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Subject: Re: Man returns gun ammo to walmart at 1300 feet per second

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The single best deterrent to crime is an armed and trained general populace. Nothing stops aspiring felons quite like the knowledge that they'll more than likely end up dead if they act on their impulses- nothing. Guns are the proverbial genie in the bottle- there's no way to rid society of them, and if you enact legislation to prohibit gun ownership then the only people who will be unable to acquire them are people who obey the laws in the first place. The bottom line is that a person hell-bent on crime will find the means to commit that crime regardless of what the law says, and the police are by and large a reactive force (they act after a crime has already been committed)- without a reliable protective force in place (and many, myself included, would be somewhat put off by any authority with that much power), the next best thing is a gun. There doesn't exist a single non-lethal or less-than-lethal defensive weapon or technique which has yet been able to rival a gun for the fast, decisive, and utterly final elimination of a threat. People have been known in extreme situations to shrug off pepper spray, tazers, and just about any hand-to-hand defensive move, but a bullet in the head stops anything- period.

Yes, there are and always will be morons who slip through the cracks and use guns to do harm to the innocent- however, it is important to note that violent crime rates are lower overall (not just for gun crimes, but all violent crimes) in areas which have enacted right-to-carry legislation- whereas other areas which have enacted handgun bans or all-inclusive gun bans have some of the highest crime rates on record- places like Washington D.C. and New York, for example. Ever wonder why Sweden, a country where nearly every adult is armed and trained, has the lowest crime rate of any country in the world? There is no better deterrent to crime than death, as cold as that fact may be. Criminals are by and large selfish creatures by nature, and they stand to gain very little from a populace armed, willing, and able to defend against their actions.

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