Law Enforcement Officers Killed by Concealed Carry Killers
May 2007 to the Present

This subset of the total number of people killed by concealed carry killers contains vignettes describing the circumstances for incidents in which private individuals legally allowed to carry concealed handguns killed law enforcement officers. The descriptions include the current, known status of any charges filed against the concealed carry killer as reported by news sources as well as noting instances where the perpetrator committed suicide.

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Alabama

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** Bart Johnson

**CONVICTED**

**Date:** December 3, 2009

**People Killed:** 1

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

**Circumstances:** On December 3, 2009, Bart Johnson shot and killed Pelham, Alabama, police officer Philip Davis during a routine traffic stop. Officer Davis had stopped Johnson for speeding. According to videotape from the officer’s patrol car, Davis and Johnson spoke briefly, and Davis then went to write Johnson a ticket. Upon his return, Johnson told Davis that his brother was a police officer. Officer Davis replied, “Why didn’t you tell me that before? Let me have his name and number so I can tell him what happened.” Then, “unprovoked and without a word, Johnson fired one shot, striking Davis in the face.” Johnson fled the scene, abandoned his Acura, and attempted to break into another vehicle. When he was noticed by someone, Johnson displayed his gun and waved the person away. He was later picked up by his brother and surrendered to authorities. A local pharmacist, Johnson obtained a concealed weapons permit in 2007 and renewed it in 2008 and 2009. He is charged with capital murder.

**UPDATE:** On May 12, 2011, Bart Johnson was found guilty of capital murder in the death of Officer Davis. He was convicted on two counts, one for the murder of an off-duty police officer and one for causing death by shooting into an occupied vehicle. On June 16, 2011, Johnson was sentenced to death by lethal injection.

Arizona

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** Ryan Schlesinger

**Pending**

**Date:** November 29, 2018

**People Killed:** 1

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

**Circumstances:** On November 29, 2018, concealed carry permit holder Ryan Schlesinger, 26, shot and killed Deputy U.S. Marshal Chase White with a multi-caliber rifle outside a house in Tucson, Arizona. White and other officers were serving an arrest warrant issued against Schlesinger for stalking a law enforcement officer. Schlesinger opened fired as the officers forced their way into the home, hitting White, who later died after being taken to Banner-University Medical Center. The other officers fired back, resulting in a standoff that lasted for approximately an hour. Schlesinger, wearing a ballistic vest and helmet, eventually surrendered to police. According to a federal complaint, Schlesinger had threatened to kill officers that were serving an emergency mental-health petition at his residence in August 2017. During the 2017 incident, Schlesinger was shocked by a stun gun and taken into custody. Officers also confiscated his Glock pistol and ammunition. In the following months Schlesinger sent emails to the Tucson police demanding the gun be returned. Although active injunctions prohibited Schlesinger from possessing firearms, he was still able to purchase a gun because he possessed a valid concealed weapons permit. The Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) confirmed that they are not notified when a protection order is issued and under Arizona Statue it is the responsibly of the individual to turn over a CCW permit to DPS if an injunction is made against them. It is unclear how Schlesinger obtained the gun used to kill White. Schlesinger was indicted by a grand jury on 13 counts related to the shooting. The charges were one count of first-degree murder of a federal officer, three counts of attempted murder of a federal officer, four counts of assault on a federal officer with a deadly weapon, and five counts of discharging a weapon while committing a crime.

Florida

Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Everest Miller

Pending

Date: August 18, 2017

People Killed: 2

Law Enforcement Officers Killed: 2

Circumstances: On August 18, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder Everest Miller, 45, allegedly shot and killed Kissimmee Police Officer Matthew Baxter, 27, and Sgt. Sam Howard, 36, following a scuffle. During a patrol, Baxter was “checking out” three people, including Miller, when the officer got into a scuffle with Miller. Sgt. Howard responded as backup. Miller allegedly shot and killed the two officers who did not have an opportunity to return fire. Sheriff’s deputies from a neighboring agency located Miller at a bar and approached him. When Miller reached for his waistband, the deputies tackled him and subdued him. Miller was carrying two handguns when he was arrested. Prior to the shooting, the Orlando Police Department warned its officers about Miller in a memo, saying he should be approached with caution. The memo said Miller was seen in a Facebook Live video in which he allegedly said, “If this cop comes out with his gun, I’m going to shoot me a cop.” According to the memo, Miller had a gun in the video and said, “No cop is going to get Glen Miller today.” Miller was charged with first degree murder in the death of Officer Baxter and is awaiting charges in the death of Sgt. Howard.

Florida

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder**: Humberto Delgado, Jr.

**CONVICTED**

**Date**: August 19, 2009

**People Killed**: 1

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed**: 1

**Circumstances**: Humberto Delgado Jr., 34, allegedly shot and killed 11-year Tampa police veteran Corporal Mike Roberts after the officer responded to a suspicious person call. Delgado was pushing a shopping cart which turned out to be filled with military gear, a Kel-Tec assault rifle, a Taurus .45 pistol, and a .22 revolver. He also had a Glock 17 pistol in a backpack. When Corporal Roberts tried to question Delgado, a struggle ensued and Roberts was shot while on his back. Although Corporal Roberts was wearing body armor, a bullet struck him in an unprotected area and entered his chest. Delgado had been a law enforcement officer in the Virgin Islands for four years until 2000 and had served in the U.S. Army. He had a concealed handgun permit issued in North Carolina. Florida has reciprocity with North Carolina. A search of Delgado’s storage unit uncovered another firearm, a laser sight, a copy of *Shooter’s Bible*, and a certificate for completion of a firearms safety course. Delgado faces charges of premeditated murder and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.

**UPDATE**: On November 15, 2011, Delgado was found guilty of first-degree murder in the death of Corporal Mike Roberts. He was sentenced to death on February 11, 2012.

**UPDATE**: On April 23, 2015, The Florida Supreme Court overturned Delgado’s death sentence and ordered his case back before the trial judge in order to impose a life sentence.

Florida

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** James Wonder
  
  **PENDING**

- **Date:** August 5, 2008

- **Total Killed:** 1

- **Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

**Circumstances:** On August 5, 2008, James Wonder allegedly shot and killed U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agent Donald Pettit after a road-rage incident. After the two got into a shouting and finger-pointing match while driving, Wonder pulled into a post office parking lot, Pettit followed and was shot and killed. After the shooting, Wonder sped away to a kidney dialysis appointment where he told a nurse that whomever had killed the agent must have been a “professional.” He then went home, hid the gun, changed his hair color, and rented a car to reportedly hide his involvement in the shooting. Wonder, who had a concealed handgun permit, has been indicted on manslaughter charges.

Source: “Police: Suspect in agent’s killing told nurses of road rage argument,” *South Florida Sun-Sentinel*, August 21, 2008; “Man charged in agent’s road rage killing out on bail; A Broward retiree who was charged in the death of a customs agent paid bail and was released from jail on Friday,” *Miami Herald*, August 30, 2008.
Georgia

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder**: Michael Dewayne Bowman

**CONVICTED**

**Date**: May 31, 2014

**People Killed**: 1

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed**: 1

**Circumstances**: On May 31, 2014, concealed handgun permit holder Michael Dewayne Bowman, 30, allegedly shot and killed Griffin Police Officer Kevin Jordan, 43, who was working an off-duty security job in uniform at a Waffle House restaurant. According to police, Bowman was drunk when he and his girlfriend Chantell Mixon, 28, entered the Waffle House after 2 AM on the morning of May 31, 2014. According to police, Bowman and Mixon caused a disturbance and were asked to leave the restaurant. An altercation spilled into the parking lot where Officer Jordan attempted to arrest Mixon. Officer Jordan, a father of seven, was on the ground attempting to restrain Mixon when Bowman allegedly shot him multiple times in the back. Officer Jordan’s brother Raymond, who was visiting from Illinois then shot Bowman, who was taken to the hospital in stable condition. Raymond Jordan also had a concealed carry permit. Bowman and Mixon were charged with felony murder.

**UPDATE**: On February 16, 2017, Michael Bowman was found guilty but mentally ill in the death of Griffin police officer Kevin Jordan. The next day he was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

Idaho

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** Jason Kenneth Hamilton

**SUICIDE**

**Date:** May 19, 2007

**Total Killed:** 4 (including shooter)

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

**Circumstances:** On May 19, 2007, Jason Kenneth Hamilton, 36, a member of the white supremacist group Aryan Nations, shot and killed his wife, a police officer, and a church sexton, and wounded three others before turning the gun on himself in a shooting spree in Moscow, Idaho. Hamilton had a concealed handgun permit “despite a [previous] domestic violence conviction that should have barred him from owning guns.”

Illinois

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** Juan Lopez

**SUICIDE**

**Date:** November 19, 2018

**People Killed:** 4 (including shooter)

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

**Circumstances:** On November 19, 2018, concealed handgun permit holder Juan Lopez, 32, shot and killed his ex-fiancée Dr. Tamara O’Neal, 38, pharmacy resident Dayna Less, 24, and Chicago Police Officer Samuel Jimenez, 28, with a Glock 9mm pistol at Mercy Hospital & Medical Center in Chicago. Lopez and Dr. O’Neal, who had recently broken off their engagement, argued in the parking lot of the hospital before Lopez shot and killed Dr. O’Neal. Lopez then shot and killed Less as she stepped off an elevator inside the hospital. Officer Jimenez was shot in the neck during a gun battle with Lopez inside the hospital. Lopez was shot in the abdomen during the gun battle with police before shooting himself in the head. He died at the scene. Lopez obtained a concealed carry permit in 2016. In 2014, his ex-wife obtained an order of protection against him, alleging threats of violence with a gun against her, a neighbor, and a realtor, and alleging that he slept with a pistol under his pillow. Nearly five years prior to the shooting, Lopez threatened to shoot up the Chicago Fire Department Academy and was fired for failing to show up at work while facing allegations of “improper conduct” toward women.

Indiana

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** Jason Brown

**PENDING**

**Date:** July 27, 2017

**People Killed:** 1

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

**Circumstances:** On July 27, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder Jason Brown, 28, allegedly shot and killed Southport police Lt. Aaron Allan, a six-year veteran of the Southport Police Department. Allan was responding to a report of an overturned vehicle, and when he approached to check the status of what he expected to be the victim of a serious car crash, he was shot multiple times. According to police documents, Brown fired the shots from his overturned vehicle. Brown works as a tattoo artist and is a gun enthusiast, posting several photos on Instagram of himself holding various types of guns, and, in a Facebook post, showed a gun with the text, “Why do I carry a pistol? Because my AR-15 doesn’t fit in my pants.” In 2013, Brown was found guilty of possession of marijuana or a synthetic cannabinoid and was sentenced to 30 days in a county jail. Brown was taken to the hospital following the crash and shooting, and was arrested on suspicion of murder and a marijuana possession charge.

Indiana

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** Michael Hrnciar

**SUICIDE**

**Date:** September 5, 2014

**Total Killed:** 2 (including shooter)

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

**Circumstances:** On September 5, 2014, concealed handgun permit holder Michael Hrnciar, 33, shot and killed Merrillville Police Officer Nickolaus Schultz, 24, before turning the handgun on himself. Hrnciar was reportedly evicted from his condominium in July 2014 following a foreclosure. In August 2014, the condo’s property management said they had to change damaged locks at Hrnciar’s unit after discovering they had been tampered with and the unit entered. On September 5, 2014, police were called when Hrnciar’s vehicle was seen parked outside his former home and the previously closed windows of the condo were now open. Police unsuccessfully attempted to get Hrnciar to answer the door before they forced their way into the condo. With no electrical power in the unit, the two officers searched the unit by flashlight. Hrnciar, wearing police-style body armor, ambushed the officers, firing two shots from his .45 handgun. One of the rounds struck Officer Schultz, with the other hitting a wall. Hrnciar then fired a third shot, which drew return gunfire from the second officer. The Lake County Coroner’s Office later determined that Hrnciar died from a single, self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head and was not struck by police gunfire. According to police, Hrnciar moved from Illinois to Indiana in 2006 so that he could legally carry a handgun. Hrnciar had a valid Indiana Handgun Permit issued in 2006, the same year he bought the handgun used in the shooting. Hrnciar also had a fascination with commercial-grade fireworks and evidence indicated that he was illegally manufacturing explosives. He also possessed a half-gallon jar of high-grade processed marijuana and a non-functioning marijuana growing operation.

Source: “Police Release Timeline in Merrillville Officer’s Shooting Death,” abc7chicago.com, September 12, 2014.
Michigan

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder**: Name Not Provided

**CONVICTED**

**Date**: Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed**: 1

**Circumstances**: Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, one Michigan concealed handgun permit holder had criminal homicide charges pending for the killing of a law enforcement officer. In their annual report, the Michigan State Police do not release the alleged offender’s name, the exact date of the event, nor the type of weapon allegedly used in the homicide. The permit holder was convicted of murder.

New York

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder**: Shawn Bryan

**SUICIDE**

**Date**: June 4, 2012

**People Killed**: 2

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed**: 2

**Circumstances**: On June 4, 2012, New York City Department of Correction Officer and concealed handgun permit holder Shawn Bryan, 34, shot and killed Springfield, MA, Police Officer Kevin Ambrose, 56, and shot and critically wounded his ex-girlfriend Charlene Mitchell, 29. Bryan and Mitchell’s one-year-old daughter was in the apartment at the time of the shooting but was unhurt. Mitchell had gone to court that day to take out an order of protection saying that Bryan was physically abusive towards her, describing him as mentally unstable and domineering, writing, “He is a demon.” Bryan had sent Mitchell multiple text messages including one that said, “I’m going to make you wish you were not born.” On the afternoon of June 4th, Mitchell called police to say Bryan was on the way to see her and that she feared for her life. Officer Ambrose arrived on the scene and found Mitchell and Bryan outside. The three of them then made their way to Mitchell’s third floor apartment. As they were entering, Bryan pushed Mitchell inside the apartment and followed, shutting the door and leaving Officer Ambrose outside. Bryan fired at Ambrose through the door with his 9mm pistol then opened the door and fired at him again. Bryan then turned the gun on Mitchell and shot her in the head before running back to his car where he shot himself in the chest. Bryan and Ambrose died from their wounds while Mitchell was in critical condition following surgery.

Ohio

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** Ashford Thompson
  
  **CONVICTED**

  **Date:** July 13, 2008

  **People Killed:** 1

  **Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

  **Circumstances:** On July 13, 2008, Ashford Thompson shot a police officer four times in the head after he was pulled over for playing loud music. Thompson used a Kel-Tec P11 “pocket pistol” in the shooting. Thompson, who had a concealed handgun permit issued by Cuyahoga County and had received a certificate for completing a concealed-carry class, pled guilty to aggravated murder.

  **UPDATE:** Thompson’s guilty plea was later tossed out by the Ohio Supreme Court because of a technicality. Thompson was then tried by a jury and entered a plea of not guilty. In June 2010 Thompson was found guilty of aggravated murder and escape, among other charges. He was sentenced to death in June 2010.

Pennsylvania

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** Richard Poplawski

**CONVICTED**

**Date:** April 4, 2009

**People Killed:** 3

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 3

**Circumstances:** On April 4, 2009, white supremacist Richard Poplawski shot and killed police officers Stephen Mayhle, Paul Sciullo, and Eric Kelly while injuring another. Among the guns used in the shootout by Poplawski were an AK-47 assault rifle, a pistol, and a shotgun. He had a concealed handgun permit despite a former girlfriend having obtained a protection-from-abuse order against him. Poplawski’s mother told police that he had been “stockpiling guns and ammunition…because he believed that as a result of the economic collapse, the police were no longer able to protect society.” She additionally stated that “her son ‘only liked police when they were not curtailing his constitutional rights, which he was determined to protect.’” Poplawski was charged with three counts of criminal homicide and one count of aggravated assault. He pled not guilty. Prosecutors are seeking the death penalty.

**UPDATE:** On June 26, 2011, Poplawski was found guilty of three counts of first-degree murder as well as 25 other crimes. He was sentenced to death.

Pennsylvania

Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Christina Korbe

CONVICTED

Date: November 19, 2008

Total Killed: 1

Law Enforcement Officers Killed: 1

Circumstances: On November 19, 2008, Christina Korbe shot and killed FBI Special Agent Samuel Hicks. Federal agents, led by Agent Hicks, had entered Korbe’s home to serve an arrest warrant on her husband. The gun used by Korbe in the incident was a 38 caliber Taurus Ultra-Lite revolver. In addition to being charged with killing an FBI agent, Korbe, who had a concealed handgun permit, was charged in federal court with firearm offenses.

UPDATE: On January 18, 2011, Christina Korbe pleaded guilty to voluntary manslaughter and committing a crime of violence with a firearm. Korbe was sentenced to 70 months for manslaughter, 120 months for the firearm offense, and was given credit for time already served.

South Carolina

- **Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** Michael Donovan Oswald

**SHOT AND KILLED BY POLICE**

**Date:** September 8, 2014

**Total Killed:** 2 (including shooter)

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

**Circumstances:** On September 8, 2014, police knocked on the door of concealed handgun permit holder Michael Donovan Oswald, 38, after neighbors complained about a drunken man beating on doors and cars. Using an AK-47-style assault rifle, Oswald fired through the door, killing Deputy Joseph Matuskovic, 45 and wounding Deputy Michael Ackerman, 43. Two off-duty sheriff’s deputies who lived in the apartment community had called for help knowing that the on-duty law enforcement personnel would have bullet-resistant vests, which they did not. One of the off-duty deputies who lived in the apartment complex helped return fire, and Oswald was later found dead of gunshot wounds. Oswald was known as a combative man with a long arrest history who frequently got into bar fights. In 2003, Oswald had been convicted for driving under the influence and hit and run with property damage.

**Sources:** “Authorities: Man who shot deputies had military-style rifle, combative past,” *Post and Courier*, September 11, 2014; “After deputy killed in West Ashley, ‘incomprehensible’ night became even more difficult to bear,” *Post and Courier*, September 9, 2014.
Texas

**Concealed Handgun Permit Holder:** William Francis Kenny

**SUICIDE**

**Date:** April 3, 2017

**People Killed:** 2 (including shooter)

**Circumstances:** On April 3, 2017, concealed handgun permit holder William Francis Kenny, 64, shot and killed Assistant Chief Deputy Constable Clint Greenwood moments after Greenwood pulled into the parking lot of the courthouse where he worked in Baytown, Texas. Kenny was found dead the next day from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. A website linked to Kenny revealed a long-standing grudge against Harris County, Texas police, which started after a 2012 complaint made to police about Kenny by Kenny’s then father-in-law. Clint Greenwood’s name was mentioned on the website several times. Ballistics confirmed that the same 9mm Taurus pistol found on Kenny was used to murder Greenwood. The photo on Kenny’s concealed carry license was used to match him to surveillance video from Greenwood’s murder.

Virginia

Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Randy Gilbert Newberry

KILLED BY POLICE

Date: March 13, 2011

Law Enforcement Officers Killed: 2

Circumstances: On March 13, 2011, Randy Gilbert Newberry, 52, opened fire on Virginia sheriff’s deputies killing two and critically wounding two others. Newberry used a high-powered rifle in the sniper attack, firing approximately 50 rounds in the assault. He was killed by police when he pointed a handgun at responding officers. Newberry’s neighbors were stunned by the lethal outburst by someone with no criminal history. He had renewed his concealed handgun permit three times since 1999, most recently in 2009. Newberry was an avid hunter who liked guns according to neighbors.

Wisconsin

Concealed Handgun Permit Holder: Jordan Fricke

**PENDING**

**Date:** February 6, 2019

**People Killed:** 1

**Law Enforcement Officers Killed:** 1

**Circumstances:** On February 6, 2019, concealed handgun permit holder Jordan Fricke, 26, allegedly shot and killed Milwaukee Police Officer Matthew Rittner, 35, outside Fricke’s duplex in the south side of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Ritter, a 17-year veteran, was serving a search warrant with other officers at the duplex as part of an investigation into illegal drugs and firearms sales. Police identified themselves over loudspeakers before attempting to enter the home. Fricke fired several shots through the door with a high-powered rifle killing Ritter. According to friends, Fricke bought and worked on firearms, and enjoyed going to gun shows and shooting ranges. Fricke was raised by his grandparents and was described by friends as a “couch potato” who regularly used marijuana and was not consistently employed. Fricke was charged with first degree intentional homicide, two counts of first degree recklessly endangering safety, and maintaining a drug trafficking place. He was held on $1 million bond.