



Officer Safety Handbook Of



Unusual Weapons along with Concealment Methods for Weapons and/or Contraband 3rd Edition

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Firearms

Real

&

Pretend

BANGSTICK ADAPTED FOR POCKET OR NECK

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

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.



.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.)

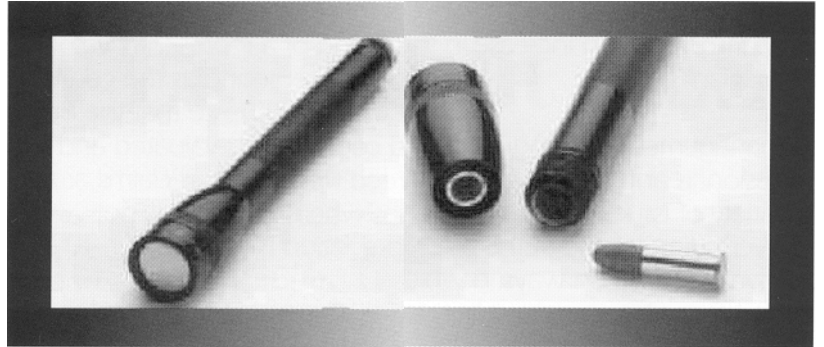
Please pay CLOSE ATTENTION to all mini flashlights you encounter!



FLASHLIGHT FIREARM

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.



MOTORCYCLE MOUNTED FIREARM

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.

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.



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. (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.

8 Shot Revolver

All solid metal! Precision made

Your Choice Only \$29⁹⁵ / Why Pay \$79⁹⁵?

So now you can walk without fear. Imagine what this could mean to you.

All solid metal! Precision made

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

Your Choice Only \$29⁹⁵ / Why Pay \$79⁹⁵?

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

6 Shot Starter Semi-Automatic (G6S-134) ONLY \$29.95
8 Shot Starter Snub Nose Equalizer (SND3) ONLY \$29.95

AUTHENTIC PROFESSIONAL BADGES



Special Police Gold (BDSP-L-G) Silver (BDSP-L-S) \$6.95
 Security Guard Gold (BDSG-L-G) Silver (BDSG-L-S) \$6.95
 Special Officer Gold (BDSP-L-G) Silver (BDSP-L-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

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 '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.)



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.



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 3rd, 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.



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.



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 does have a cartridge in the handle. Therefore, it is exempt from firearms restrictions.



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.



“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.

CIGARETTE CASE GUN

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. "



TRIGGER CONTROLLER

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

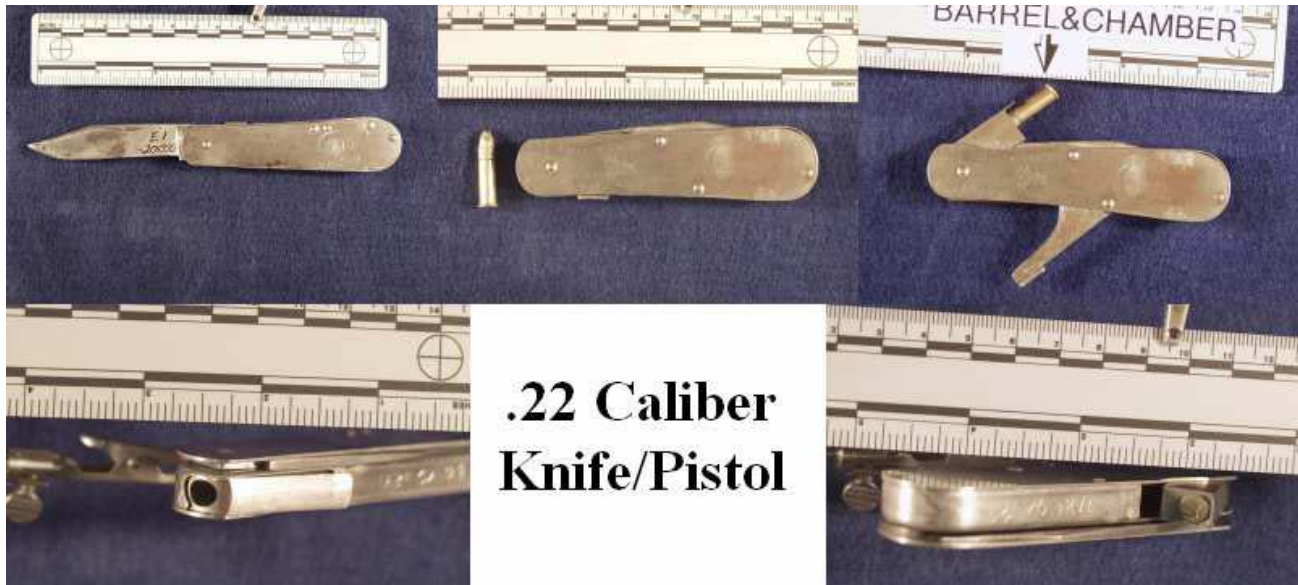
It can reportedly simulate automatic gun fire at a rate of 10 –15 rounds per second

The hell fire system, in a nutshell, exerts increased pressure on the trigger so it returns to it's forward position quicker – thus increasing the speed of fire when used correctly.



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.



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.



SELECT FIRE CONVERSION DEVICE

Those of you who have access to the Internet may want to check out FULLAUTOGLOCK.NET.

This company is offering what they bill as "The first true drop in select fire device for Glock handguns and Berettas 92 Series". They advertise that installation takes only 10 seconds and can turn any Glock or Beretta into a select fire machine pistol. The video on the website appears to back this claim.

The company offers the device to any US Law Enforcement Officers as well as to any foreign countries who do not have laws banning it; however it appears compliance is voluntary.

The cost is from \$310 to \$350. and they claim that no tools or gunsmithing ability is needed to make the conversion.



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.

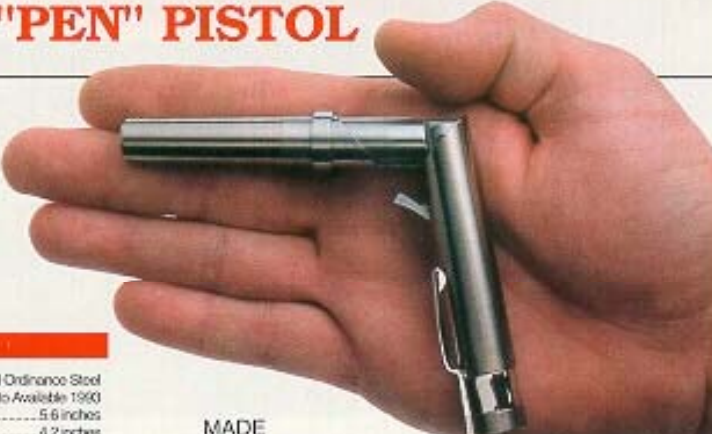
MODEL 2 STEEL "PEN" PISTOL

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	
Material	High Strength Stainless Steel and Ordinance Steel
Caliber	.25 Auto Available 1982, .22 Long Rifle Available 1990, .32 Auto Available 1990
Length in "Pen" Format	5.6 inches
Length in Pistol Format	4.2 inches

MADE



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 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.



BRIEFCASE MODIFIED TO CONCEAL AND FIRE A RUGER .22 CAL PISTOL



Bulletins

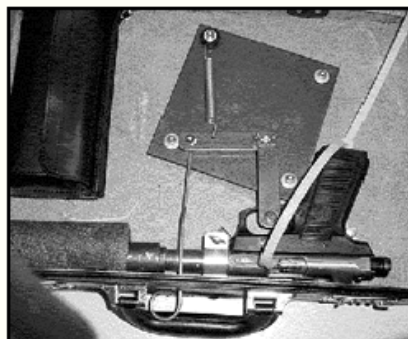
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Bulletin: Concealment Method

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Subject:	Briefcase modified to conceal and fire a Ruger .22 pistol	Issued: 03-19-03
From:	Criminal Intelligence Unit	Page 1 of 1
Source:	Drug Enforcement Administration	



This Ruger .22, a semi-automatic pistol, was fully suppressed and contained in a briefcase lined with foam.

The trigger mechanism was near the briefcase handle, left photo.

Photos: DEA Chicago Division



MAG LIGHT CAPABLE OF FIRING A .410 SHOTGUN ROUND

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, along with the Albuquerque Criminal Intelligence Unit recently served a search warrant at an Albuquerque, New Mexico gun shop. Among the items found was a fully functional Mag Light Flashlight, capable of firing a .410 shotgun round. The flashlight functions by pulling back a spring-loaded firing pin, much like a "zip gun" or tear gas gun. Once the safety pin is pulled, the operator pushes down on the firing lever, discharging the weapon through the end cap of the flashlight. The weapon is made by Ares Defense Systems, in Blacksburg, Pennsylvania and is considered an NFA (National Firearms Act) weapon. Subjects in possession of such a device are required by federal law to have proper documentation of ownership.

Officers should be aware that such a weapon exists, and proper safety procedures should be followed when encountering subjects armed with such a weapon. Although the subject may not be within striking distance of the flashlight, officers may still be within effective firing distance of the shotgun. Care should also be taken when finding such a weapon during a routine search in order to avoid accidentally discharging the firearm.

