

ARMED WITH KNOWLEDGE



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FOUNDATION



Dear Facilitators,

Thank you for educating young people about illegal gun possession.

Presented by the Peyton Anderson Foundation, in partnership with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Georgia and the Federal Defenders for the Middle District of Georgia, Inc., the "Armed with Knowledge" video project depicts the story of Noah, a preteen youth facing life-altering decisions that lead to illegal firearm possession. Throughout the video, Noah learns hard truths and irreversible consequences through personal points of view from the perpetrator, victim's family, and federal court system.

The Peyton Anderson Foundation partnered with the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Georgia and the Federal Defenders for the Middle District of Georgia, Inc. on the project's development and public outreach, with hopes for the educational video and accompanying facilitator guide to be screened in local school systems and youth programs throughout Georgia.

Your facilitator guide includes a sample introduction, as well as before and after questions to help you expand the discussion.

The film is intended for young people aged upper elementary through high school. But you know your audience best. We encourage you to tailor the facilitator guide to fit the age and the interest of your audience. "Armed with Knowledge" is a powerful educational tool that, with your guidance, has the potential to make a permanent imprint in the hearts and minds of young viewers. We hope, with your help, young people will think twice when they are faced with the decision to engage in a gang or other criminal activity, now that they are "Armed with Knowledge."

Sincerely,

The Peyton Anderson Foundation Board



SAMPLE INTRODUCTION BEFORE THE VIDEO:

Life in prison. Wow. What would that feel like? Life in prison is a long, long time. But life in prison is the maximum sentence that a person can receive who is convicted of a gun crime in our country. You are about to meet a young man named Noah. He is about to make a decision that some of you might have to make one day, or perhaps you already have. It's a decision that can cost him his life. Before we meet Noah, I want to ask you all a few questions:

Do you or anyone you know play video games that incorporate gun usage? Tell me about them. Do they show people being hurt, or even dying?

Do you think video games that incorporate gun usage influence gun violence among users?

Do you believe illegal gun possession or gun violence is an issue in our community?

Thanks for sharing your thoughts on guns. Now, let's turn to Noah and see what we can learn from him. We will talk more after the video.



AFTER VIDEO QUESTIONS:

What did we just witness? What surprised you the most?

Who was affected by Noah's decision making?

How did hearing from Ta'Shuntis' mom, and about her family's story, make you feel?

Noah texted his friend that he wasn't going to participate in illegal activities. What are three ways you can avoid peer pressure?

Think for a moment about what you would say to someone who asked you to illegally possess a gun. Please share it with someone sitting next to you. Would anyone like to share with the large group?

If you were in Noah's shoes, what would you do?

How can you help your friends and family stay away from illegally possessing guns?

What do you think can be done to keep people safe from gun violence?

Do you think violent video games encourage illegal gun possession? Why or why not?

What about movies and TV shows? Why or why not? What role do you think social media plays in this issue?

What suggestions do you have for our community to stop illegal gun possession?

Who are some trusted adults you can talk to further about this video?

Now that you are Armed with Knowledge, please share some examples of positive choices you can make to create a path for success in your future.

ARMED WITH KNOWLEDGE FACT SHEET

PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS: A QUICK REFERENCE TO FEDERAL FIREARM LAWS IN THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF GEORGIA

I. POSSESSION OR RECEIPT OF A FIREARM OR AMMUNITION BY A PROHIBITED PERSON

18 USC § 922(g) - Punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment.

Pursuant to 18 USC § 924(e), a person may receive minimum sentence of 15 years without parole if the offender has 3 or more prior convictions for a felony crime of violence (e.g., burglary, arson, extortion, assault) and/or a drug trafficking felony.

Elements

A. Knowing possession or receipt of a firearm or ammunition;

B. By a person who falls within one of the following categories and knows that he/she falls into that category:

* Felon - People convicted of a crime punishable by more than a year in prison. Additionally, persons awaiting trial of felony charges are prohibited from receiving firearms. See 18 USC § 922(n);

* Drug User or Addict - Inference of current use may be shown by evidence of recent use or possession or pattern of use or possession that reasonably covers the present time (e.g. positive drug test, conviction for use or possession within past year);

* Alien - Includes illegal aliens and non-immigrant aliens but not aliens with a "green card." Note: Certain exceptions in 18 USC § 922(y);

* Person adjudicated as mental defective or committed to mental institutions;

* Person subject to a domestic restraining order - The order must prohibit specific conduct against an intimate partner or child of either the intimate partner or person subject to the order and must have been issued after a hearing of which the subject was notified and at which the subject had an opportunity to participate. The order must also find that subject poses a credible threat to the physical safety of the intimate partner or child described above or must prohibit the use, attempted use, or threatened use of physical force;

* Person with prior misdemeanor conviction for domestic violence - The prior conviction must be for a crime which has an element of the use or attempted use of physical force or the threatened use of a deadly weapon. It must have been committed by someone in a specific domestic relationship with the victim (e.g. spouse or former spouse, partner, parent or guardian). The subject must have been represented by counsel or waived that right and if entitled to a jury trial, had a jury trial or waived that right;

* Fugitive from justice - Fled any state to avoid being prosecuted or to avoid testifying in any criminal proceeding; or

* Person dishonorably discharged from the military;

C. AND, the firearm or ammunition was transported across state or international lines at any time. (The person need not have transported the firearm or known of its transportation across state or international lines.)

II. KNOWINGLY SELL, GIVE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF ANY FIREARM OR AMMUNITION TO ANY PERSON WHO FALLS WITHIN ONE OF THE ABOVE CATEGORIES

18 USC § 922(d) - Punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment.

III. USE, CARRY OR POSSES A FIREARM IN RELATION TO OR IN FURTHERANCE OF A FEDERAL DRUG FELONY OR A FEDERAL CRIME OF VIOLENCE

18 USC § 922(c); 18 USC § 924(j) - Punishment ranges from at least 5 years up to life imprisonment without parole, or death if death results from the use of the firearm. Sentence of imprisonment must be served consecutive to any other sentence. Mandatory minimum sentence increased depending upon: the type of firearm involved (short barreled rifle or shotgun, silencer, etc.); whether it is a second or subsequent offense; and whether gun was brandished or discharged.

IV. STOLEN FIREARM, AMMUNITION OR EXPLOSIVE

18 USC § 842(h); 922(i); & (j) - Punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment. May not knowingly transport or ship in interstate commerce or receive, possess, conceal, pledge or accept as security loan any stolen firearm, ammunition or explosive which has moved in interstate commerce.

18 USC § 922(u) - Punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment. May not willfully steal or unlawfully take or carry away a firearm that has been shipped or transported in interstate commerce from the person or premises of a firearms licensee.

V. FIREARM IN A SCHOOL ZONE

18 USC § 922(q)(2), (3) - Punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment. Generally, may not possess or discharge a firearm (that has moved in interstate commerce) in a school zone. (Note: Certain exceptions apply such as an unloaded firearm in a locked container.)

VI. KNOWINGLY POSSESS OR MANUFACTURE CERTAIN FIREARMS

Various offenses punishable by up to 5 or 10 years' imprisonment, depending on specific violation.

26 USC § 5861 - Generally unlawful to possess any unregistered machine gun or any part designed or intended exclusively for use in converting a weapon into such weapon, firearm, silencer, sawed-off shotgun or file which meet specific length criteria, or destructive device (as defined in 26 USC § 5845); see also 18 USC § 922(o): generally unlawful to possess or transfer a machine gun made on or after May 19, 1996;

18 USC § 922(k) - Generally unlawful to possess or received any firearm that has been moved in interstate commerce which has an obliterated serial number.

VII. SELL, DELIVER OR TRANSFER FIREARM OR AMMUNITION TO A JUVENILE

18 USC § 922(x)(1) - Punishable by up to 1 year imprisonment unless transfer or had reason to believe juvenile would commit crime of violence with gun or ammunition, then up to 10 years imprisonment. May not sell, deliver or transfer a handgun or handgun-only ammunition to a person who is under age 18;

18 USC § 922(x)(2) - A person under the age of 18 may not possess a handgun or handgun - only ammunition;

(Note: Certain exceptions apply to A & B, such as where a juvenile possesses written permission of a parent.);

18 USC § 922(b) - Punishable by up to 5 years imprisonment. A firearms licensee may not sell any gun or ammunition to anyone under the age of 18 and may not sell a handgun or handgun ammunition to a person under the age of 21.

FORFEITURE OF FIREARMS, AMMUNITION & EXPLOSIVES

Firearms, as defined below, involved in the aforementioned violations, or violations of firearms registration or tax laws may be forfeited by ATF. Firearms involved in drug violations may be forfeited by other federal agencies. Both civil and criminal forfeiture are available. Civil forfeiture does not require a federal prosecution.

DEFINITION OF A “FIREARM”

18 USC § 921(a)(3), (4) - Any weapon (including a starter gun) which will expel a projectile by means of an explosive or is designed or may be readily converted to do so. This includes the frame or receiver of any such weapon, any firearm muffler or silencer or any destructive device. A “destructive device” includes any explosive, incendiary or poison gas - (i) bomb; (ii) grenade or (iii) similar device, or any combination of parts designed or intended for use in converting any device into a destructive device, or from which a destructive device may be readily assembled. Does not include antique firearms.

FOR INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS OR TO MAKE A REFERRAL FOR PROSECUTION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives: Report a crime
<https://www.atf.gov/contact>

Federal Bureau of Investigations: Submit a tip <https://tips.fbi.gov/contact> or 1-800-CALLFBI (225-5324)

Federal Defenders of the Middle District of Georgia, Inc.: 478-743-4747 (Macon)/706-358-0030 (Columbus)/1-866-517-8892

“ARMED WITH KNOWLEDGE” POST-SCREEN VIEWER QUESTIONNAIRE

After watching the video, do you agree or disagree with the following statements (please circle YES or NO):

1. I have a better understanding of the law when it comes to a teenager or a child having a handgun

YES NO

2. If I find a gun, I know what to do to keep myself safe.

YES NO

On a scale of 1-10, with 1 = Highly Disagree and 10 = Highly Agree, please answer the following statements (please circle the appropriate number):

3. This video taught me something new.

Highly Disagree										Highly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

4. I have a better understanding about gun laws.

Highly Disagree										Highly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

5. I would recommend this video to others.

Highly Disagree										Highly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

6. I believe this video helped me gain knowledge to keep myself safe.

Highly Disagree										Highly Agree
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	

7. How old are you? (please write your age):

8. Are you (please circle):

Male Female

Thank you for participating in the survey! Your answers will be kept confidential and will be used to help others become “Armed with Knowledge.”

Please e-mail your input to: pam.lightsey@usdoj.gov