calibrepress.com site wrote in reference this easily available belt buckle.

In the closed position it is impossible to see that the tongue is actually a handcuff key. It fits any standard 1 ½" belt and has been sold on Ebay as well as other websites.



Recently Illinois officers arrested a male subject for narcotics violations. A search of the arrestee disclosed a heavy gauge wire "safety pin" in the arrestee's pocket. The tip of the pin section was bent to a 90 degree angle. Further investigation disclosed that this "safety pin" was devised for opening handcuffs. With only a short time to practice, almost all handcuffs could be opened in seconds. These devices are apparently easily available.



### **Commercially Available Baseball Cap with Concealed Compartment:**

An officer in Waterbury, Vermont recently arrested a subject who was wearing this hat. During the arrest the suspect dropped the hat; however the arresting officer picked it back up and placed it on his head. Once at the station the officer took a closer look and when he started feeling around the inside of the hat he noticed that the head/sweat band area where the bill meets the front of the cap was thicker than it should be. Once the officer pulled back the sweat band he found a concealed velcro closure and a hidden compartment. "The compartment was empty," stated the officer, "But it could have easily concealed plenty of contraband, razor blades or cuff keys." Or worse, a knife or handgun. In fact, another officer from Carlisle (PA) PD also recently encountered one of these caps, worn by a suspect who was concealing marijuana inside- and tested the capacity of the concealed compartment with his own Beretta .25 handgun. "It sealed just fine," said the officer. "And other than the obvious weight, it was not noticeable at all while the hat was being worn."

These concealment caps are created by an outfit called Hawaiian Island Creations and distributed by various beachwear shops around the country. The hats bear the Hawaiian Island Creations logo on the front. Please keep this particular hat in mind to help remind you to stay alert for unusual bulkiness and to check for hidden compartments.



### Money Clip Knife:

Please take a look at this moneyclip. It's available through [www.zippo.com/products/pocket/pocketknives/index.html](http://www.zippo.com/products/pocket/pocketknives/index.html)

