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Hello Fellow CARGO Members,

The next meeting will be held at Napoli's on Thursday, March 15th.

We will meet at Napoli's in Wylie.

Napoli's

701 N Highway 78 # A

Wylie, TX 75098

For the dinner portion of the meeting, we will be in the meeting room between 5:45 and 7:00 for food and fellowship. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM and run until about 9:00.

Under the new Texas Open Carry Law, you could be committing an offense if you remove your pistol from its holster while open carrying. While at Napoli's DO NOT remove your pistol from its holster unless it is an emergency.

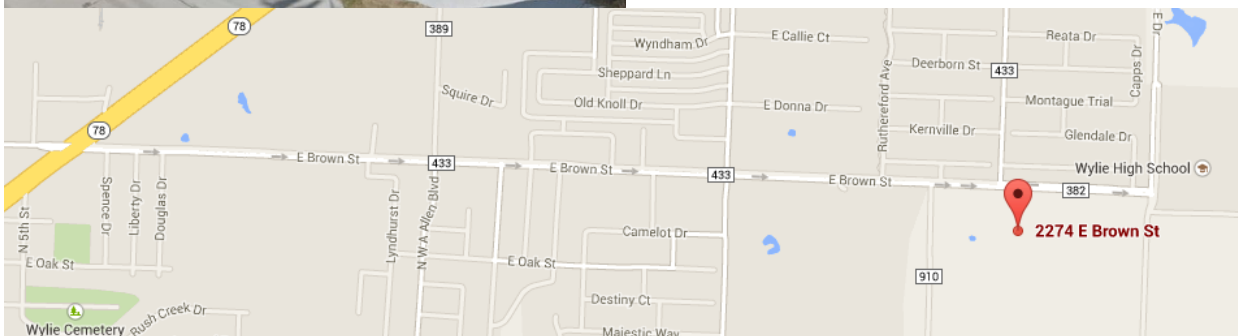
Member Don Bridges has volunteered his shop for the meeting. **There are a very limited number of chairs at the shop, so please bring a camp chair for the meeting.** We will meet there from 7:00 (ish) until 9:00 (ish)

The address is:

2274 EAST Brown Street in Wylie

While heading east on Brown Street, it is 1/2 mile past stop sign that's at the intersection of Brown Street and Kreymer Lane on the right hand side.

The shop is behind a small white house with a picket fence around the front yard.



Meeting gun topics:

- For show and tell, if you have any firearms manufactured by the following:
- **Firearms and tools of the cold war.** The cold war began shortly after the end of world war II in 1947 and ended in 1991 with the collapse of the Soviet Union. During the cold war advancements in technologies were yet another front on the war, from the space race to the US interstate highway system to the British / French Concord. All of these were fronts of the cold war.
- Do you have any firearms of the era, knives or memorabilia from the era? Bring it to CARGO and share the history with a number of cold war warriors that are also CARGO members.
- Have anything non-firearms related to share? Got a great knife that you just picked up, an air-rifle or Pistol, a new tactical flash light or red-dot scope? The club always enjoys seeing this as well.

As Second Amendment supporters, we are under attack like never before. Billboards saying “Kill the NRA” are put up and tolerated by our fellow citizens.

Legislators at all levels of Government are taking steps to punish law abiding gun owners for the actions of murders, thieves and sociopaths.

The liberal media and the Hollywood left are doing everything in their power to destroy our rights at every turn.

I need you all to take a few minutes today and contact your representatives and the President.

These are both a quick and easy way to contact your representatives asking them to stop bowing to hysterical left wing propaganda:

<https://act.nraia.org/takeaction.aspx?AlertID=1901>

Or

<https://cgrcengage.com/gunowners/app/write-a-letter?2&engagementId=444673&ep=AAAAC2Flc0NpcGhlcjAxosBlvkA1HFn5im481JhHslx4C-MhoawE3HdCaqfRSFiFDI8qjvKWvOwUr75ZEVSkIFA37JR8aVoigTKE9xUyXX8Z5XMG0BjWizPrayeddvA&lp=0>

From the GunOwners of America:

Please call the President immediately at 202-456-1111 or 202-456-1414 and tell him that you do NOT support one word of the gun control measures that he's supporting. Let him know that you will surely "remember in November" if he does NOT get veer off from his anti-gun agenda.

<https://www.nraam.org/>

The 2018 NRA national convention will be held in DALLAS this year on May 4, 5 and 6. If you have never attended a NRA national convention, it is amazing to be with 60,000+ fellow 2nd amendment supporters. The main event, and many of the breakout sessions are FREE to any NRA member. There are several pay events like the banquets and concerts.



JOIN US FOR THE 147TH ANNUAL MEETING IN DALLAS, TEXAS!

The 147th Annual Meetings and Exhibits will take place at the Kay Bailey Hutchison Convention Center, May 3-6 in Dallas, Texas. The Exhibit Hall will be open May 4-6. Join over 80,000 patriots and 800+ exhibitors for the biggest Annual Meeting yet, featuring a jam-packed schedule of seminars, workshops, special events, and more!

The NRA Annual Meetings and Exhibits is FREE to all NRA members in good standing and their families (spouse and children under 18 years old). At this time, pre-registration has not yet begun, but check back soon! Registration also takes place on-site at the event.

Since many of the CARGO members are local, the meeting needs 100s of volunteers to support the event.
<https://www.nraam.org/attend/volunteer/>

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The NRA Annual Meetings & Exhibits is NRA's flagship event.

Each year, tens of thousands of dedicated NRA members come together to celebrate freedom and the Second Amendment. This event would not be possible without the support and selfless service of dedicated NRA members like you. If you can spare a half-day or more to assist.

Make plans now to join us for the 2018 NRA Annual Meeting & Exhibits. Participating as an Official NRA Volunteer is one of the most satisfying and enjoyable activities you will experience as an NRA member.

1. What Are Your Areas Of Interest?

- Air Gun Range (MUST be a certified NRA Instructor)
- Eddie Eagle
- Facility & Logistics Support
- Firearms Examiner
- Membership Registration
- NRA Store Cashier - minimum of 5 hours standing
- NRA Store Cashier Assistant (Bagging) - minimum of 5 hours standing
- NRA Store Stock Clerk / Floor Assistant - minimum of 5 hours standing
- NRA Youth Day

Volunteers are needed from Wednesday May 2nd until Sunday May 6th.

If you have any suggestions for future speakers or topics please send your feedback to CARGO@att.net.
When was the last time you visited our web site? Please take some time to go to the CARGO website at www.cargoclub.org

<http://www.breitbart.com/big-government/2018/02/14/fact-check-pro-gun-control-liberals-spread-misleading-claim-18-school-shootings-far-2018/>

Fact Check: Pro-Gun Control Liberals Spread Misleading Claim of 18 School Shootings so Far in 2018



by [AWR HAWKINS](#) 14 Feb 2018 **11.302**

In the wake of the heinous attack on Florida’s Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, pro-gun control liberals spread the misleading claim that there have already been 18 school shootings in 2018.

The claims were led by Michael Bloomberg-funded Everytown for Gun Safety, which tweeted:

The figure of 18 school shootings was repeated by Sen. Kamala Harris (D-CA), who tweeted:

A fact check immediately shows that a claim of 18 school shootings is not supported by facts.

For example, in Everytown for Gun Safety’s [breakdown](#) of the alleged shootings, it is evident that eight of the 18 incidents did not result in any injuries or fatalities. Of the remaining 10 alleged shootings, Everytown lists two as an “attempted or completed suicide, with no intent to injure other person.” One of the suicides [occurred](#) in the bathroom of an Arizona school and the [second](#) in the parking lot of a Michigan school. No one else was injured in either incident.

Of the remaining eight incidents, Everytown lists one as a “gun fired unintentionally.” Of the remaining seven, where a gun was fired to harm others, at least one of the incidents was a single shot fired following an early morning fight at Wake Forest University. One shooting happened outside a

Louisiana high school resulting in a 14-year-old [receiving](#) an “superficial” wound, and another [resulted](#) in a 15-year-old girl being wounded by a 16-year-old boy.

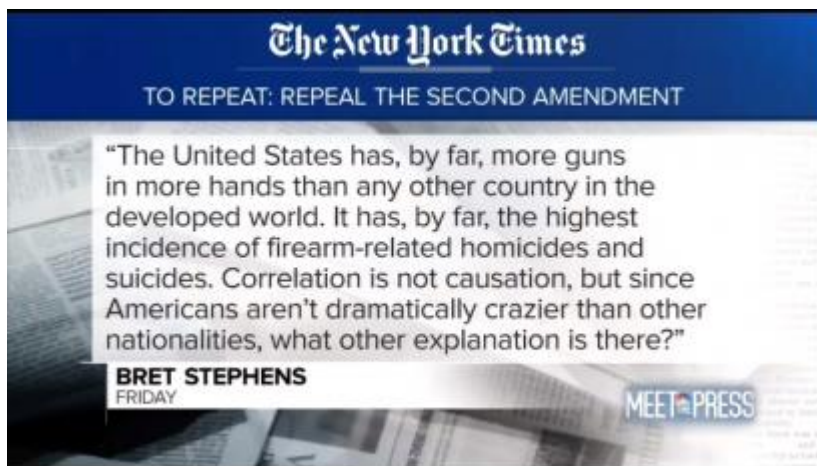
When suicides, accidental discharges, purposeful shootings without injuries, and purposeful shootings with only “superficial” wounds are counted as school shootings on par with the attack on Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School or Columbine, then we have reached a point when the phrase “school shootings” can connote anything.



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NBC's Chuck Todd Promotes Abolishing the Second Amendment

By [Nicholas Fondacaro](#) / February 18, 2018 4:52 PM EST



In an appearance on NBC's *Sunday Today* early that morning, moderator Chuck Todd lambasted Republicans for being the reason gun control efforts were making no progress since they were in control of the House, Senate, and the Presidency. Todd ratcheted up his anti-gun stance during *Meet the Press* by promoting radical calls to abolish the right to bear arms by repealing the Second Amendment. And he did it by highlighting the writings of Bret Stephens, a never-Trumper turned liberal.

“Isn’t the difficulty here legislatively, the Constitution,” Todd lamented to his largely liberal panel. “Which is Bret Stephens' point in *The New York Times*, he’s calling for the repeal of the Second Amendment.” He then emphatically read from the liberal’s talking points:

“The United States has, by far, more guns in more hands than any other country in the developed world. It has, by far, the highest incidence of firearms-related homicides and suicides. Correlation is not causation, but since Americans aren't dramatically crazier than other nationalities, what other explanation is there?” However, it is in our constitution, unlike other western democracies.

NBC National Political Reporter Carol Lee had let Todd’s hopes for a full repeal down but did it in a highfalutin way that besmirched gun owners. “I mean, getting rid of the Second Amendment it’s not realistic. It’s a nice intellectual exercise people might want to have, but it’s not realistic,” she chided.

Lee then turned her ire to congressional Republicans and accused them of, essentially, being bribed by the National Rifle Association to do nothing while kids were killed. **“They’re also to a certain extent owned by the NRA,”** she declared. **“The NRA spent \$55 million in the 2016 elections. That's more than twice as much as they did in 2012. So you know, the idea that they're going to do something in this atmosphere -- history doesn't show that that will happen.”**

“I can't name a politician ... that has lost due to not supporting gun control, but I have known politicians who have lost for their support of gun control,” Todd whined.

Building off of Lee’s point that talking about repeal was an “intellectual exercise,” Chief White House Correspondent Hallie Jackson jabbed Republicans for being afraid to participate. **“That is exactly what conservatives are terrified about,”** she asserted. **“That is exactly the conversation that they don't want to be having because there is a philosophical difference on this. Because this is, as you alluded to in your opening piece here, symbolic in a lot of ways.”**

There was no mention of how the Democrats were “terrified” and did nothing when they controlled Washington, DC.

With Jackson’s comments in mind, Todd moved to Democratic Pollster Cornell Belcher and seemed to suggest the reason the Second Amendment was still around was because the NRA had launched a masterful marketing campaign to associate it with patriotism. **“The NRA, I think their great strength here has been how they've re-messaged gun ownership, and they've wrapped it in the flag,”** he claimed.

“But I think something is changing, Chuck. When you look at the way those young people are mobilizing, you look at the way some of the gun organizations are raising money and they're mobilizing now. If this is a front-and-center issue for suburban moms in this coming election, it will change,” Belcher opined, sounding hopeful.

The left often claims their calls for gun control don’t include taking everyone’s guns and it was just extremist right-wing fantasy, but Todd made it clear that no Second Amendment was their ultimate end goal.

The relevant portions of the transcript are below, click expand to read:

NBC

Meet the Press

February 18, 2018

10:57:57 AM Eastern

CHUCK TODD: But isn't the difficulty here legislatively the constitution? Which is Bret Stephens' point in *The New York Times*, he’s calling for the repeal of the Second Amendment. And he says, “The United States has, by far, more guns in more hands than any other country in the developed world. It has, by far, the highest incidence of firearms-related homicides and suicides. Correlation is not causation, but since Americans aren't dramatically crazier than

other nationalities, what other explanation is there?” However, it is in our constitution, unlike other western democracies.

CAROL LEE: I mean, getting rid of the Second Amendment it's not realistic. It's a nice intellectual exercise people might want to have, but it's not realistic. I do think there is some potential on the state -- the state and local piece of this seems much more ripe. Congress is deadlocked. They can't even barely keep the government open, right?

TODD: [laughter] Nope.

LEE: So, the idea that they're going to do something here—and they're also to a certain extent owned by the NRA. The NRA spent \$55 million in the 2016 elections. That's more than twice as much as they did in 2012. So you know, the idea that they're going to do something in this atmosphere -- history doesn't show that that will happen. But also just the parties. The Republicans are much stronger on this issue. This is a top-tier issue for them, and for Democrats, it isn't really.

TODD: Not a voting issue.

[Crosstalk]

TODD: I can't name a politician, Rick, that has lost due to not supporting gun control, but I have known politicians who have lost for their support of gun control.

(...)

HALLIE JACKSON: The bottom line is, this is a philosophical difference here. Because when you have conversations, the one you called an intellectual exercise, about the abolition of the Second Amendment, that is exactly what conservatives are terrified about. That is exactly the conversation that they don't want to be having because there is a philosophical difference on this. Because this is, as you alluded to in your opening piece here, symbolic in a lot of ways.

TODD: Cornell, the NRA, I think their great strength here has been how they've re-messaged gun ownership, and they've wrapped it in the flag.

CORNELL BELCHER: And by the way, Democrats have been more afraid of the Republican base than they have been of, quite frankly, the middle swath of America. But I think something is changing, Chuck. When you look at the way those young people are mobilizing, you look at the way some of the gun organizations are raising money and they're mobilizing now. If this is a front-and-center issue for suburban moms in this coming election, it will change.

TODD: All right, we shall see.

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FBI Failed to Investigate Tip on School Shooter



(Reuters)
Friday, 16 Feb 2018 01:16 PM

The FBI received a specific report in January that the suspect in the Florida school shooting could be plotting an attack, but agents failed to investigate the tip, the agency said Friday.

A tipster who was close to Nikolas Cruz called the FBI and provided information about Cruz's guns and his erratic behavior, including his expressed desire to kill people and his disturbing social media posts. The caller was concerned that Cruz could attack a school.

In a statement issued Friday, the agency acknowledged that the tip should have been investigated thoroughly.

In the statement, FBI Director Christopher Wray said he is "committed to getting to the bottom of what happened" and that his agency must "must act properly and quickly" when contacted by the public.

The **FBI statement**, in full:

On January 5, 2018, a person close to Nikolas Cruz contacted the FBI's Public Access Line (PAL) tipline to report concerns about him. The caller provided information about Cruz's gun ownership, desire to kill people, erratic behavior, and disturbing social media posts, as well as the potential of him conducting a school shooting.

Under established protocols, the information provided by the caller should have been assessed as a potential threat to life. The information then should have been forwarded to the FBI Miami Field Office, where appropriate investigative steps would have been taken.

We have determined that these protocols were not followed for the information received by the PAL on January 5. The information was not provided to the Miami Field Office, and no further investigation was conducted at that time.

FBI Director Christopher Wray said:

"We are still investigating the facts. I am committed to getting to the bottom of what happened in this particular matter, as well as reviewing our processes for responding to information that we receive from the public. It's up to all Americans to be vigilant, and when members of the public contact us with concerns, we must act properly and quickly.

"We have spoken with victims and families, and deeply regret the additional pain this causes all those affected by this horrific tragedy. All of the men and women of the FBI are dedicated to keeping the American people safe, and are relentlessly committed to improving all that we do and how we do it."

The FBI was also notified about a comment on a YouTube video posted by a "Nikolas Cruz" last year. It investigated the comment but did not determine who made it.

Cruz has been charged with killing 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, north of Miami.

Also Friday, mourners gathered for the first funeral for a shooting victim, packing the Star of David chapel to remember 14-year-old Alyssa Alhadeff.

From outside the chapel, other mourners strained to hear the voices chanting Jewish prayers and remembering the star soccer player as having "the strongest personality." She was also remembered as a creative writer with a memorable smile.

A day earlier, details of Wednesday's attack began to emerge, showing how the assailant moved through the school in just minutes before escaping with the same students he had targeted.

Cruz jumped out of an Uber car and walked toward building 12 of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, carrying a black duffel bag and a black backpack. A man inside spotted Cruz and knew he was a former student, a troubled kid.

He radioed a co-worker, and within a minute heard gunshots.

The 19-year-old was wearing a maroon shirt, black pants and a black hat. The man, whose name was blacked out from a sheriff's affidavit, told detectives Cruz was moving "purposefully."

Cruz slipped into the building, entered a stairwell and extracted a rifle from his bag, authorities said. He shot into four rooms on the first floor — going back to spray bullets into two of the rooms a second time — then went upstairs and shot a single victim on the second floor. He ran to the third floor, where according to a timeline released by the Broward County Sheriff's Office, three minutes passed before he dropped the rifle and backpack, ran back down the stairs and quickly blended in with panicked, fleeing students.

Florida State Sen. Bill Galvano, who visited the third floor, said authorities told him it appeared that Cruz tried to fire point-blank out the third-floor windows at students as they were leaving the school, but the windows didn't shatter. Police told Galvano that it was not that difficult to open the windows.

"Thank God he didn't," Galvano said.

From the time Cruz entered the building until the time he left, only six minutes passed. During that brief time, he shot more than two dozen people, including 17 fatally.

After the rampage, he walked to a Wal-Mart and bought a drink at a Subway restaurant, then went to a McDonald's.

About 40 minutes later, a deputy saw him walking down a suburban South Florida street and grabbed him. He didn't put up a fight.

Among the dead: assistant football coach Aaron Feis, slain while shielding students from bullets; Joaquin Oliver, a student known for his unique look and who once dyed his hair bleach-blonde with tiger stripes; Alyssa Alhadeff, an avid soccer player and student; and 35-year-old geography teacher Scott Beigel, who helped students enter a locked classroom, only to be shot himself.

Among at least 1,000 people attending a candlelight vigil near the school Thursday night, some openly sobbed as the victims' names were read aloud. At one point, people began chanting, "No more guns! No more guns!"

Dressed in the school's red color, some held flowers while others wielded signs asking for action to fight school violence, including gun control.

"Kids don't need guns. No guns under 21," read one sign.

Ernest Rospierski, a teacher at the school, took several bracing breaths at the vigil as he talked to a reporter about the horror in the halls.

"Bang, bang, bang — all of a sudden the shooting stopped," he said. "I looked down. He was reloading. I yelled run. And then I ran behind as many kids as I could."

Authorities have not described any specific motive, except to say that Cruz had been kicked out of the high school, which has about 3,000 students and serves an affluent suburb where the median home price is nearly \$600,000. Students who knew him described a volatile teenager whose strange behavior had caused others to end friendships.

Cruz was ordered held without bond at a brief court hearing. He wore an orange jumpsuit with his hands cuffed at his waist. His public defender did not contest the order and had her arm around Cruz during the short appearance. Afterward, she called him a "broken human being."

Cruz was under a suicide watch, said Executive Chief Public Defender Gordon Weekes.

Wednesday's shooting was the 17th incident of gunfire at a U.S. school this year. Of these, one involved a suicide, two involved active shooters who killed students, two involved people killed in arguments and three involved people who were shot but survived. Nine involved no injuries at all.

Cruz had been expelled from the school for "disciplinary reasons," said Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel, who said he did not know the specifics.

One student said Cruz had been abusive to his ex-girlfriend and that his expulsion was over a fight with her new boyfriend.

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Florida school shooting: Sheriff got 18 calls about Nikolas Cruz's violence, threats, guns

USA TODAY NETWORK [Brett Murphy and Maria Perez](#), Naples

Nikolas Cruz, the man accused of shooting and killing 17 at a Florida high school was back in court Monday for a status hearing. (Feb. 19) AP

PARKLAND, Fla. — Broward County deputies received at least 18 calls warning them about Nikolas Cruz from 2008 to 2017, including concerns that he "planned to shoot up the school" and other threats and acts of violence before he was accused of killing 17 people at a high school.

The warnings, made by concerned people close to Cruz, came in phone calls to the Broward County Sheriff's Office, records show. At least five callers mentioned concern over his access to weapons, according to the documents. None of those warnings led to direct intervention.

In February 2016, neighbors told police that they were worried he "planned to shoot up the school" after seeing alarming pictures on Instagram showing Cruz brandishing guns.

About two months later, an unidentified caller told police that Cruz had been collecting guns and knives. The caller was "concerned (Cruz) will kill himself one day and believes he could be a school shooter in the making," according to call details released by the Sheriff's Office.

A second cousin asked police to take away Cruz's guns after his mom died Nov. 1. "Nikolas is reported to have rifles and it is requested that (deputies) recover these weapons," the dispatcher noted from the call.

The new details add to the growing list of red flags missed by law enforcement officials, including the FBI, in the months leading up to last week's mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. The FBI is reviewing why a tip last month called into the agency about Cruz's desire to kill people was not forwarded to Miami agents for investigation.



Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel addresses the press during the first media briefing on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 outside of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. (Photo: Nicole Raucheisen/Naples Daily News)

The Sheriff's Office has since opened two internal affairs investigations looking into whether its deputies followed the department's standards after receiving two phone calls.

After the February 2016 call, a deputy forwarded the information to the Stoneman Douglas School Resource Officer, Deputy Scot Peterson.

"Third hand information received from neighbor's son that Nikolas Cruz planned to shoot up the school on Instagram (Picture of juvenile with guns)," according to the notes from a dispatcher taking the call.

The deputy had "determined Nikolas Cruz possessed knives and a BB gun" before passing it along to Peterson. It's not clear what, if anything, Peterson did with the information.

Peterson, 54, retired after an internal investigation was launched into why he sat outside the school for about four minutes and never entered as the shooter killed students and staff.

Two deputies, Edward Eason and Guntis Treijis, have been placed on restricted administrative assignment, pending an investigation into how they handled calls, Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel said.

After the November call from a relative to the sheriff's office, deputies referred the caller to the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office. Cruz, 19, had moved in with a family in Lake Worth after his mother died.

But deputies there never investigated a potential threat at the new address, according to incident reports obtained by USA TODAY NETWORK — FLORIDA.

In late November, Palm Beach County deputies responded to a battery call after Cruz punched Rock Deschamps, the 22-year-old son of Roxcane Deschamps, who took him in after his mother died. Rock Deschamps told deputies he didn't want to press charges.

In 2008, Broward deputies received their first call involving Cruz, 10 at the time, after a boy threw a rock at him and Cruz retaliated, records show.

The violent incidents became more frequent in Cruz's adolescence.

In 2012, his mother called police after Cruz hit her with a "plastic hose from the vacuum cleaner," according to a summary of the call.

The summary noted the "matter resolved. No report initiated."

The next year Cruz's mother called again after he threw her against the wall because she took away his Xbox game system.

A counselor at Henderson Behavioral Health responded and advised that involuntary commitment wasn't warranted. Cruz "punched the wall because she took away his Xbox" another time, according to a summary of a call to deputies.

"Deputy responded. No crime identified by deputy," the dispatcher noted.



Nikolas Cruz appears in court for a status hearing before Broward Circuit Judge Elizabeth Scherer Feb. 19, 2018, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Cruz is facing 17 charges of premeditated murder in the mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland. (Photo: Mike Stocker/South Florida Sun-Sentinel via AP, Pool)

Friends and relatives said Cruz — diagnosed with depression, attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and autism — had a long history of violent outbursts.

“He’d lose his temper, hit walls, throw things,” said Paul Gold, a former boyfriend of Roxcane Deschamps who had known Cruz for eight years and drove him to his mother’s funeral. “Not the kind of kid who’d you’d put a gun in his hand.”

Deputies also were told Cruz could be a danger to himself. On Sept. 28, 2016, deputies and social workers were called to Stoneman Douglas High School after receiving reports that Cruz had attempted suicide by drinking gasoline a week earlier and was cutting himself.

More: The Parkland survivors started a movement when they took on gun violence. Here's how it happened. The Florida Department of Children and Families launched an investigation into the reported self-cutting and allegations of neglect that same day, according to a DCF report on the incident.

Authorities chose not to commit Cruz at the time under the Baker Act, a law in Florida that allows authorities to hospitalize people for mental evaluation. The decision came under the advisement of clinicians at Henderson Behavioral Health, which school counselors worried may have been "premature" in their advice, according to the DCF notes.

<https://theconservativetreehouse.com/2018/02/19/school-shooting-was-outcome-of-broward-county-school-board-policy-now-local-and-national-politicians-weaponize-kids-for-ideological-intents/>

School Shooting Was Outcome of Broward County School Board Policy – Now Local and National Politicians Weaponize Kids for Ideological Intent...

Posted on [February 19, 2018](#) by [sundance](#)

CTH has intentionally stayed away from discussion of the Parkland school shooting as we watched and reviewed the response. However, it's time to call the Broward School Board officials to task and simultaneously prepare the class-action lawyers to cripple the system.

Broward County schools [intentionally created policies](#) from 2010 through 2016 that culminated in the 2018 mass school shooting in Parkland. We know this with great specificity because five years ago we warned Broward County Florida school board members this could happen.



In 2012 and 2013 while doing research into the Trayvon Martin shooting we discovered an [alarming set of school policies](#) being enacted in Miami-Dade and Broward County Florida. The policies were called “diversionary programs” and were essentially about stopping High School students from being arrested. Law enforcement was instructed to avoid arrests and defer criminal conduct to school administrators.

Students who engaged in violence, drug sales, robberies, burglaries, theft and other various crimes were intentionally kept out of the criminal justice system. County administrators and School Superintendents told local and county law enforcement officers to stop arresting students.

2013 [...] Broward, the nation’s seventh largest district, had the highest number of school-related arrests in Florida in the 2011-2012 school year, according to state data. Seventy-one percent of the 1,062 arrests made were for misdemeanor offenses. ([more](#))

Unfortunately, the school board [mandated policies](#) came into conflict with law and order. The problem of the conflicted policy -vs- legality worsened over time as the police excused much more

than misdemeanor crimes. Over time this culminated in police officers falsifying documents, hiding criminal activity, lying on official police reports and even hiding stolen merchandise police retrieved from high school students.

In 2012 Trayvon Martin was one of those students. –[SEE HERE](#)–

It was our initial FOIA requests to the **Miami Dade School Police Department** which revealed the secret discipline and diversionary program Trayvon Martin was granted to avoid a criminal record. The School Board and M-DSPD kept trying to hide the issue; they delayed responses and charged us thousands for FOIA information; but we knew this story was huge... [so we kept going](#).

Specifically Trayvon Martin's criminal conduct was hidden behind school discipline. [Stolen jewelry](#) was recorded as random '[found items](#)' (the jewelry just intentionally placed in storage with no investigation), Trayvon's [possession of marijuana](#) was similarly obfuscated, and all of the incident reports were [intentionally falsified](#) by officials and School Resource Officer, Daryl Dunn, to avoid the Criminal Justice system.

14 of the police report that doesn't look good
15 with the property. But did you share with them your --
16 A. Listen, listen, the information that Officer Dunn
17 gave me is completely different from what the police
18 report is stating about the marijuana.
19 Q. Right, okay. All right. But just for the
20 record, I mean, he did also expand and say --
21 A. Yes.
22 Q. -- that he was told -- he wrote it that way --
23 A. He was told that he needed to go back -- yeah, to
24 go back on all the delinquency acts.
25 Q. Okay. And mentioned specific supervisors --

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It is all well documented. None of this is supposition. Our research discovered sworn affidavits from the [police department HERE](#). No-one was ever been held to account – it was just too politically dangerous an issue.

SRO Dunn never filed a criminal report, nor opened a criminal investigation, surrounding the stolen jewelry. Instead, and as a result of pressure from M-DSPD Chief Hurley to avoid criminal reports for black male students, Dunn wrote up the jewelry as "found items", and transferred them, along with the burglary tool, to the Miami-Dade Police property room where they sat on a shelf unassigned to anyone for investigation.

A separate report of "criminal Mischief" (T-08809) was filed for the additional issue of writing "WTF" on a school locker. [It was the search for the marker used to write the graffiti that led to the backpack search].

The school discipline, "suspension", was attached to the graffiti and not the stolen jewelry.

10 | Q. ...
11 | A. In reference to the found property, because he
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12 | told me he wrote it up as "found property" because of
13 | the situation, that there was a lot of arrests being
14 | made at Michael Krop; there were a lot of drug-related
15 | cases and they needed to cut back on any type of crime
16 | that was going on there, and that it came up from his
17 | supervisor up the chain.
... generate a little bit

The connections between the Police Burglary report and the School Report of "found items" were never made because the regular police detective in charge of the Burglary case had no idea the School Police Dept. had filed a "found items" report.

Two differing police departments, and the School Officer, Dunn, intentionally took the criminal element out of the equation – instead preferring "school discipline" and not "criminal adjudication". ([more](#))

And it wasn't just Trayvon Martin, there were hundreds of similar actions taken by conflicted School Resource Officers – totaling thousands of crimes over the course of just the first few years of these programs (2010 through 2013).

CTH contacted the Miami-Dade School District, every single school board member, and the Broward County School District – to warn them of what was taking place.

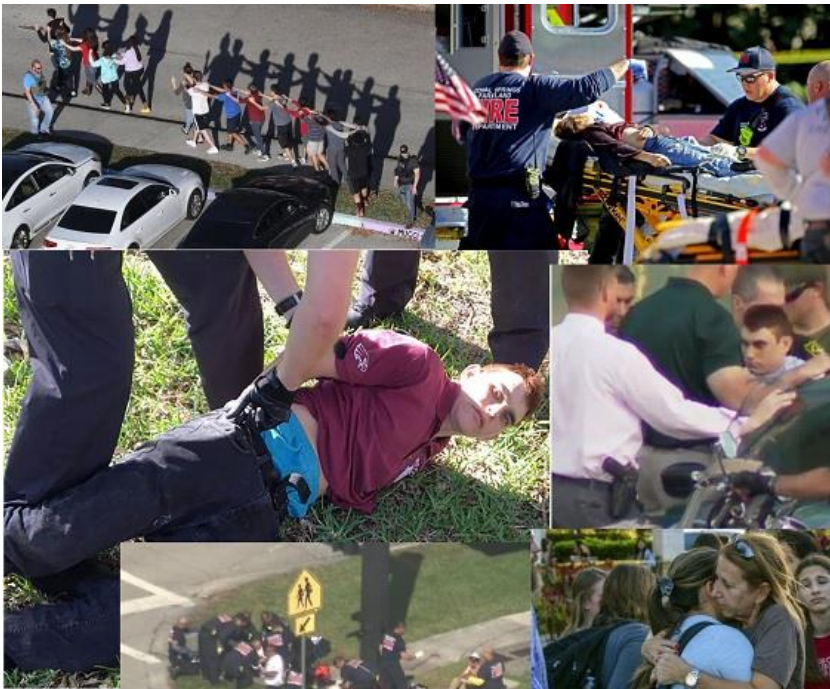
We provided thousands of pages of sworn affidavits and transcribed testimony from law enforcement. We spent several thousand dollars locating, transcribing and assembling the documents and evidence; and hundreds more hours compiling all the information. –[SEE HERE](#)– We sent all of it to both school districts and both school superintendents. Their response: "go away".

The school board's in Miami-Dade and Broward County had created a disastrous scheme and it didn't take long to see where this was going. The scheme was supported by President Obama's federal education policy, and executive orders –[SEE HERE](#)– and people like Jesse Jackson –[SEE HERE](#)– In August of 2012 President Obama issuing an "[executive order](#)" establishing the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence. Effectively placing "quotas" on school discipline based on race:

Broward County, even went one step further. They stopped arresting students and then changed the policy of suspension. Broward enhanced their program in 2013:

Broward's Collaborative Agreement on School Discipline was announced in early November. Instead of suspensions, students can now be referred to the PROMISE program, where they receive counseling for several days and then return to school. A host of non-violent misdemeanors no longer require an arrest, though officers can sometimes override that if they feel it is necessary ("I wanted to make sure deputies always had discretion," says Scott Israel, Broward County's sheriff). The school district's Office of Minority Male Achievement reviews data to ensure that punishments for minor infractions and racial disparities are on the decline. ([read more](#))

So what happens when you stop arresting students for clear criminal conduct and then lessen the school punishment therein?... You get this:



The Department Of Justice – Civil Rights and School Discipline October 21st 2010

2010 – In recent years, many school districts across the country have begun to adopt strict zero-tolerance discipline policies that impose increasingly harsher punishments for seemingly minor infractions. These disciplinary measures – in-school or out-of-school suspensions, alternative school placements, expulsions, and referrals to police departments and juvenile authorities – disrupt a student’s education and diminish their chances for success.

For too many students, these school-imposed sanctions lead to the criminal justice system, a pathway commonly referred to as the School-to-Prison Pipeline. Regrettably, studies have shown that children of color are disproportionately affected by zero-tolerance policies, a trend that increases already significant disparities. ([read more](#))

2010 – [ERIC HOLDER](#) – *Never before have our two agencies come together in this way – or brought together such a large and diverse group of partners – to discuss the best ways to ensure that civil rights and educational opportunities are protected for every student, at every level, and in every community...But it is just the beginning of what I know – and I pledge – will be an ongoing conversation about how we can better understand the causes, and most effectively remedy the consequences, of disparities in student discipline. I want to assure all of you that for me, for Secretary Duncan, for the agencies we lead, and for the administration – this work is a top priority.*
[US DOJ October 2010](#)



Resources:

- 2013 Broward County [Schools were warned here.](#)
- 2013 Broward County [Policies Explained HERE](#)
- 2013 Six School Police [Affidavits HERE](#)
- 2013 Example the way the [Police Covered-Up Crime HERE](#)
- 2013 President Obama’s [Executive Orders HERE](#)

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