

Doniece Gott

From: Bill and Jeanne <nutcker@mtaonline.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:50 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 91

I would like to offer my support for SB 127 to repeal SB 91. I think SB 91 has to be the worst piece of legislation in the history of Alaska and I have been an Alaskan for 50 years this August. SB 91 benefits the criminal and punishes the victims. It appears that this bill was passed to save money at the expense of all honest hard working Alaskans. I ask that you please support Senator Costello's bill (SB127) to repeal SB 91.

Thank You
Bill and Jeanne Anglin
Eagle River, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Kathy Centoni <twotwocents@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:11 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: sb91/sb127

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I wish I could make this short but there is too much to tell. My husband and I have lived in Anchorage for over 50 years. We rarely locked our house door over the years, always felt safe and secure. WELL, NO MORE!

In Jan. we had our car stolen. I was at art class and came out at 9:30; no car. The police did find it but it had 1500\$ worth of damage, had to be towed, was full of trash and junk. When we got it back and cleaned it out we found a letter to the person who stole it from his girlfriend in rehab with his name and address on it and shot gun shells. We tried to contact the police, were put on hold for 30 min. then given to a voice mail and of course, no one returned the call. We even went to the police station where we were told we had to have an appointment, sent to the phone, put on hold and given to voice mail. I even took the evidence to our neighbor, who is a policeman and was summarily balled out for waking him up. Let me tell you: NOBODY CARES!

We have had our mail stolen continually over the past year. One neighbor saw them on his video camera and went after them and held them at gunpoint until the police came. This is what happens when nobody cares. People will take the law into their own hands. There are no consequences.

In the past 6 months two of our friends have had their homes broken into. One, arrived home during the robbery, was assaulted. He has since died of a heart attack. How much of that was caused by stress from that attack?

Everyone seems to be getting their mail stolen.

Just today I heard of someone who had her truck stolen day before yesterday. The robbers have attempted to get into her bank account and called to bribe her with a \$500 fee to get her truck back. She is attempting to notify the police about it, but, good luck, with that. Anchorage is a disgrace. There needs to be consequences and an attitude that this behavior is not acceptable, otherwise good citizens will start taking matters into their own hands. How about a little consideration for the people who pay taxes in this state and city, instead of the criminals!

Kathryn Centoni

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Doniece Gott

From: Cindy Lelake <lelakecindy60@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:24 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB127

Dear Finance Committee members:

I am writing in absolute opposition to SB127, the repeal of SB91—criminal justice reform.

This ill-advised attempt at complete repeal should not be moved out of Committee.

Cordially,

Cindy Lelake
Anchorage

In a world where you can be anything, be kind.

Doniece Gott

From: Doug Huvar <dhuvvar@gci.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:25 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Yes for SB 127 - Repeal SB 91

Senate Finance Committee:

I am demanding that you vote Yes on SB127 which will fully repeal SB91.

On 6/25/2017, I became a victim of SB91 when our 25' Bay Weld boat and trailer, \$80,000 replacement value, were stolen out of Alaska Mining and Diving's commercial secured storage yard. I called the APD dispatch and was informed that I was caller number 12 at 12:00 PM on a Sunday who had reported stolen vehicles and boats. I was told no police officer would come to the scene of the crime to investigate nor take a statement. I was told I would need to do the detective work on the crime working with the yard owner to gather any useful information and I can then pass it on to the police via their online police report tool. The final piece of information I was given was to post our stolen boat on "Stolen In Alaska" Facebook page to spread the word quickly to the public to be on the lookout for our boat. This is the site used by police to see pictures of stolen items. I was given a case number and the call ended.

So I went home and posted pictures and the information on our stolen boat in the Stolen In Alaska Facebook page. By 11:00 PM Sunday night, people had spotted our boat, which is not your standard aluminum ocean boat, at Glennallen, Palmer, Anchorage, Seward, and Anchor Point. I read through each siting and narrowed it down to 7:00 am Sunday morning at the Village Inn restaurant on Northern Lights. A fellow boat owner who had hunting rifles and other gear stolen out of his boat that was also stored at Alaska Mining and Diving's storage yard went over to Village Inn and looked through security camera footage looking for our boat. He was hoping his stolen gear would be found in our boat. He found video footage of our boat being towed by a green late 90's Ford F150 Supercab.

Around 12:00 PM Monday, we received a call from friends of ours who spotted our boat parked in the State of Alaska campground in Bird Creek. They met a park ranger at the boat and told her that the boat was stolen. The park ranger had talked to the thieves earlier in the morning when she checked on the boat that was parked in a camp spot and no one was around. The thieves drove up and assured the park ranger that the boat was not abandoned, they were going to pay for another day of parking and return later to pick up the boat.

After receiving the call from our friends, we called 911 and let APD know that our boat was found and to send an officer to Bird Creek so they could release the boat to us. I gathered the towing gear and had my oldest son join me to retrieve the boat. Since we knew the thieves had stolen guns from another boat, my son suggested we bring our Mossberg SS 12 gauge shotgun, which we use for bear protection and shooting large halibut on our boating trips, with us in case we encountered the thieves. I thought about for a minute as his idea had merit, but decided against it for two reasons. Number one, I wanted to minimize the chance of putting him in harms way. Number two, I do not use the weapon enough were I felt comfortable with it in a potentially high stress/life and death situation.

We left town and headed for Bird Creek. As we rounded a corner south of McHugh Creek, we spotted the thieves truck we saw in the Village Inn video footage in a pullout on the north side of the highway. There were two white males, 5' 10" - 6', 200+ pounds, late 50's to early 60's, putting a tarp over the bed of the truck which was filled to the brim with items. I had my son call 911 again and report that we had spotted the thieves at milepost 106 of the Seward Highway. I made a decision to go on to Bird Creek and hopefully an officer was already there and I could send them back after the thieves. We got to the boat and met the park ranger but the police had not arrived yet. I made another decision to go back to milepost 106 and see if I could get some cell phone photos of the thieves and the license plate of the truck. As

we were driving back to milepost 106, I talked to my son about how we could get the photos and minimize the risk in case the thieves are armed. I honestly did not have a good solution. We spotted a police car headed south to Bird Creek as we were headed back north. I flashed my head lights on and off repeatedly at the police car to get him to stop, but he kept heading to Bird Creek. We got to milepost 106 but the thieves were gone. We turned around and met the police at the Bird Creek campground. I asked the police to stay with us while a had to make some emergency repairs to our boat so I could tow it home in case the thieves tried to come back to the boat.

I talked to police and asked them how they handle the sky rocketing theft rates currently occurring. Their response was they use a triage approach with domestic violence getting top priority. Due to SB91 lack of punishment, citations to appear in court instead of arrests, they do not have the man power and resources to deal with all the stolen cars, boats and property. The criminals do not show up in court so a warrant is issued for their arrest. Now the warrants for arrest are skyrocketing. This is the obvious negative consequence of SB91.

What I want to point out are other less obvious consequences of the Legislatures passing of SB91. You are putting the law abiding citizens lives at risk. As a parent, I never expected to have to make decisions about how far I should go in putting my children in harms way of criminals. I told my son I was not willing to kill someone for a boat, thus we left the shotgun at home. The thieves gutted our boat of all its items including fishing licenses and boat registration which has our names and home address. For the first time ever, I am thinking of keeping shells in the magazine of our 12 gauge shotgun inside the gun safe where it is kept now that the thieves have our home address. What am I supposed to do if these thieves decide to come back for our boat now parked in our driveway or try to burglarize our house? Now I am being put in to the potential situation of having to protect life and limb for my family.

Next, SB91 is creating a vigilante segment of society in regards to stolen property. There is a "shoot first and ask questions later"

mentality. If the police won't show up, I will take matters into my own heads to get justice since the legal system is failing us. The vigilante themed postings are getting more frequent on the Stolen In Alaska Facebook page. The fellow boat owner who found the video footage at Village in showed up at Bird Creek with his wife and young daughter in tow hoping to find his stolen items in our boat. Counter to me, he must have felt safe putting his family into this situation since he was carrying a concealed hand gun. He is a decent person and I am not second guessing his decision. But I can say this, when someone is wronged and the safeguards in place don't help, people will feel pushed to take matters into their own hands.

Last, SB91 has created a crime economy for drug addicts. There is no real consequence for theft right now. So steal any and everything you can get your hands on; sell the item - pawn shop, craigslist, etc.; handle the stolen goods, do drugs and sleep in the RV, car or van parked for weeks on end in Home Depot, Fred Meyer, Community Park parking lots; wake up and repeat the process. As if insult to injury, I found out last Friday from the APD, on the stolen items out of our boat that I found at Alaska Fast Cash pawn shop in Anchorage which I reported to APD as stolen, Alaska Fast Cash is refusing to give back stolen items to the original owner when APD issues the release paperwork. Alaska Fast Cash wants the original owner to buy back their stolen items. Alaska Fast Cash has sued the Municipality of Anchorage in court on how the rules have been setup for stolen property. There is an additional step that I will have to go through if and when APD issues the release paperwork for me to get back my stolen items without having to buy them back. Alaska Fast Cash is trying to protect their business model of buying stolen items and making money of it regardless if they get caught or not buying and selling stolen items.

For the first time in 44 years as a resident of this great state, I am not sure how long I want to live here if this is how I have to live my daily life.

Shame on the Legislature for trying to reduce the state budget by endangering the lives of law-abiding citizens of this state. I don't need to receive a flyer on my door with helpful numbers to help me stay safe. I am demanding that the first order of business of the upcoming special session in October, the Legislature deal with the crime epidemic, the risk to life and limb of law-abiding citizens going about their day to day lives, the uprising of vigilantism that is occurring in regards to theft and burglary, and the low moral of police offices and the district attorneys office that SB91 has created.

Regards,

Doug Huvar

P.S. - Since the theft of our boat 9 months ago, crime in Anchorage has been increasing steadily. Our neighborhood, in the Abbott/Elmore area, is now regularly experiencing stolen mail/packages, people walking through neighborhood checking for unlocked doors on parked cars, car windows being broken to steal items left in the car, homes broken into and items stored outside a home being stolen. Last Saturday we had two separate incidences involving the police in our neighborhood, a couple who were caught with stolen property in their possession walking back to the stolen car they had parked in the neighborhood and the arrest of a driver of a stolen car who crashed the car into a snow berm and tried to flee on feet through the neighborhood.

I just got back from Homer after working on our boat for the last 7 days to repair the damage done by the thieves. I pull into our driveway at 12:30 AM and realize I can not leave my truck in the drive way with my tools in the back of the truck which has topper and is locked. It will be broken into in and my tools stolen. So shuffle the cars in the driveway so I can park the truck in the garage to keep my tools safe. This is the modern Alaska that we live due to SB91.

SB91 is ruining Alaska for law abiding citizens and has created a haven for criminals to exist as criminals.

SB91 is a bad mistake made by the legislature and needs to be repealed now. Full funding for the law enforcement agencies and the DA's office must be restored as well if there is any hope in bringing this crime wave under control.

Doniece Gott

From: Stephen Duplantis <stephenduplantis@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 10:31 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 91

My name is Stephen Duplantis. I am a resident of South Anchorage. I am also a husband, father and a pastor.

I am writing this letter to express my disdain with SB 91. I believe this bill was passed in haste with no regard as to the repercussions it would bring. SB 91 was based off laws from much larger cities that already had reintroduction programs in place. We have no programs to take care of inmates who were let go. If there are, please point them out to me. Crime is rampant in Anchorage. I am tired of getting woken up at 2 AM from the sound of gunshots and sirens. I am tired of constantly being on the lookout that my vehicle won't get broken into or stolen and if it happens I have to file Police report online. And if I do get my vehicle returned it is full of drug paraphernalia or worse. I am tired of syringes being found on our church property where our kids play. I am tired of our tires being slashed and cars broken into while we worship on Sunday morning. I am tired for the need of armed guards at our services. I am tired of our city streets being overrun by criminals and drug addicts.

But most of all I am tired of the nonchalant, care less, "shut up, we know better than you" attitude from my state government. You should be ashamed of yourselves. While we are here living in the mess you created you stay snug in Juneau and turn a deaf ear and a blind eye to the needs of your constituents. You live in a bubble. That bubble is about to burst because we are fed up with your foolishness.

Open your eyes and ears, November is coming quick. We are done—and so are your terms in office.

#wecanmakechange

Sincerely,
Stephen Duplantis

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Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: dsandlin@gci.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 4:11 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Public Comments/Testimony

To whom it may concern,

Greetings to all of you State Legislators of the Great State of Alaska. To those specifically within the Senate Finance Committee, I implore you to sincerely consider passing SB-127 in order to successfully repeal the failed legislation found within SB-91. Since its implementation, SB-91 has resulted in much more than a monetary savings to the state of Alaska as a whole. The Anchorage Metropolitan area alone has set records for the number of homicides, vehicle thefts, and physical assaults for 2-consecutive years. The majority of these crimes have been found to be linked primarily or secondarily somehow to the illegal drug epidemic that was already hampering our state prior to the passing of SB-91.

We have seen significant upswings in violent crimes in conjunction with the lowering of necessary local Police and State Troopers necessary to respond to these crimes. The overtime cost alone to deal with this significant rise in crimes for the manpower available to address them has to be more costly in the long term than simply housing these perpetrators within the Department of Corrections facilities, whether they have quote "minor offenses" or not. These minor offenses have now become repeated offenses and many of the criminals thought to be non-threatening to the safety of the general public have increased their criminal activities and have committed more intense crimes because the justice system has emboldened them to do so with short to no jail time associated with misdemeanor offenses any longer.

The cost of this rising trend is not something that is simply going to go away by discussing it within legislative chambers revolving around trying to save a "buck" here and there with reducing the cost of housing inmates. The toll it has already taken upon real-life human beings and the families of these victims should be enough to necessitate swift, immediate, and decisive actions to fix this broken system. What is the monetary price you can place upon someone's son, daughter, husband, father, sister, brother, mother, wife, or grandparent???? There is no price, because human beings are priceless and people in this state simply do not feel safe any longer! It is time to ACT; in fact, it is past time to act!

We elected you all to represent us as citizens and more and more citizens are feeling unsafe, so how does keeping this law represent our will and rights to simply live a peaceable and safe life within our respective communities? People are leaving Alaska in great numbers, which only hurts our state's overall economy and within 2-years Anchorage has climbed to near the top of the list in the entire country for most violent cities to live. This is a list we should not be proud of and this state as a whole is following the negative trends we are seeing in Anchorage. It is time that we start anew in coming together as citizens to do what is best for the people of this state and not what seems to be the most cost efficient in the short-term. As you have seen by the chilling loss of human life, the dollars this bill may have saved, if any, are simply not worth it.

Thank you for considering my comments and I truly hope you take them to heart as I am by no means the only one who feels this way. Thank you so much for your time and we appreciate your service to our state. God bless you and God bless Alaska

Sincerely,

Derek Sandlin, MA, LPC, CDC-I
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From: D&S Services <dave@dnsak.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:54 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Senator Tom Begich; Sen. Mia Costello; Dave Gower
Subject: SB127 testimony
Attachments: Most dangerous State.pdf

As elected officials I would think public safety should be number one in your mission statement. Not lets do something to save money regardless of the impact to the law abiding citizens.

You should remember that those of us that elected you to do what's right are the same people are looking to vote you out of office at the next election. Either by voting for your opposition or by helping your opponent by campaign contributions even if they are out of our voting district.

I'm tired of having packages stolen from my front door when I not there watching for the delivery, Waking up and having to look outside anytime my security light goes on or I hear a noise outside at night to see what they are trying to steal from my yard or my vehicles.

If you need to fund a tougher crime bill do whatever it takes. If someone is found guilty of committing a crime (any Crime) take their PFD and divert it to the General Fund. Increase the fines for driving violations. It could contribute a significant amount to the general fund if you make them steep enough and who knows it might reduce the accidents caused by speeding, running red lights, and stop signs. Do Something.

On the excuse these crimes are driven by Drug Addition maybe if they spend some time in jail hopefully without access to the drugs it might be the first step in rehab.

David Gower

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Alaska deemed most dangerous state in US in new report

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Anchorage police respond to 2018's first local homicide in the area of 4th Avenue and D Street in the early hours of Jan. 1, 2018. (George Brandenburg/KTVA)

Based on 2016 stats, Alaska has been named the most dangerous state in the country.

24/7 Wall Street (<http://247wallst.com/special-report/2017/11/03/most-dangerous-states-in-america/>) released its annual report on the "Most Dangerous States in America" on Friday.



By examining the FBI's 2016 Uniform Crime Report, which was released this week, the report found that Alaska is the most dangerous state in America, and concluded that Anchorage is the state's most dangerous city.

The report states that in 2016, there were 804 violent crimes per 100,000 Alaskan citizens, 52 murders and 409 adults per 100,000 residents were imprisoned.

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Louisiana, Tennessee, Nevada and New Mexico rounded out the top five.

Nationwide, of the 10 most violent states, nine are either in the South or the West, while New England states made up half of the country's 10 safest states.

Overall, the violent crime rate rose in 38 states from 2015 to 2016. In 2016, the national rate was 397 violent crimes per 100,000 citizens, shy of the national violent crime rate at its peak in 1991, which was 758 violent crimes for every 100,000.

In the study, violent crimes are defined as murder, nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

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Lindsey Vaughan

I'm not sure what is scarier... The number of violent crimes in Alaska, the number of people who insist that factual stories are false just because it doesn't support their opinion, or the number of Alaskans who are terrible at math and don't understand the words percentage, per capita, and rate. Regardless, there's plenty to be scared of here.

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Sherry Jeglum

Well Said....

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Karen Peterson

Just because the words per capita, percentage, and rate are used doesn't tell the whole story. It could probably be further broken down to offer a better explanation. Ie, times of occurrence of crime, involvement of drugs/alcohol, and other factors. I don't think I've ever felt scared or frightened for my life in Anchorage

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Marta Heacock

Karen Peterson It was an annual FBI report, and that study actually does break it down.

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From: Mary & Greg Hutchins <gmhutchak@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:50 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Our story

We had our job trailer stolen from the 5th avenue mall in June 2016 in a permitted parking area allocated for us as contractors. The trailer was filled with critical equipment to our small company that totaled in the range of \$100,000. What a blow all by itself, but this was also just weeks after my husband's cancer surgery he was still recovering from!

It's one thing to have it stolen, then another to keep your company open, jobs continuing without critical equipment needed. Specific equipment that takes time & money to get replaced. We've been doing jobs for years & never had to worry about having our secured items just taken away from us.

The Stolen in Alaska Facebook community helped us find our trailer, but of course, it was damaged & completely empty.

After weeks & months searching through pawn shops, Facebook, Craigslist etc., we finally found one critical & unique piece of equipment that we knew that we knew was ours & needed back. We let the person know on Craigslist that we were interested in buying it, were scheduling a meeting & trying to coordinate with APD. Of course, we don't know how dangerous this person was/is so didn't want to chance going alone. By the time we could get a call back from APD & an officer on board to meet up, the person dropped the ad & their phone no longer worked & now we had our 2nd dose of reality in this new, dark environment. And most of all, no equipment.

This Catch & Release mentality has been stripping away so much of what we, as Alaskan's value. We weren't like the lower 48 & now Anchorage is the most dangerous city. That being so obvious, why does this even have to be debated. There are problems with no perfect solutions, but not doing anything but letting these criminals take away our livelihood is a crime in itself!

Get this useless bill repealed & get your job done by representing the good, true People of Alaska!

May God Bless & Guide to you all~ Mary Hutchins Wasilla.

Doniece Gott

From: Pastorino <pastorino@gci.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 8:19 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Do Not Support SB 127

Please DO NOT support SB 127 to repeal the justice reform efforts of SB 91. Given enough time justice reforms--increasing access to substance abuse treatment, reentry case management and transition planning, housing, job training, and employment assistance--have the full potential to show successful results. The costs of Recidivism for the State is astronomical; please give SB91 a chance. Thank you. Barbara Pastorino, Juneau

Doniece Gott

From: czimmerman alizka <czimmermanaliz@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 8:27 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Repeal SB 91

Pls repeal SB 91, it affects our every day life, it affects businesses, it makes Anchorage unsafe and ugly. It used to be a safer town, it was ok to walk to work, grocery store or school. Not anymore!

Pls repeal SB 91, it didn't bring any good, just frustration for those who call Anchorage their home city.

Best regards, A. Zimmerman

Doniece Gott

From: Pete A <alaska129@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:04 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB127

I support SB127 .. Please repeal SB91. I have had our vehicles ransacked, thousands of dollars of property stolen from our house and storage buildings. I have been an Alaskan Voter for more than 45 years and I have watched our state go sharply down hill from this bill being passed. This crime wave has effected over 75 % of the people I know and my family.
PLEASE Support SB127

Thank you
Pete Aiman
Chugiak, Alaska

Doniece Gott

From: Silversurfer Angela G. Birt <silversurf4@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 10:27 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Cc: Sen. Anna MacKinnon; Rep. Lora Reinbold
Subject: SB127 (Repeal SB91)

Senate Finance Committee and my fellow Alaskans,

Since the passage of SB 91, I have watched our streets, homes, businesses, small towns and largest city become increasingly less safe. You can say it's the bad economy, you can say it's the opioid epidemic, but those excuses don't pass the smell test. We've watched (in horror) as thieves who steal cars, shoot up places, rob people and are back on the street before the poor, overworked police can finish paperwork. Their releases rubber stamped by judges whose hands are tied by this terribly flawed piece of legislation.

I don't blame the police. I don't blame the judges. I blame you and I hold you, the Governor and Legislature who enacted this terrible law - entirely responsible.

I'm tired of criminals having more rights and protections than law abiding, tax paying Alaskans. You have an opportunity to fix this and fix it now. Repeal SB91 and let us be safe in our homes and properties again.

Ms. Angela G. Birt
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Doniece Gott

From: Joyce Clark <joyceaclark@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 11:16 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 91 Repeal support

We fully support the repeal of SB 91. The crime rate is horrible and we are fearful we will become victims. The criminals are not afraid of the law force, or the justice system. They have free reign to terrorize everyone and get away with it. We want this corrected with the repeal of SB 91.

Joyce Clark
Gene Clark

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Jeffrey Wieber <jeffreywieber@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB91

I believe SB91 must be repealed for the safety of our communities. Criminals are taking advantage of this bill knowing they will have little to no consequence for their actions. They are becoming more and more bold causing more damage, loss and expense to the vast majority of us who are law abiding citizens.

Thank you for hearing my concerns.

Jeff Wieber
Anchorage, AK

Doniece Gott

From: mcrocker@gci.net
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 4:05 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: REPEAL SB91

SB91 IS NOT WORKING. IT NEEDS TO BE REPEALED.

STRONGER CONSEQUENCES NEED TO BE HANDED OUT TO THE CRIMINAL COMMUNITY

SUSAN CROCKER
MILES CROCKER

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Allen Smith <kodiakas@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 4:53 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Fw: SB91

On Tuesday, April 3, 2018 7:33 PM, Allen Smith <kodiakas@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Joshua and Senator Tom Begich,

This is in reference to the junk bill SB91. I don't know all the information as to how this bill came about but it was not thought through. All it did was make stealing legal.

My son's truck was requested by some junkies and his helpers. We were one of the lucky ones that found it before it was totally stripped. They did take off a \$1400.00 bed cover and over a \$1000.00 worth of baseball gear in the back. In between the seats there was too fish bonkers and a lot of drug materials. Just the repair of the truck (\$4800.00) to replace the ignition, door locks, antenna, and some damage to the rear fender as they do not care how they drive it. They could have damaged another vehicle in the process. It was found by a city employee during his snow removal of the roads and fire hydrant area. He looked up the license plate number and saw it was stolen. He witnessed two individuals take out gas cans from the back, most likely to steal gas to continue on their journey. He stayed by it until we got there to recover it,

The Police officer that took the report said that if they catch these low lives that they would go before a judge and within two hours would have themselves a new vehicle. The individual that took our vehicle had a rap sheet a mile long and had to leave Seward because of it. He said that their hands were tied and would just have to look for them again. I think that the Police have a lot more important things to do than repeat this over and over again. One day there will be somebody get hurt or killed because of this (I just hope it is the thief). They are getting so confident that nobody can do anything about it and if caught they will just get a fine and let go with no intention of paying it.

I must say I was totally unaware of all this until it happened to us. It has made me be more aware of my surroundings and the people around me. These junkies are stealing everything they can get their hands on including snow mobiles, trailers, cars, anything they can strip or sell. They have taken handicapped people's cars (even one that had special equipment like lifts), a paper boy's car right out from under him delivering a paper to a house that he had to get out to take it to the door (he worked two jobs to make ends meet). These are just some examples that this law has created (no jail time or restitution). Mommy will just slap your wrist and send you on your way.

I strongly advise you to look up the Anchorage APD website for a list of the stolen items by these Tweakers (Drug addicts). I never heard the term before this. You may also want to get on Scanner Joe's website and Stolen in Alaska's. These vehicles are taken from hotels/motels, movie theaters, Cabela's, just about any parking lot. It takes them about three minutes for them to drive one away. Our truck was taken from the parking lot at while we were ice bowling for Fure Rondy (about two hours). What an end to a really good day.

Just what we need for vacationers to come here and get ripped off in the process and go and tell all not to come to Alaska unless you want to get robbed. FINE HOWDY DO, your welcome.

I could go on and on as my frustration is not going away. Please forgive me for any misspelled words, as I would love to say more, but think you may have just a small sum of what this bill has caused.

Sincerely,

Allen Smith (907) 227-4215

Doniece Gott

From: Karen Kirkpatrick <ka.kirk818@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 5:00 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB91

Please repeal this disastrous mistake. You have hurt Alaskans and cost the state MORE money than you have saved. Don't try to save money at the expense of the citizens you purport to work for...or you WILL be fired from your job by the people who hired you in the first place (you won't be re-elected).

Sincerely,

Karen Kirkpatrick
Meadow Lakes (Wasilla)
907-373-2854

Doniece Gott

From: Sher Hadfield <alaskanwhitesh@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 5:22 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Sb91

Please repeal SB91. Criminals need to go to jail. The criminals need to be sent a message in this town.
Sher L. Hadfield

Sent from my iPhone

Doniece Gott

From: Kathy Centoni <twotwocents@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6:19 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB19

I wish I could make this short but there is too much to tell. My husband and I have lived in Anchorage for over 50 years. We rarely locked our house door over the years, always felt safe and secure. WELL, NO MORE!

In Jan. we had our car stolen. I was at art class and came out at 9:30; no car. The police did find it but it had 1500\$ worth of damage, had to be towed, was full of trash and junk. When we got it back and cleaned it out we found a letter to the person who stole it from his girlfriend in rehab with his name and address on it and shot gun shells. We tried to contact the police, were put on hold for 30 min. then given to a voice mail and of course, no one returned the call. We even went to the police station where we were told we had to have an appointment, sent to the phone, put on hold and given to voice mail. I even took the evidence to our neighbor, who is a policeman and was summarily balled out for waking him up. Let me tell you: NOBODY CARES!

We have had our mail stolen continually over the past year. One neighbor saw them on his video camera and went after them and held them at gunpoint until the police came. This is what happens when nobody cares. People will take the law into their own hands. There are no consequences.

In the past 6 months two of our friends have had their homes broken into. One, arrived home during the robbery, was assaulted. He has since died of a heart attack. How much of that was caused by stress from that attack?

Everyone seems to be getting their mail stolen.

Just today I heard of someone who had her truck stolen day before yesterday. The robbers have attempted to get into her bank account and called to bribe her with a \$500 fee to get her truck back. She is attempting to notify the police about it, but, good luck, with that. Anchorage is a disgrace. There needs to be consequences and an attitude that this behavior is not acceptable, otherwise good citizens will start taking matters into their own hands. How about a little consideration for the people who pay taxes in this state and city, instead of the criminals!

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From: Laura Goggins <anchkfp@gci.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 6:48 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: SB 127 Testimony to repeal SB 91

Below is an email I sent to Sen. Kevin Meyer and Rep. Chris Birch after the vehicle thefts my family endured in 2017.

SB 91 needs to be repealed and these criminals need to suffer the consequences – NOT THE VICTIMS. It is now April 2018, eight months since my son's truck was stolen and he is still having to pay off the new truck loan he had to take out to pay for another vehicle. My daughter just a few months ago finished up her debts incurred from her stolen car. This is just completely ludicrous that the victims are the ones suffering the consequences. Maybe none of you have had to deal with this and this is why you think it is such a great bill. You can be sure I will not be voting for any Senator or Representative that voted for this bill or will not make the much needed changes to get these criminals off the streets and make them suffer for their actions. We are hardworking citizens trying to make a living for ourselves and buy the things that we need to survive and once in a while treat ourselves. But when having to continue to put up with replacing stolen possessions, there is nothing left to treat ourselves with?

Email sent August 17, 2017:

I'm asking for your attention for information of SB91. Admittedly, I don't understand much of it including the title itself which implies it is an opioid related bill.

My daughter had her car stolen about three weeks ago from her place of employment (Alaska USA Mortgage on 36th Ave, Anchorage). It was found about 10 days later. The car has since been declared a total loss and because of that, my daughter stands to lose approximately \$3000 that she will have to come up with to pay off the debt on the car. The driver claimed not to have known it was stolen. The driver was released, even though there were weapons and drugs in the vehicle, and it's likely she won't be charged.

August 12th, my son's truck was stolen from his place of employment (Fred Meyer, Abbott Road, Anchorage), not two weeks later. It was found later that night completely stripped including tires/wheels, sides smashed in and stereo ripped out. It is also being declared a total loss. He stands to lose about \$5000 since the insurance will only pay out book value and he has to come up with the rest to buy another vehicle. We have obtained video surveillance from the church parking lot where it was stripped and totaled. Unfortunately the video is not clear enough to read the license plates of the four cars seen stripping his truck. There is no doubt in my mind the thieves will not be found. It will be up to us to post in social media what we have in the hopes that someone will recognize the cars involved.

The police have done absolutely nothing to help with my sons stolen truck. It was us who inquired for video tapes from the church. We are having to do our own detective work to hopefully bring these thugs to answer for this. Why is that do you think? Pretty frustrating when you cannot depend on those whom are supposed to be doing this work. Is this not part of what we pay for in the taxes that we pay? And society wonders why people turn vigilante...

As a parent and resident of Anchorage, AK I am sure you can see my total frustration with what appears to be a lack of care on the part of our police department and what appears to be a SB that has allowed these criminals to continue to repeat crimes that they have no consequences for. The burden is on the residents who work hard

every day to make a living and then have to come up with more money to replace what the criminals get away with.

Maybe until more people have to experience this type of loss and see what we have to go through every day to deal with the consequences. We also have to borrow cars from friends or reschedule our days to get our children to work since insurance companies do not pay enough for a rental car in Anchorage (\$30 a day, what a joke). If they do get a rental car, then it will also cost them at least \$12 a day to have the rental car, another cost on top of what they already lost! We have no recourse at this point to recover our loses from the criminals.

I believe you both supported the bill and would like your view. Often there are unintended consequences for something that was meant to be positive change. Since my children's experiences these last few weeks I've been more focused, particularly on car thefts, but also on crime in general. The statistics are astounding. Not because crime is dropping, but because of the increase. It is unbelievable. I've have lived here for almost 50 years and we all know crime is increasing at an alarming rate. I sure don't have THE answer, but I do believe there needs to be dire consequences for crimes committed and follow through. I cannot help but feel that seems to be weakened as a result of this bill as the crime in Anchorage has spiraled upward since its inception.

I know that I will be paying a much closer attention to this matter and will expect positive changes, otherwise I believe making changes at election time will hopefully bring the changes we so desperately need.

Interested in your thoughts.

Laura Goggins

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Anchorage, AK 99507

907-242-1308

Doniece Gott

From: Julie DeBoard <seward_sunshine_mom@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 18, 2018 8:51 PM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Testimony

I am writing in support of SB 127, to repeal SB 91. I have a friend who is a police officer in Kenai, AK. He told me a story that is good reflection of the damage that SB 91 has done. He was called to the parking lot of Home Depot for a report of a man who shoplifted an electric saw from the store and was sawing a light bar off a truck. When approached by the officer, he said, "Write me my ticket. It's less than \$1000 dollars." SB 91 has given crime free reign and criminals are taking advantage. Our small, quiet town of Seward is seeing an uptick of crime that I haven't seen before in my 43 years of living here. For the first time in my life, I have to lock my car and house. Please thoughtfully consider repealing SB 91.

Your Constituent,

Julianna DeBoard
Seward, Alaska

Sent from my iPad

Doniece Gott

From: Mark D <markdundore@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 19, 2018 9:19 AM
To: Senate Finance Committee
Subject: Testimony for repealing SB91

Hello,

I'd like to submit written testimony related to repealing SB91.

As a small business owner and employer in Juneau during the past 3 years, I've had to close two of my stores Juneau Treasures Thrift Store (both locations) and lay off 4 employees. This had nothing to do with local competition or online sales; it was entirely due to the unsafe business environment created by the legislature and local government in Juneau. Passage of SB91 resulted in an increasingly dangerous situation for small businesses. The thieves (both career and drug-fueled) face no punishment and are becoming emboldened- they now appear in groups and threaten store clerks. I've seen this on multiple occasions and have spoken to many other business owners who've had similar experiences in all areas of Juneau. We closed the #2 thrift store in Alaska because the staff no longer felt safe and threatened to quit. Everything was donated, so the theft loss was immaterial- it's the danger to staff that was the problem. Additionally, shoppers would avoid furniture store because they "didn't know if their car would be broken into while they are shopping".

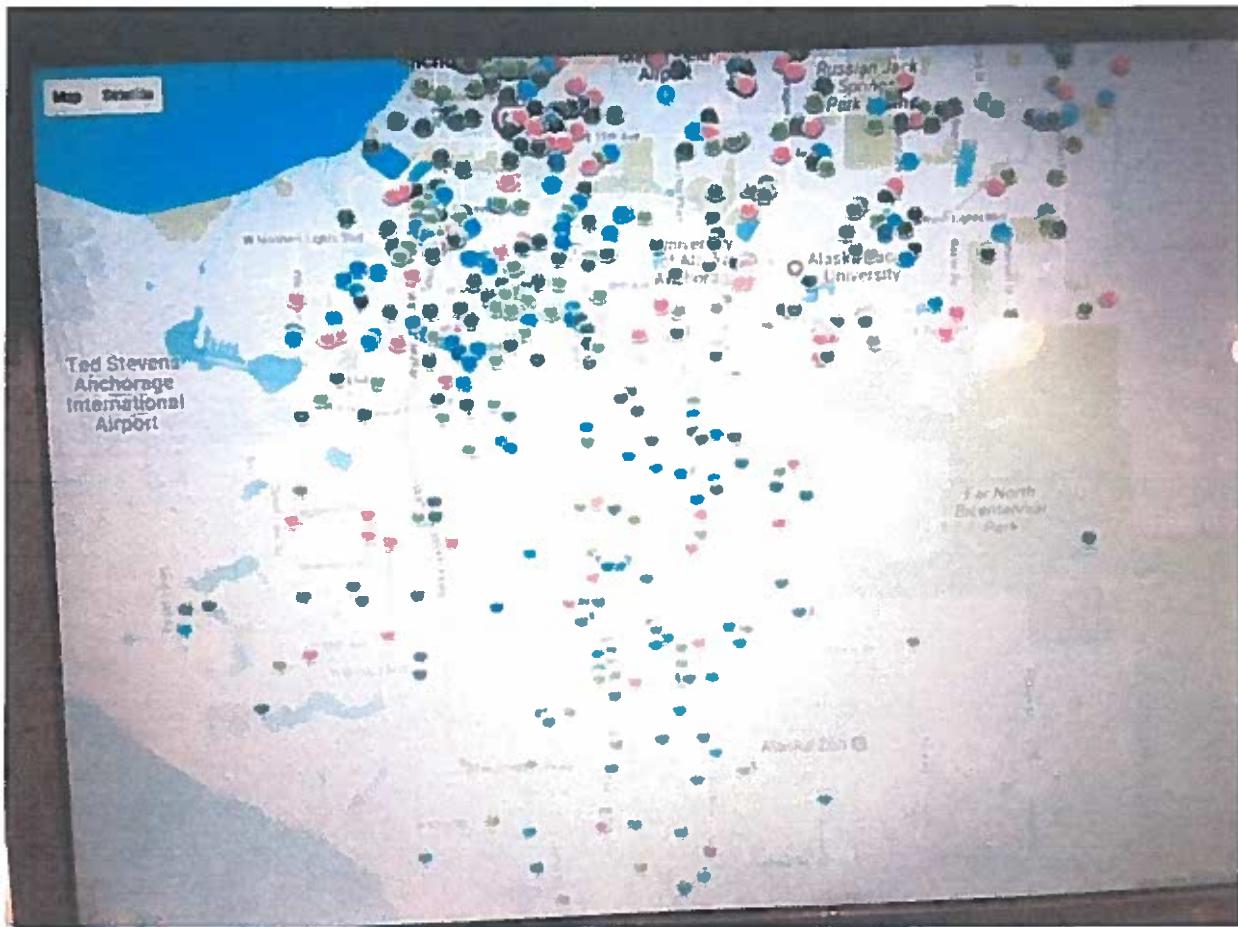
Juneau has a unique problem in that inmates from the prison are released into the community after serving the sentence. Those who go back to a life of crime add to the problems- there is no incentive to leave when there is no punishment for crimes and property is there for the taking.

I'm an entrepreneur and would very much like to start several businesses here in Juneau, but in the current business environment it's a fools errand.

Repealing SB91 is needed, but a workable solution to crime is also required. There are various causes of crime (mental illness, career criminals, etc.) that a judge can take into account when adjudicating a case, but when the tools are removed so that law enforcement can't bring suspects before a judge, that cripples the system.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Mark Dundore
Juneau



Sent from my iPhone

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Anchorage police: Stolen car found shot up and ablaze in school parking lot

Author: Tegan Hanlon Updated: December 2, 2017 Published July 3, 2017

A stolen car was found in flames and full of bullet holes outside Tyson Elementary School in Mountain View on Sunday afternoon, according to Anchorage police.

Police said 911 calls reporting gunshots came in around 3 p.m. Sunday.

In the school parking lot, officers found a sedan on fire, according to a police dispatch.

Anchorage Fire Chief Denis LeBlanc said firefighters responded at 3:07 p.m., but police officers told them to wait nearby.

"APD believed the scene could still be hostile," LeBlanc said. "What they do is they tell AFD to stage, so we'll sit about a block away from the scene until they clear it and essentially tell us it's safe to enter, and that didn't happen until 3:15 p.m."

Firefighters then extinguished the flames within 10 minutes, he said.

Police said the inside of the car was destroyed. Bullet holes scarred its outside and shell casings were found nearby. The car, a gray 2010 Chevrolet Malibu, had been reported stolen, according to police.

Police said Monday that no one was injured in the fire and no arrests had been made.

They said there was no information linking the incident to the shots fired in two East Anchorage

parking lots last week.

Last Tuesday, a barrage of shots was fired from two vehicles outside an apartment complex in the 7800 block of Creekside Center Drive in Muldoon. The next day, gunfire outside another apartment building less than 2 miles away left bullet holes in cars and walls.

Police ask anyone with information on the Mountain View car fire to call dispatch at 907-786-8900 (press "0" to reach an operator) or Crime Stoppers at 907-561-STOP.

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180015038		2014	FORD REC	RED	4 DOOR	AK	4/13/2018
AK18018633		2011	POLS WHEELS ONLY	GREEN	MULTI-WHEELED VEHICLE		3/19/2018
AK18019461		2013	YAMAHA	WHITE	SNOWMACHINE		3/23/2018
AK18020839	1192AC	2006	JEEP WRANGLER	RED	SUV	AK	3/29/2018
180015176	1HVYJP	2006	YAMA CYL	BLACK	MOTORCYCLE	AK	4/14/2018
180014726	4192AB	2006	CHEVROLET	RED	PICKUP	AK	4/8/2018
180012178	4463CV	1992	BDONKA				3/25/2018
180012510	BWTECH						3/19/2018
180012622							3/28/2018
180014598	CJP383	2003	CHEVROLET AVALANCHE	GRAY	PICKUP	AK	3/23/2018
180015340	DAX						4/16/2018
180013459	DBH977						4/2/2018
180011590	DBL589						3/20/2018
AK18023903	DBM866	2009	CHEVROLET AVALANCHE	SILVER	PICKUP	AK	4/11/2018
180012521	DSX323						3/22/2018
180015207	DVE832						3/27/2018
180012671	EBZ311						4/12/2018
180014425	EEG730	2002	CHEV REC	BLUE	2 DOOR	AK	3/27/2018
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18024957	EJL864			ORANGE		AK	4/15/2018
180013409	EKG901	2003	CHEVROLET S10	BLUE	PICKUP	AK	4/3/2018
180014790	ELC272					AK	4/12/2018
180011605	ELL252					AK	3/21/2018
180013247	ELR824			SILVER		AK	4/2/2018
180015173	ELR852					AK	4/14/2018
180011917	EPE233					AK	3/18/2018
180014645	EPK273					AK	4/10/2018
180011239	EVPP586					AK	3/18/2018
180011807	EWS627					AK	3/22/2018
180013851	EZB806					AK	4/6/2018
180014746	FBH438	2007	FORD F350	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	4/11/2018
180000315	FEE801					AK	4/1/2018
180011629	FEL882					AK	3/20/2018
180012058	FFH365					AK	3/23/2018
180014106	FGB960					AK	4/7/2018
180000325	FHD572					AK	4/3/2018
180013482	FHE324					AK	3/27/2018
18-001256	FHU460	2008	KIA RIO	RED	4 DOOR	AK	4/15/2018
180014146	FIRBRN					AK	4/8/2018

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180012741	FMY625					AK	3/29/2018
180014071	FNL410					AK	4/6/2018
180011629	FRJ444					AK	3/20/2018
180011505	FTX774					AK	3/20/2018
180012823	GBP356	2008	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	3/28/2018
	GBR651	2010	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	SILVER	PICKUP	AK	4/13/2018
180012315	GCP992					AK	3/25/2018
180014963	GCU463	2011	FORD TAURUS	MAROON	4 DOOR	AK	4/6/2018
180014039	GDY102	2005	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	BLACK	PICKUP	AK	4/6/2018
AK18022185	GELPH	1989	FORD BRONCO	TAN/BLUE	SUV	AK	4/2/2018
180013714	GFM454					AK	4/5/2018
180013702	GJZ819					AK	3/27/2018
180013658	GKM289					AK	4/4/2018
180014807	GLC813	2012	DODGE CHARGER	GRAY	4 DOOR	AK	4/12/2018
180012637	GN6619					AK	3/28/2018
180013782	GNW296	2005	CHEVROLET SILVERADO	BLUE	PICKUP	AK	4/5/2018
180012494	GPA151	2002	FORD F150	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	3/26/2018
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180013699	GTB835					AK	4/4/2018
180000551	GTD462	2014	KIA OPTIMA	WHITE	4 DOOR	AK	4/5/2018
180011466	GTW856	2014	LINCOLN NAVIGATOR	BLACK	SUV	AK	3/20/2018
AK18023343	GVG721	2005	FORD F250	GRAY	PICKUP	AK	4/6/2018
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180011811	GWC922	2008	AUDI A6	BLUE	4 DOOR	AK	3/22/2018
180013397	GYA696					AK	4/2/2018
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180013544	JAA226	2007	JEEP COMMANDER LL	RED	SUV	AK	4/4/2018
180012039	JAE427	2015	MAZDA MAZDA 3	GRAY		AK	3/23/2018
180015381	JAM881					AK	4/4/2018
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180014505	JCE735	2003	GENERAL MOTORS SAVANNA VAN	RED	VAN	AK	4/9/2018
180014672	JCY824	2014	DODGE JOURNEY	RED	SUV	AK	4/11/2018
180015276	JDA766	2014	TOYOTA	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	4/14/2018
AK18024091	JDG478	1993				AK	4/11/2018
180013393	JDG766					AK	4/13/2018
1814823	JDK937					AK	4/13/2018
180013738	JDR661					AK	4/13/2018
180014246	JDU783					AK	4/18/2018
180015146	JEH855	2007	JEEP PATRIOT LL	BLUE	SUV	AK	4/15/2018
180013101	JEK198					AK	3/31/2018
180015273	JEV890	2016	CHEVROLET CRUZE	4D SILVER	4 DOOR	AK	4/15/2018
180015033	JEY824	2003	CHEVROLET	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	4/13/2018
18025070	JFB664	2000	CHEVROLET ASTRO	BLUE	VAN PASSENGER	AK	4/16/2018
180013702	JFP401					AK	3/27/2018
180011667	JFR576					AK	3/21/2018
AK18024540	JFS227	1994	TOYOTA	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	4/13/2018
180011900	JFW397					AK	3/23/2018
AK18019835	JFW551	2004	GENERAL MOTORS YUKON	BLUE	SUV	AK	3/24/2018
18-1116	JGD438	1993	CHEV REC	TEAL	PICKUP	AK	4/2/2018
180015149	JGU905	1997	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	BLUE	PICKUP	AK	4/15/2018
AK18024397	JHD961			BLUE/WHITE		AK	4/12/2018

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180015235	JJM286					AK	4/15/2018
180015135	JJM362	2006	HUMMER	GREEN	SUV	AK	4/15/2018
180014953	JJY270					AK	4/13/2018
180014549	JJU808					AK	4/10/2018
180015041	JZZ613	2002	CHEVROLET TAHOE	BLACK	SUV	AK	4/13/2018
180013534	JKA260	2001	HONDA RECONSTRUCT MC	SILVER	2 DOOR	AK	4/4/2018
180012681	JKE805	2012	MERCEDES BENZ 350SD	BLACK	4 DOOR	AK	3/23/2018
180013779	JKN933					AK	4/5/2018
180014957	JKU618	2003	CHEVROLET SILVERADO	BLUE	PICKUP	AK	4/13/2018
180014979	JKW771	2017	CHEVROLET SPARK	BLUE	4 DOOR	AK	4/12/2018
180011653	JKX291					AK	3/21/2018
180012324	JKX330	2005	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	GRAY	PICKUP	AK	3/20/2018
180014038	JLD227	2002	CHEVROLET SUBURBAN	GRAY	SUV	AK	4/6/2018
180012973	JLD972	2018	JEEP CHEROKEE	BLACK	SUV	AK	3/30/2018
180013746	JLE319					AK	3/22/2018
180014632	KBH636					AK	4/11/2018
180012797	KBP677					AK	3/26/2018
180015054	KBR440	2001	HONDA RECONSTRUCT MC	BLACK	4 DOOR	AK	4/6/2018
180014519	LVMC1R					AK	4/10/2018
180015252	RHEMA	2005	CHEVROLET AVALANCHE	RED	SUV	AK	4/15/2018
180014887	SAXMAN	2012	CHRYSLER CHRYSLER 200	RED	4 DOOR	AK	4/12/2018

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AK18020547	SG7830	1995	POLARIS	RED	SNOWMACHINE	AK	3/25/2018
AK18021126	SJ5530	2007	BMBR SKI & TRACKS	GRAY	SNOWMACHINE	AK	3/30/2018
AK18022559	SL8810	2014	POLS SKIS & TRACKS	WHITE	SNOWMACHINE	AK	4/5/2018
AK18021754	SN4238	2016	POLARIS	GREEN	MULTI-WHEELED VEHICLE	AK	3/31/2018
AK18020740	SN7808	2017	POLS SKIS & TRACKS	BLACK	SNOWMACHINE	AK	3/28/2018
180013697	VBJ235					AK	4/4/2018

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180015038		2014	FORD REC	RED	4 DOOR	AK	4/13/2018
180011270		2018	MIRAGE ENTERPRSS	WHITE			3/17/2018
AK18018633		2011	POLS WHEELS ONLY	GREEN	MULTI-WHEELED VEHICLE		3/19/2018
AK18019461		2013	YAMAHA	WHITE			
AK18020839	1192AC			YELLOW/BLUE			3/29/2018
180015176	1HVYJP	2006	JEEP WRANGLER	RED	SUV	AK	4/14/2018
180014726	4192AB	2006	YAMA CYL	BLACK	MOTORCYCLE	AK	4/8/2018
180012178	4463CV	1992	CHEVROLET	RED	PICKUP	AK	3/25/2018
UAACR18123	9854TG	2016	SUZUKI	RED	MOTORCYCLE	AK	4/14/2018
180012510	BDONKA						
180012622	BWTECH						
180014444	CGT867	1990	HOND ACC	LIGHT BLUE	4 DOOR	AK	4/7/2018
180014598	CJP383						3/23/2018
180013459	DBH977						4/2/2018
180011590	DBL589						3/20/2018
AK18023903	DBM86	2009	CHEVROLET AVALANCHE	SILVER	PICKUP	AK	4/11/2018
180011798	DFH681						3/22/2018
180012521	DSX323						3/27/2018
180015207	DVE832						4/12/2018
180012671	EBZ311						3/27/2018
180014425	EEG730	2002	CHEV REC	BLUE	2 DOOR	AK	4/10/2018

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180012667	EEX600			GRAY	PICKUP	AK	3/28/2018
180014452	EFC186	2002	FORD	BLACK	SUV	AK	4/9/2018
180015183	EHB258	2003	CHEVROLET TAHOE	RED	PICKUP	AK	4/15/2018
180011270	EHH481	2003	CHEVROLET SILVERADO	ORANGE	PICKUP	AK	3/17/2018
18024957	EJL864			BLUE	PICKUP	AK	4/15/2018
180013409	EKG901	2003	CHEVROLET S10	SILVER	PICKUP	AK	4/3/2018
180014790	ELC272			BEIGE	SUV	AK	4/12/2018
180011605	ELL252			BLACK	SUV	AK	3/21/2018
180013247	ELR824			BLACK	SUV	AK	4/2/2018
180015173	ELR852			BLACK	SUV	AK	4/14/2018
180015210	ELS801	1999	LEXUS RX300	BEIGE	SUV	AK	4/15/2018
180011917	EPE233			BLACK	SUV	AK	3/18/2018
180014645	EPK273			BLACK	SUV	AK	4/10/2018
180015241	EUH800	2005	CHEVROLET TAHOE	BLACK	SUV	AK	4/15/2018
180011239	EVP586			BLACK	SUV	AK	3/18/2018
180011807	EWS627			BLACK	SUV	AK	3/22/2018
180013851	EZB806			BLACK	SUV	AK	4/6/2018
180014746	FBH438	2007	FORD F350	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	4/11/2018
180000315	FEE801			WHITE	PICKUP	AK	4/12/2018
180011629	FEL882			WHITE	PICKUP	AK	3/20/2018
180012058	FFH365			WHITE	PICKUP	AK	3/23/2018
180014106	FGB960			WHITE	PICKUP	AK	4/7/2018

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180000325	FHD572					AK	4/3/2018
180013482	FHE324					AK	3/27/2018
18-001256	FHU460	2008	KIA RIO	RED	4 DOOR	AK	4/15/2018
180014146	FIRBRN					AK	4/8/2018
180014303	FJB112					AK	4/8/2018
18-001254	FJD753					AK	4/15/2018
180000390	FLH915			WHITE/BLUE		AK	3/20/2018
180012741	FMY625			WHITE		AK	3/29/2018
180014071	FNL410					AK	4/6/2018
180011629	FRJ444					AK	3/20/2018
18000276	FSTBRK					AK	3/17/2018
180011505	FTX774					AK	3/20/2018
180012823	GBP356	2008	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	3/28/2018
180014848	GBR651	2010	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	SILVER	PICKUP	AK	4/13/2018
180012315	GCP992					AK	3/25/2018
180014963	GCU463	2011	FORD TAURUS	MAROON	4 DOOR	AK	4/6/2018
180014039	GDV102	2005	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	BLACK	PICKUP	AK	4/6/2018
AK18022185	GELPH	1989	FORD BRONCO	TAN/BLUE	SUV	AK	4/2/2018
180013714	GFM454					AK	4/5/2018
180013702	GJZ819					AK	3/27/2018
180013658	GKM289					AK	4/4/2018
180014807	GLC813	2012	DODGE CHARGER	GRAY	4 DOOR	AK	4/12/2018

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AK18010355	GML170			YELLOW		AK	3/17/2018
180012637	GNG619					AK	3/28/2018
180013782	GNW296	2005	CHEVROLET SILVERADO	BLUE	PICKUP	AK	4/5/2018
180012494	GPA151	2002	FORD F150	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	3/26/2018
180015018	GPD702	2006	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	GRAY	PICKUP	AK	4/13/2018
180013310	GQC672					AK	4/1/2018
180000631	GRJ982			YELLOW		AK	4/2/2018
180011375	GRZ163					AK	3/19/2018
180013637	GRZ424					AK	4/4/2018
180013699	GTB835					AK	4/4/2018
180000651	GTD462	2014	KIA OPTIMA	WHITE	4 DOOR	AK	4/5/2018
180011466	GTW856	2014	LINCOLN NAVIGATOR	BLACK	SUV	AK	3/20/2018
AK18023343	GVG721	2005	FORD F250	GRAY	PICKUP	AK	4/6/2018
180014721	GVL562	1988	TOYOTA CAMRY	RED	4 DOOR	AK	4/15/2018
180011811	GWC922	2008	AUDI A6	BLUE	4 DOOR	AK	3/22/2018
1813397	GYA696					AK	4/13/2018
180013397	GYA696					AK	4/2/2018
180014346	GZF474	2003	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	3/29/2018
180014937	GZW194	2008	TOYOTA CAMRY	BLACK	4 DOOR	AK	4/5/2018
180011359	HBU325					AK	3/19/2018
AK18022728	HCA552	1992	CHEVROLET S10	BLUE	PICKUP	AK	4/6/2018
180013644	JAA226	2007	JEEP COMMANDER LL	RED	SUV	AK	4/4/2018

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180012039	JAE427					AK	3/23/2018
180013221	JAL934	1998	SUBARU OUTBACK SD/SW	BLUE	STATION WAGON	AK	3/17/2018
180503733	JAT675					AK	4/6/2018
180011375	JAT782					AK	3/19/2018
180013852	JBY256					AK	4/3/2018
180014505	JCE735					AK	4/9/2018
180011256	JCH588					AK	3/17/2018
180014672	JCY824	2003	GENERAL MOTORS SAVANNA VAN	RED	VAN	AK	4/11/2018
AK18024091	JDG478	1993	TOYOTA	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	4/11/2018
180013393	JDG766					AK	4/3/2018
1814823	JDK937					AK	4/13/2018
180013738	JDR661					AK	4/3/2018
180014246	JDU783					AK	4/8/2018
180015146	JEH855	2007	JEEP PATRIOT LL	BLUE	SUV	AK	4/15/2018
180013101	JEK198					AK	3/31/2018
180015033	JEY824	2003	CHEVROLET	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	4/13/2018
180013702	JFP401					AK	3/27/2018
180011667	JFR576					AK	3/21/2018
AK18024540	JFS227	1994	TOYOTA	WHITE	PICKUP	AK	4/13/2018
180011900	JFW397					AK	3/23/2018
AK18019835	JFW551	2004	GENERAL MOTORS YUKON	BLUE	SUV	AK	3/24/2018

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180015149	JGU905	1997	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	BLUE	PICKUP	AK	4/15/2018
AK18021933	JHC657	1994	CHEVROLET S10	RED	PICKUP	AK	3/30/2018
AK18024397	JHD961			BLUE/WHITE		AK	4/12/2018
180012495	JHR469					AK	3/26/2018
18000359	JHX837	2017	FORD TAURUS	SILVER	4 DOOR	AK	3/20/2018
180015235	JJM286					AK	4/15/2018
180015135	JJM362	2006	HUMMER	GREEN	SUV	AK	4/15/2018
180014953	JJU808					AK	4/13/2018
180014549	JJY270					AK	4/10/2018
180015041	JJZ613	2002	CHEVROLET TAHOE	BLACK	SUV	AK	4/13/2018
180013534	JKA260	2001	HONDA RECONSTRUCT MC	SILVER	2 DOOR	AK	4/4/2018
180012681	JKE805	2012	MERCEDES BENZ 350SD	BLACK	4 DOOR	AK	3/23/2018
180013779	JKN933					AK	4/5/2018
180014957	JKU618	2003	CHEVROLET SILVERADO	BLUE	PICKUP	AK	4/13/2018
180014979	JKW771	2017	CHEVROLET SPARK	BLUE	4 DOOR	AK	4/12/2018
180011653	JKX291					AK	3/21/2018
180012324	JKX330	2005	GENERAL MOTORS SIERRA	GRAY	PICKUP	AK	3/20/2018
180014038	JLD227	2002	CHEVROLET SUBURBAN	GRAY	SUV	AK	4/6/2018
180012973	JLD972	2018	JEEP CHEROKEE	BLACK	SUV	AK	3/30/2018
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180014519	LVMC1R					AK	4/10/2018
180014887	SAXMAN	2012	CHRYSLER CHRYSLER 200	RED	4 DOOR	AK	4/12/2018
AK18020547	SG7830	1995	POLARIS	RED	SNOWMACHINE	AK	3/25/2018
AK18021226	SJ5550	2007	BMBR SKI & TRACKS	GRAY	SNOWMACHINE	AK	3/30/2018
AK18022559	SL8810	2014	POLS SKIS & TRACKS	WHITE	SNOWMACHINE	AK	4/5/2018
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AK18020740	SN7808	2017	POLS SKIS & TRACKS	BLACK	SNOWMACHINE	AK	3/28/2018
180013597	VBJ235					AK	4/4/2018

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Cc: Vic Temple <vicbruno@hotmail.com>
Subject: SB91 replacement, SB26 and PFD Protection

Each of you were hired (aka elected) to do a job. That job is to protect and ensure the RIGHTS of the people. With the PFD, you MUST protect the ownership rights of the PEOPLE of Alaska. WE own the PFD. The Government is NOT the People. It is an instrument directed BY the people to SERVE the People. We are watching like we've never watched before, and will not tolerate the absconding of OUR money. Get OUT of our pockets! CUT the budget. Not the Walker way by picking the things that will hurt the People the most. We see. We know. If not today, we'll know tomorrow.

We're holding you accountable like never before and expect - no DEMAND - that you keep the will of the PEOPLE as your guide.

We need more Citizen panels which cannot be extorted by threats of losing staff or office space for not toeing the coalition lines to comb through the Budget. As apparently our legislators aren't getting the message.

Your CONSTITUENTS are your bosses, not your fellow legislators.

I'm so heavily disappointed by the actions of so many of you ... but I guess it shouldn't surprise me that our legislators are refusing to be hard on criminals, since they themselves are engaging in such criminal activity.

For those of you who ARE stepping up and defending the People and our Rights... Thank You. You're truly heroic. And thank you for sounding the alarms and letting the People know what is being done right under our noses.

Laura & Vic Temple

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ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS



Addicts stole 36 guns in a single Anchorage break-in. One was used in a murder. Where are the rest?

How a single crime rippled across the city's black-market world of drugs, property crime and guns.

Author: Michelle Therlault Boots Published March 24

On the morning of Sept. 7, two young heroin addicts used a handgun to smash the glass door of a gun store in a strip mall on Northern Lights Boulevard, one of Anchorage's busiest streets.

It was just before 7 a.m. on a Thursday morning.

The city would have been rumbling to life for the workday: Traffic hurtling down the road feet away. Lines building at drive-through coffee stands.

Inside, the men emptied a glass display case of guns, filling a duffel bag and their arms.

In all, Christopher Kratsas-Derr and Seth Kaufman stole 36 firearms.

Set loose into the streets of Anchorage, the guns were sold or traded for heroin, money, or a place to crash. They soon found their way into dangerous hands.

By the end of the weekend, one of the guns would be used in a startling daylight killing that for many became a turning point in a season of mounting disquiet. Others would end up with felons, shoplifters and one of Anchorage's most notorious car thieves.

This is how a single break-in has rippled across the black market world of drugs, property crime and guns on Anchorage streets. The full impact of the burglary is not yet known.

Today, 13 of the 36 stolen guns have been recovered. Twenty-three are still missing.

A high-value target

Tracing the path of the stolen firearms -- through state and federal court documents and interviews -- lifts the curtain on a world of Anchorage crime in which drug addictions fuel property crime, which in turn stokes addiction.

Nationally, the number of guns stolen from stores or other federally licensed firearms dealers has increased sharply over the past five years, according to Jason Chudy, a spokesman with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The number of burglaries of firearm dealers has increased by 48 percent since 2012. And the number of total firearms reported stolen nationally leaped 72 percent in the same time period.

Chudy said he couldn't speculate as to what's driving the increase. But guns are a valuable commodity on the street that can be traded for cash or drugs.

Stolen guns put weapons in the hands of people who are no longer legally allowed to have them, he said.

"Firearms in the black market stay in the black market until they are used in crime and recovered by law enforcement officials."

Of the 41 firearms stolen from federally licensed stores or dealers in Alaska last year, all but five came from the EDC Alaska robbery.

Two paths joined by heroin

Christopher Kratsas-Derr and Seth Kaufman came from very different circumstances, but their paths crossed through the bleak equalizer of addiction.

Kaufman, 31, was born and raised in Anchorage, in what his father Douglas Kaufman described as a loving, supportive family home. His mother owned a hairstyling business and his father was a retired social worker. He struggled with school but graduated from South Anchorage High School, taking some special education classes along the way, his father said. After high school, he trained as a union welder. He also helped out with his father's in-home health care business, caring for the elderly. He fought low-self esteem, depression and anxiety, his father said.

He had no criminal record until he was 28. A few years ago he started using heroin and everything spun out of control, Douglas Kaufman said.

"He lost his ability to reason and think."

He hadn't known Christopher Kratsas-Derr, 27, for long.

Kratsas-Derr's childhood was bleak, as described in a letter his paternal grandmother Annitta Roberts wrote to the court. His mother used drugs while pregnant, she wrote.

Once, police found him wandering Spenard Road at 2 a.m. after his mother had locked him out of the trailer, Roberts said. He was only four or five years old. Roberts says Kratsas-Derr's mother also overmedicated him on Ritalin "so she wouldn't have to deal with him."

"She did not want him," Roberts said in an interview from her home in Nikolaevsk, a rural hamlet north of Homer on the Kenai Peninsula.

Eventually, Kratsas-Derr was dropped on her doorstep in Nikolaevsk, according to Roberts. She was trying to raise him along with seven other children.

"Chris would call his mother up, begging to go back to her," the letter said.

Despite severe behavioral problems, Kratsas-Derr had some moments of happiness and success, his grandmother said. He worked on a horse ranch in Oregon and did construction in Kenai for a friend, Roberts said.

When he moved to Anchorage last year, despite his grandmother's pleas for him to stick around, Roberts was hopeful. Maybe he would free himself from the heroin and methamphetamine use she says is rampant in her part of the the lower Kenai Peninsula. She hoped he might find a legitimate job in Anchorage. Roberts said she'd take her grandson back in a minute.

"He really is a fine young man," Roberts said. "Every time he gets in trouble it's involving drugs, and he follows whoever he has befriended. He wants friends so bad — a family. People who don't put him down."

'Hell on earth'

In the months leading up to the burglary, both men turned to burglary and break-ins to fund deepening addictions.

First, in May, Kaufman was accused of stealing a gun safe from an acquaintance's apartment and charged with theft. Then, in June, both Kaufman and Kratsas-Derr were caught loading an ATM with a broken front into the back of a pickup truck, according to charging documents in a criminal case against them. Both were charged with theft. There were more charges in August for Kaufman stemming from a smash-and-grab burglary from a car parked at the University Lake dog park.

By the time of the September gun store burglary, Kaufman already faced three open felony theft cases.

His family noticed an accelerating downward trajectory, according to a sentencing document written by his attorney John Cashion: "Friends and family recognized Mr. Kaufman's drug addiction, his rapid descent, and feared that he was on the cusp of seriously hurting himself or ruining his life."

During that time, Kaufman made some attempts to get off drugs. Twice he used Vivitrol, a medication that blocks the high of opioids. He tried to get a bed in a detoxification and rehabilitation program, his dad said.

There was no space available, Douglas Kaufman said.

Watching his son's addiction and the destructive consequences mount was "absolutely hell on earth," his dad said.

The break-in

Just before midnight on the day before the burglary, surveillance footage captured Kaufman and 34-year-old Crystal Abbott, the girlfriend of Kratsas-Derr, trying to get into the store. They had tools and black spray paint, which they planned to use to cover surveillance cameras, according to federal court filings.

But a neighbor confronted them, and they fled. Abbott faces pending federal conspiracy and firearms theft charges for her alleged role in the burglary.

Hours later, Kaufman returned with Kratsas-Derr, prosecutors said. Kaufman was wearing gloves and carried a duffel bag. They sat for a time in the truck, which was parked in front of security cameras. The crime seemed desperate, prosecutors said.

"As thefts go, this one was crudely planned and poorly executed by distinctively dressed burglars who contemplated their crime for over five minutes while stationed in front of multiple security cameras in a stolen truck," federal prosecutors wrote in a sentencing memorandum for Kaufman. "In short it was dumb — and devastating."

EDC Alaska owner Juan Cruzaley-Phillips got a phone call from his alarm company soon after the break in. His heart sank. His store sold and transferred the titles of guns strictly by the law, he said.

He knew the missing guns could end up in the hands of anyone.

"I hope the guys who got them don't do anything stupid with them," he remembers thinking.

Guns on the street

After the burglary, the two men fled in a truck.

They phoned Kratsas-Derr's girlfriend Crystal Abbott, and made a plan to take the stolen guns to the trailer of a guy they knew as "Brian," but who was actually named Juan Carlos Hernandez-Torres, according to federal court filings.

There, they split up the firearms.

Each man took half. One gun was given to Hernandez-Torres for his trouble. They parted ways, and Kratsas-Derr, Hernandez and Abbott drove around Anchorage, stopping to sell the guns to people they had called or texted, according to the version of events in the federal case filings and described by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Sayers-Fay in court.

Hernandez-Torres sold some of the guns himself while Kratsas-Derr and his girlfriend stayed in the car getting high on heroin, federal prosecutors say. Hernandez-Torres hasn't been charged for his alleged role in the distribution of the guns, but faces federal drug trafficking charges for allegedly selling pure methamphetamine to an undercover agent in the parking lot of the Jewel Lake Carr's grocery store.

Later, the trio checked in to the Microtel on West International Airport Road where they kept doing drugs and unloading guns.

The guns weren't just stolen, they were wildly hot: Cruzaley-Phillips, the owner of the gun store, had posted a list on Facebook of the make, model and serial number of all of the weapons on the morning of the theft. He wanted pawn shops and other gun dealers to know not to buy the firearms.

Kaufman, meanwhile, spent the next few days trading some of his cache of stolen firearms for heroin, small amounts of cash or a place to sleep, according to court filings from the U.S. Attorney.

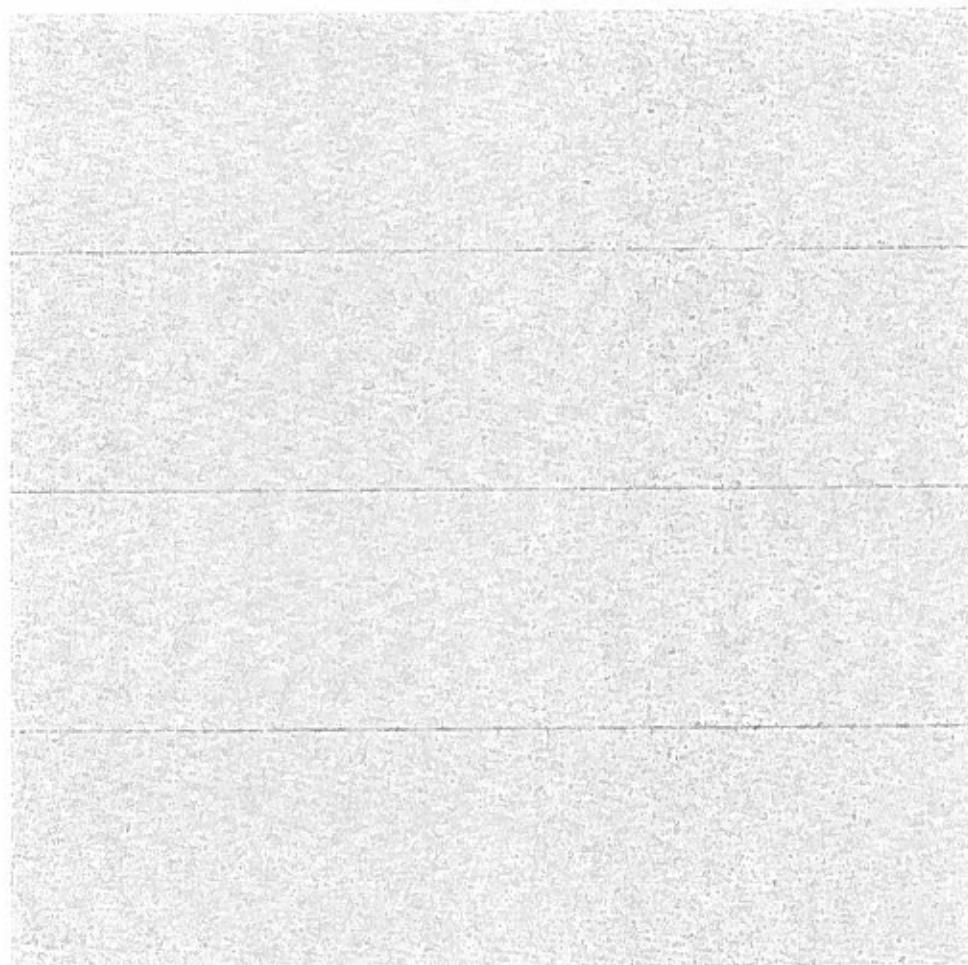
Four days later, on Sept. 11, police caught up to him at a Motel 6 in midtown Anchorage. Police had been tipped that someone was talking about selling a SCAR 17S semi-automatic rifle. When officers knocked on the motel room door Kaufman, according to court filings, jumped from a second-story window.

A bag tumbled out of the window too: It contained four of the stolen guns.

A week later, police showed up to a report of a suspicious person with a gun near the Brown Jug liquor store on the Old Seward Highway and found Christopher Kratsas-Derr. He didn't have a gun on him when he was arrested, but he did have needles.

By that time, one of the guns had been used to kill someone.

Without warning, a killing



Gregory Gill. (Photo courtesy of family)

On Sunday morning, Sept. 10, Gregory Gill, a 65-year-old with deep roots in West Anchorage, was sitting behind the counter at the Arctic Boulevard paint store he co-owned engrossed in paperwork when someone walked through an unlocked side door and shot him in the head.

Surveillance footage captured the gunman walking out less than a minute later with a cash box.

The next morning Gill's nephew walked into the business and found his uncle face down in a pool of blood, according to a letter he wrote to the court.

"I think I went into shock as I cannot remember most of the ensuing phone calls that I made," Timothy Gill wrote.

Police arrested a 27-year-old part-time painter from the Kenai Peninsula named Randall Igou the next day. When he was arrested, he told police he was high on meth. At Cheney Lake, police pulled up a bag containing a Ruger .22 pistol. Ballistics test showed that casings from the murder scene matched a gun stolen in the burglary at the EDC Alaska store.

How exactly did the gun travel from Kaufman and Kratsas-Derr to Igou's hands?

The federal case against Kratsas-Derr and Kaufman is silent on the issue. Assistant U.S. Attorney Kim Sayers-Fay told the judge that the prosecution "didn't particularize" that fact because the government believes both men should be held culpable for stealing the guns that ended up being used in a homicide.

Kratsas-Derr and Igou did have a connection: Both had lived in Nikolaevsk, with a population of less than 350 people. They knew each other, said Annitta Roberts, Kratsas-Derr's grandmother.

The common thread

The rest of the stolen guns percolated throughout Anchorage criminal society.

Soon they began to surface with people who were not supposed to have a gun at all.

On Sept. 13, police found a 9mm pistol from the burglary on a man suspected of shoplifting, near the Aurora Village Carr's grocery store.

Four days later police pulled over the driver of a stolen car in Mountain View and found a Sig Sauer pistol taken in the burglary inside.

Then, on Sept. 27, Navy Tauinaola was found with a Heckler & Koch pistol, the serial number partly obliterated. The Anchorage district attorney's office says Tauinaola is one of the most prolific vehicle theft defendants in the city. He faces federal charges of being a felon in possession of a handgun.

A few months later, on Dec. 7, a felon was arrested at a Tesoro gas station on Lake Otis Parkway with a shotgun and pistol from the burglary. Another gun surfaced on Dec. 20, when a .38 pistol was found on a shoplifter at Kohl's.

Two more of the stolen guns turned up recently. In one case, a person had bartered a cellphone for it and then tried to resell it to a local gun store owner, who called police. On March 16, one of the stolen guns was found in a car with thousands of dollars in cash and 20 grams of heroin.

Federal prosecutors are reluctant to say much about how the guns passed from Kratsas-Derr and Kaufman to the people they were found with.

Investigations are still open in all of the cases.

"A lot of these guns were purchased out of the trunk of a car in Mountain View," said Kelly Cavanaugh, the Assistant U.S. Attorney prosecuting several of the federal cases against people found with the stolen guns.

He declined to say whether the guns were believed to have been purchased directly from Kaufman and Kratsas-Derr directly, or from someone else.

All the defendants have one thing in common, Cavanaugh said: A history of drug addiction.

Who's next?

On March 6, in a nearly empty federal courtroom in downtown Anchorage, a federal judge sent Kratsas-Derr to prison for 10 years. Some of Gregory Gill's family members phoned in.

The sentence was the maximum under federal sentencing guidelines.

The burglary started a chain of events that led to a death one Sunday morning in an Anchorage paint store, said U.S. District Judge Timothy Burgess.

Kratsas-Derr wore a yellow prison jumpsuit. His head was shaved. He said he'd had a speech to the court prepared but changed what he wanted to say when he learned of the connection between the gun he stole and the Aurora Paint homicide.

"I'm kinda speechless about that. I feel really guilt-ridden about what I did and my actions leading to the death of a hard-working family man," he said. "I feel for that family."

In prison, he said he hopes to get drug treatment.

Seth Kaufman's sentencing didn't happen for another two weeks. On Friday, he was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

He too is getting treatment for the drug addiction that wrecked his life: Kaufman's turnaround in jail has been "a miracle," said his dad. He's living in the Anchorage Jail's "faith mod," and has been accepted to post-prison rehabilitation and transitional programs.

At Kaufman's sentencing, Burgess called the case a "clarion call for the seriousness of this type of conduct."

"Everybody associated with this case has had or is going to have their lives devastated," he said.

Gregory Gill's nephew Tim Gill is still running Aurora Paint Co. At work, he sits in the same spot where he found his uncle shot to death.

For the first few months it was hard to even be in the store, he said. It was the slow season for painting. Regular customers stopped by anyway to talk and share a cup of coffee so he wouldn't be alone.

Now, he keeps a gun and a bat and bear spray in the store with him. His family has lived in West Anchorage for generations. The city doesn't feel safe to him anymore.

The murder was "a meteorite that hit our family," Gill said.

The chain of events that started with the shattering of glass at an Anchorage gun store that September morning did not end with the death of his uncle, he said.

Twenty-three of the stolen guns are still out there.

"Where are they?" Gill said. "What are they going to do with them? Who's going to get hit next?"

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I have lived in Anchorage for almost 40 years. During that time I have raised my family and started and grew a small business. In the first 37 years of living here, I was proud of Anchorage and the little crime the average citizen suffered. In the past three years, that has seen a radical change. My barn has been burglarized many times, my business has been vandalized, broken into and experienced losses that exceed \$50,000. I have listened to Senator Coghill and others explain how SB 91 was crafted and how it was supposed to result in less crime by giving people a second chance and not turning them into a criminal life. While the long-term impacts of the bill may be noble, to enact the bill without all of the necessary programs and measures has been disastrous. The people that are committing these crimes are not first-time offenders that need a break in order to straighten their life out. They are career criminals that thumb their nose at the bill and enjoy its leniency. In one weekend, our office was broken into, three vehicles were stolen and approximately \$30,000 worth of computers and tools were stolen. Because we had suffered previous burglaries, we had the thieves on video. They knew they were on video and smiled and waved at the cameras. We recognized several of the people on the videos from news casts for similar crimes, including a car jacking with a toddler in the car. The police knew the people immediately, however, they said that to pursue them was not a priority since it took a lot of manpower and they would be out in an hour with a ticket as a result of SB91.

One of our trucks was recovered at an apartment complex with over 6 stolen cars in the same location. An employee found one of our trucks parked at a gas station. While we were standing by the truck with 3 cop cars, three men drove up to jump start the stolen truck. The cop said he wouldn't arrest them, again because of SB 91, but he did make them give us the set of keys they had stolen from the office to the truck.

Our office in Juneau was burglarized and when we showed the cops the video, they immediately recognized the thief as he had been arrested many times before for burglary but released due to SB 91.

Our office in Wasilla has been broken into almost every month, stealing trucks, wire, tools etc. I am glad to say that at least one of the thieves that committed multiple burglaries there went to jail for some period of time.

We run a business that competes directly with business's from the Lower 48, adding the increased cost of supplying the thieves of Alaska with spending money puts a tremendous strain on our ability to survive, much less compete with companies from the lower 48. I think it is way past time for the good senator to start thinking about what people go through because of his social experiment and what he can do to protect them and not the thieves.

And what is the excuse for declassifying a 3rd time DUI as a non-jail able offense. Do people in the legislature not know someone who was killed or injured by a DUI driver? A third time offender has already been convicted twice, he is not the first time offender whose life is ruined by a one-time mistake. Making a third time DUI offender eligible for once a week counseling in a wellness program instead of forfeiting your car and serving time in jail is an insult to law-abiding citizens and to those who have been impacted by DUI drivers. If that is desired, make it a condition of the first or second offense, not a third time repeat offender. This

portion of the law is mocked by people who drink and drive and is well-known already that getting a DUI is not something to be avoided.

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Stacy Johnson and I would like to **STRONGLY** support the repeal of the most horrendous bill you have ever passed in our state, SB91. Why, because not only has it affected me, but also my whole family and state. Since this law has been passed I have had to walked thru my daily life not only afraid but on high alert 24-7. I can't even go to the grocery store without seeing some scum bag steal something, accost someone, and or just over-all lawlessness that has been caused by SB91.

My story starts over a year ago, new tenants moved into the apartment complex across from me. Within a month of them moving in, I noticed increased traffic, not normal traffic like "going to the store or work traffic" but stolen vehicles, exchanging stolen items for drugs, sleeping off their drug induced stupors in stolen cars kinda traffic and at all hours of the day and night. We would see at least six to eight cars, trucks, motorcycles moving in and out continuously, vehicles being altered (spray painted), locks being bypassed, guns and drug purchases and other suspicious illegal activities. This was the typical drug and stash house. I would call police every time I see something, we recovered over 6 stolen vehicles, 4 motorcycles, two cell phones and many other items.

After months of dealing with the police and landlord and almost being run down by one of the stolen vehicles (the only reason I didn't get run down is because I was pointing my gun at their windshield when they came around the corner squealing tires, revving his engine, driving on the sidewalk as he came around the corner...I heard them coming), being follow to the grocery store, chased out of my house because of the threatening activity, we finally got them out.

With much research and many sleepless nights, I found out that the "tenants" and their visitors were all people that had been let out jail because of SB91, "nonviolent" criminals, they all had criminal records and all had history of jumping bail. Two of the individuals were the criminals that robbed the coffee carts and shot at police last summer, ensued a police chase towards Dimond and five were and are notorious vehicle thieves and drug addicts. I am sure you have heard of all of these people they have been in the news many times (Twiggs, Muse, Tui, Gonzales, Toilolo, Galvan). Currently I have found and confirmed, with other neighbors, that we have three of the same types of stash/drug houses/apartments just on my street alone. With help of my neighbors and several Facebook sites we have been able to recover many other vehicles and yet my cameras still catch the activity at all hours of the day and night. Why, because you let these people go free because of SB91.

We currently are all on high alert and feel like we are in a WAR zone. THIS MUST STOP! I can't even have my grandchildren over because of this fear that one of them might get shot or see this horrible activity.

Currently, there is almost daily/nightly drive-by shootings, stolen vehicles, creepers scouting out their next victim or some sort of other criminal mayhem in my neighborhood (Mountain View). I do not

even feel safe going outside to work in my backyard (garden) without always looking over my shoulder. Escalation and vigilantism is on the rise and you will start seeing more innocent people hurt. Hardworking voters are going to get tired of this lawlessness and start shooting instead of calling the police. **You need to Repeal SB91.**

But this is not the end of the story, because of this continuing activity I have had to purchase security systems for my house, my vehicles and my person (gun), and I still don't feel safe. I just can't pack up and move, the value of my home lessens as this activity continues, no one wants to buy a home in this neighborhood. But it is not just my neighborhood, on a daily basis, I cannot go anywhere in this town without seeing or experiencing some sort of criminal activity. I never thought in all my 35 years in Alaska that I would have to be a **Gun Carrying Grandma**, or a woman that would be afraid to go to the grocery store, but I am. And it is because of this SB91 and I am sick and tired of being afraid, watching innocent people, businesses, and over-all good people having to pay for your mistakes because you passed this ridiculous and stupid law.

Did you even think of the consequences of how it would affect us, the voters of this great state.

REPEAL SB91 !!!!!!!

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Crime and criminals are out of control, please repeal SB91 for the good of all the “good” people that call Alaska home!

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