

Senate Bill 140

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Armed and Prohibited Persons System

Pursuant to Penal Code section 30015, the Department of Justice shall address the backlog in the Armed and Prohibited Persons System and the illegal possession of firearms by those prohibited persons. This is the calendar year 2015 Armed and Prohibited Persons System report due to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by March 1, 2016.



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report summarizes the accomplishments of the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Firearms (Department) during the reporting period of January 1, 2015, to December 31, 2015.

The Armed Prohibited Persons System (APPS) program was conceptualized by the Legislature in 1999 as a result of the proliferation of gun violence across the state and the nation. The focus of the APPS program is to disarm convicted criminals, mentally ill persons, and other dangerous individuals. The APPS database went into effect in December 2006 and cross-references firearms owners across the state against criminal history records, mental health records, and restraining orders to identify individuals who have been, or will become, prohibited from possessing a firearm subsequent to the legal acquisition or registration of a firearm or assault weapon. This is a proactive way to prevent crime and reduce violence, including incidents of domestic violence.

The State of California is the first and only state in the nation to establish an automated system for tracking firearm owners who might fall into a prohibited status. To accomplish APPS' mission of removing firearms from individuals who may pose a threat to themselves and our communities, Attorney General Kamala D. Harris sought additional funding to initiate the first enforcement program to remove the firearms from prohibited individuals listed in APPS.

Until recently, the APPS database was exclusively based on handgun transactions records despite the fact that approximately half of all California firearm sales involve long guns. Effective January 1, 2014, a new California law mandated the Department collect and retain firearm transaction information for all types of guns, including long guns. This potentially increases the number of subjects who may fall into the APPS database. In 2015, 16.05 percent more subjects were deemed prohibited than the prior year (2014). Further, we anticipate the database will increase by 3,000 subjects per year as a result of the new Gun Violence Restraining Order (Assembly Bill 1014) law which went into effect on January 1, 2016.

In 2013, Senate Bill 140 (SB 140, Leno) passed the Senate overwhelmingly, and appropriated \$24,000,000 over three years to the Department from the Dealer's Record of Sales fund to reduce the volume of pending APPS background investigations. Due to Attorney General Harris and the Legislators' support, California Department of Justice agents doubled the average number of guns seized per year, removed 20,573 subjects listed in APPS, and reduced the listed prohibited individuals to 12,691. This is a historic low considering that on July 1, 2013, there were 20,721 active subjects in the APPS database, and since that date an additional 20,351 subjects became prohibited. These results highlight the program's effectiveness and steadfast dedication of DOJ's enforcement program.



In 2015, the APPS enforcement program completed the investigation of 8,574 cases, resulting in 240 arrests and the seizure of 5,038 firearms. Other significant seizures include 521,997 rounds of ammunition, 3,698 magazines, and 9,047 large capacity magazines. An additional 171 cases were filed with the respective District Attorney offices when the APPS subject was not present at the time of seizure.

SB 140 (2013) requires the Department of Justice to submit an annual report for the prior calendar year to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee by March 1st. The following statistical requests were included in Senate Bill 140.



DEGREE TO WHICH THE APPS DATABASE HAS BEEN REDUCED OR ELIMINATED

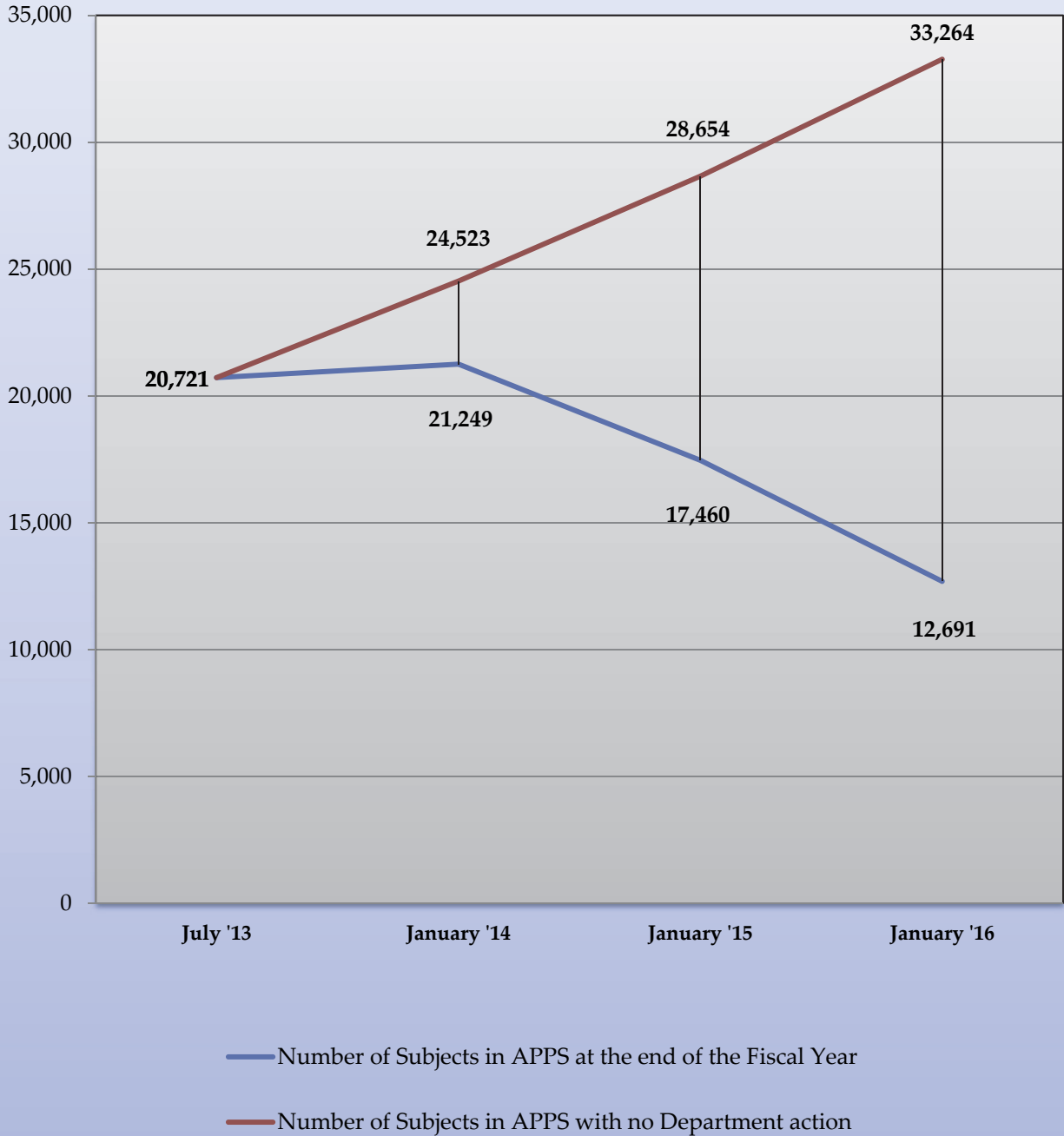
On January 1, 2015, there were 17,460 subjects in the APPS database. The Department's work has effectively reduced the long-standing list to a historic low of 12,691 subjects. The last time there were these few subjects in the APPS database was in September of 2008.

As a point of reference, there were 20,721 subjects in the APPS database as of July 1, 2013. Without SB 140 funding, APPS enforcement would not have been as robust and the number of subjects in the APPS database would be significantly higher. Had there been no enforcement action by the Department, the number would have grown to 33,264. Thus, through the Department's investigative and enforcement efforts there has been an overall reduction of 20,573 subjects, which is a 61.85 percent decrease.

The graph on the following page illustrates the reduction of subjects in the APPS database since July 1, 2013.



Degree APPS Database Was Reduced





NUMBER OF AGENTS HIRED FOR THE ENFORCEMENT OF APPS

In 2013, SB 140 allocated 36 limited-term agent positions to the Department. The Department has worked diligently to fill the SB 140 positions. In 2015, a total of 18 new special agents were hired for the enforcement of APPS, however vacancies continue to persist due to factors outside of its control such as hiring criteria imposed by collective bargaining agreements, retirements, change in pension plans and a post recession boom in job openings. In fact, law enforcement agencies throughout California have all been experiencing a hiring crisis. According to the Peace Officer Standards and Training government job listings, open positions for law enforcement professionals in California have increased by 603% since 2010. The Department has taken proactive measures to address these issues such as working with the labor union to extend the minimum amount of time an agent must stay in one position to 24 months before they can transfer to a new assignment and mandating overtime from all agents assigned to APPS enforcement.



NUMBER OF SUBJECTS CLEARED FROM APPS

The creation of the Department's first robust APPS enforcement program allowed for a historic reduction in subjects in the APPS database. At the inception of SB 140 (July 1, 2013), there were 20,721 subjects in the APPS database. From July 1, 2013, to December 31, 2015, an additional 20,351 subjects were deemed prohibited and 7,808 subjects naturally fell out of the database due to death or expired prohibition. Without the Department's enforcement efforts, the number of APPS subjects would have been 33,264. We are now at a historic low of 12,691 subjects in the APPS database; the lowest it has been since September 2008. Thus, since the inception of SB 140, there was an overall reduction of 20,573 subjects from the APPS database; a total of 61.85 percent.

At the beginning of 2015, there were a total of 17,460 subjects in the APPS database. In that year, an additional 8,821 subjects were deemed prohibited from owning or possessing firearms and 3,768 subjects naturally fell out of the database. As a result, the Department worked diligently to address the combined 22,513 prohibited subjects. By the end of 2015, 9,822 subjects were cleared from APPS.

Since the inception of SB 140, other law enforcement agencies, directly or indirectly, affected the APPS numbers (see chart on page 16 for a list of agencies). Of these, the Los Angeles Police Department had the greatest impact as they have a Gun Detail that works closely with us on APPS investigations. It must be noted, however, the Department's enforcement and investigative efforts had the greatest impact on clearing subjects from the APPS database.



NUMBER OF SUBJECTS ADDED TO APPS

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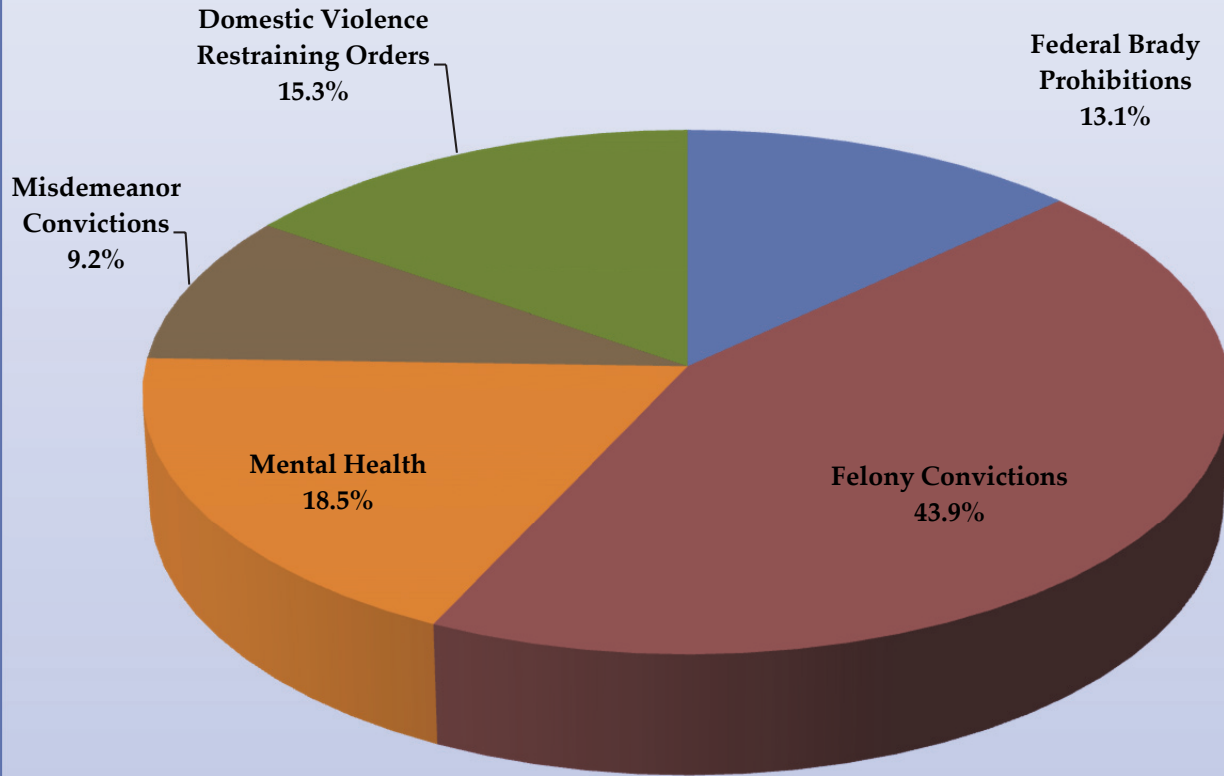
The APPS database cross-references firearms owners across the state against criminal history records, mental health records, and restraining orders to identify individuals who have been, or will become, prohibited from possessing a firearm subsequent to the legal acquisition or registration of a firearm or assault weapon. Historically, the percentages of categorical information updating the APPS database were as follows: 32 percent due to changes in criminal history; 30 percent due to mental health prohibitions; 20 percent due to domestic violence and other restraining orders, and 18 percent due to arrest warrants. However, the reasons subjects are prohibited change regularly due to societal and behavioral changes.

Many APPS subjects have multiple reasons for prohibitions, such as a felon with a domestic violence restraining order or who is a fugitive from justice. The APPS is fluid, prohibited subjects are entering and exiting the database on a regular basis, which makes it nearly impossible to accurately breakdown why each person in the APPS is prohibited from possessing a firearm. We can report, however, the categorical percentages for each fiscal year.

The following chart provides the prohibiting categorical percentages for each fiscal year and the number of subjects in the APPS before and after the relevant reporting period.



Calendar Year 2015 Prohibiting Reasons



Number of Subjects in the APPS

01/01/15	17,460
12/31/15	12,691

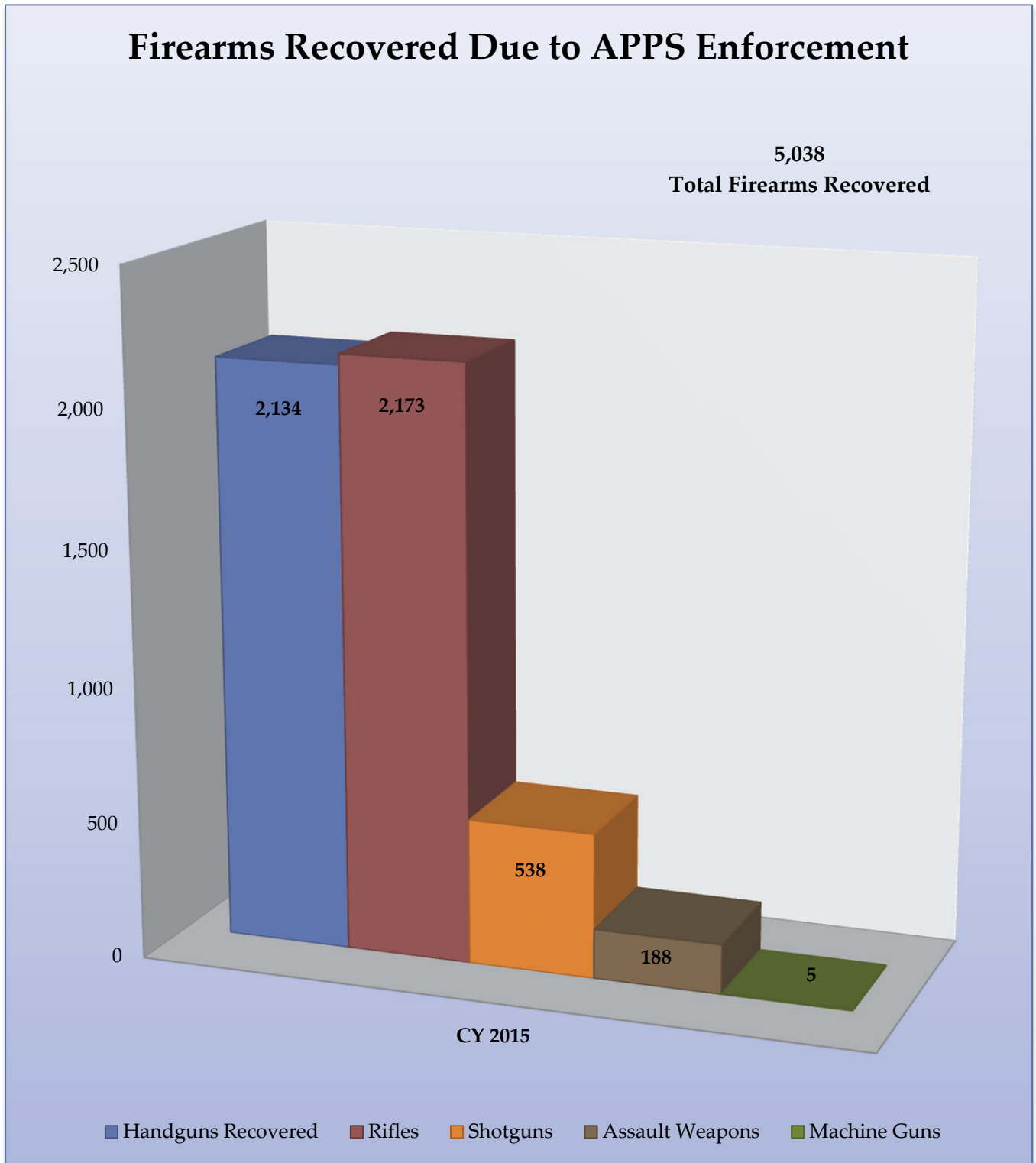


NUMBER OF FIREARMS RECOVERED DUE TO APPS ENFORCEMENT



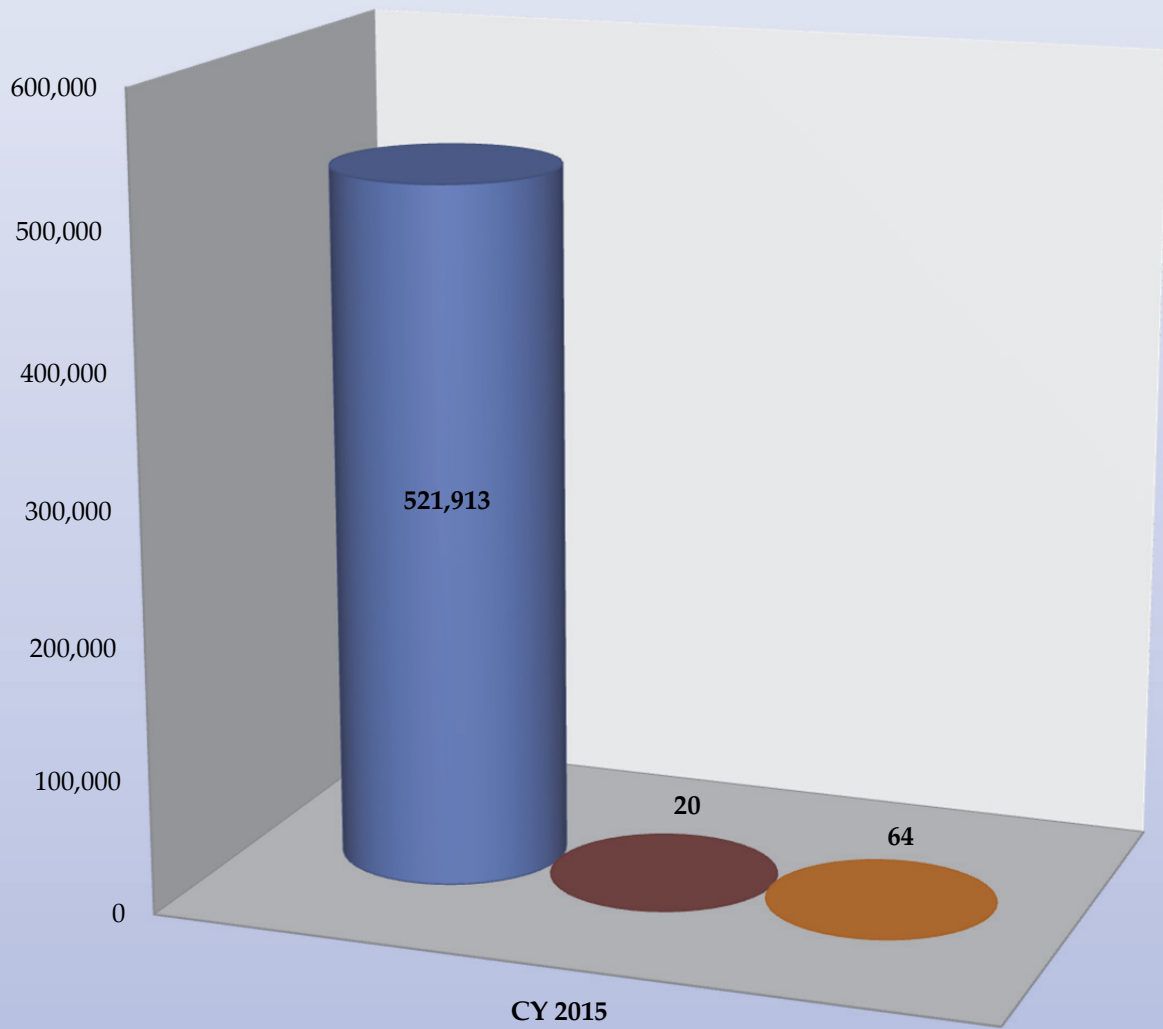


The following graphs detail the number of firearms seized due to APPS enforcement in 2015, the types of firearms seized, and will highlight other relevant seized contraband.





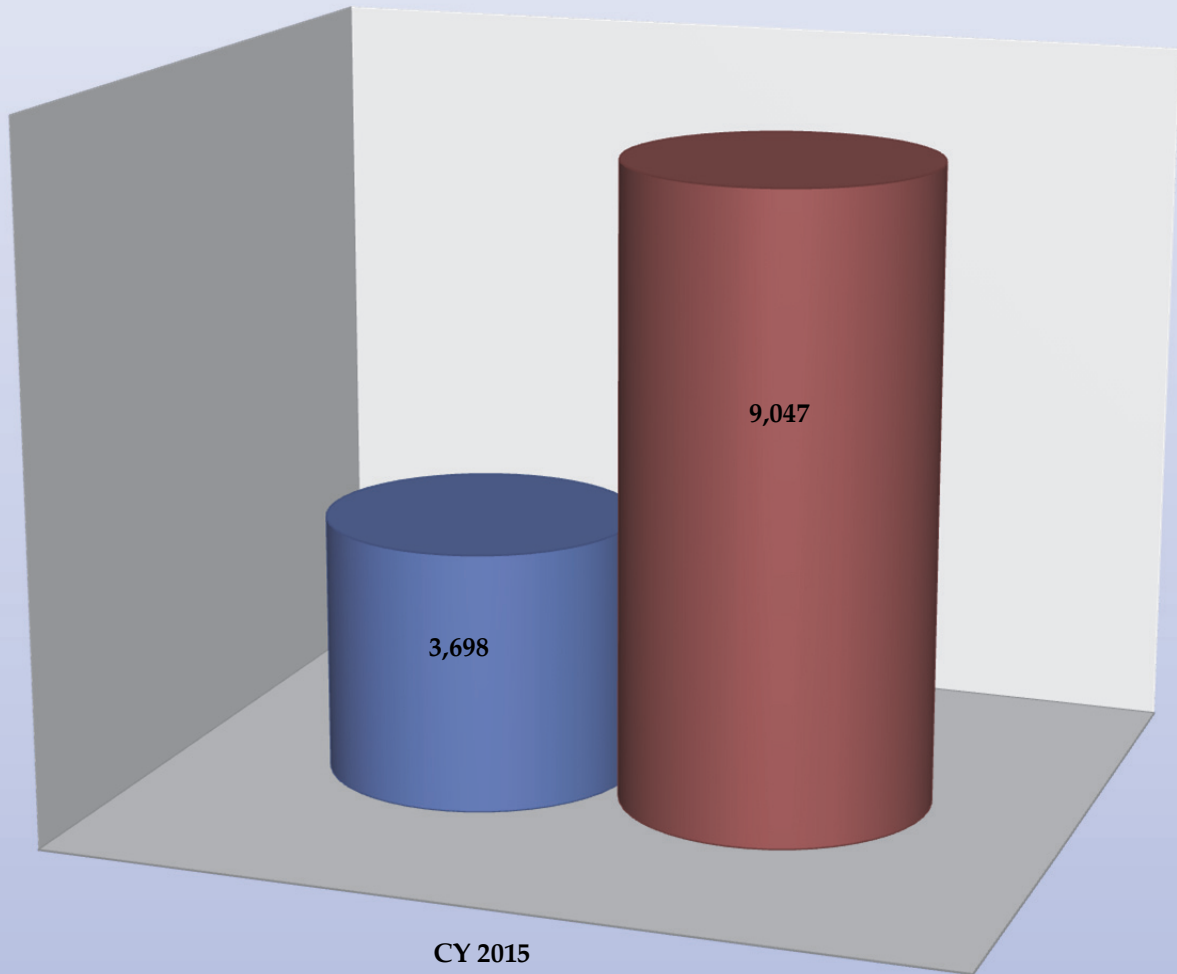
Ammunition Seized Due to APPS Enforcement



■ Normal Ammunition ■ Armor Piercing ■ Destructive Devices



Magazines and Large Capacity Magazines Seized Due to APPS Enforcement



■ Magazines

■ Large Capacity Magazines



NUMBER OF CONTACTS MADE DURING THE APPS ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS

Enforcement staff continuously research and develop viable APPS investigations to garner the highest number of positive results. On average, it takes three separate contacts to resolve one APPS case mainly due to the following reasons: 1) the APPS subject is not home at the time of the initial contact, 2) the APPS subject moved and failed to update their address with the Department of Motor Vehicles, or 3) the APPS subject claims they gave their gun to another person outside of the legal gun transfer process requiring agents to track down the gun and/or information provided. Some cases require a higher number of contacts to verify information provided.

Agents resolved 8,574 cases in 2015. This number does not reflect the actual number of times agents attempted to locate an APPS subject, it only highlights the number of resolved cases. The bureau's case management system does not capture the number of attempted contacts for each case.

A case is considered resolved (closed) when the APPS gun(s) is seized, the APPS subject is arrested, and/or all investigative leads have been exhausted.



INFORMATION REGARDING TASK FORCES OR COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ON CONDUCTING APPS INVESTIGATIONS

The Department takes pride in its collaborative efforts with its law enforcement partners. Since the inception of SB 140, the Department has worked with the following agencies to lower the number of subjects in the APPS database:

Alameda Sheriff's Department	Monterey Police Department
Anaheim Police Department	Napa Sheriff's Department
Baldwin Park Police Department	Oakland Police Department
Burbank Police Department	Orange Police Department
Butte County Sheriff's Department	Orange Sheriff's Department
California Highway Patrol	Ontario Police Department
Campbell Police Department	Oxnard Police Department
Concord Police Department	Pacifica Police Department
Contra Costa Probation Department	Palo Alto Police Department
Contra Costa Sheriff's Department	Pittsburg Police Department
Cypress Police Department	Pleasanton Police Department
Daly City Police Department	Pomona Police Department
Elk Grove Police Department	Redlands Police Department
Fairfield Police Department	Redwood City Police Department
Foster City Police Department	Ridgecrest Police Department
Gardena Police Department	Riverside Sheriff's Department
Hayward Police Department	Rohnert Park Police Department
Huntington Beach Police Department	Sacramento Sheriff's Department
Los Angeles Police Department	Salinas Police Department
Marin District Attorney's Office	San Bernardino Police Department
Marin Probation Department	San Bernardino Sheriff's Department



San Bruno Police Department	Santa Rosa Police Department
San Diego Sheriff's Department	Shasta County Sheriff's Department
San Francisco Police Department	Solano Sheriff's Department
San Joaquin Sheriff's Department	Sonoma Sheriff's Department
San Jose Police Department	South San Francisco Police Department
San Mateo Police Department	Suisun Police Department
San Mateo Sheriff's Department	Sunnyvale Police Department
Santa Ana Police Department	Tracy Police Department
Santa Barbara Sheriff's Department	Vacaville Police Department
Santa Clara Police Department	Vallejo Police Department
Santa Clara Probation Department	Walnut Creek Police Department
Santa Clara Sheriff's Department	Windsor Police Department

The following task forces also assisted with the reduction of pending APPS investigations:

San Mateo County Narcotics Task Force

Santa Clara County Special Enforcement Team

Tulare County Agencies Regional Gang Enforcement Team

Unified Narcotics Enforcement Team, San Benito County



OTHER INFORMATION DEEMED RELEVANT BY THE DEPARTMENT

The Department has made great strides in reducing the number of subjects in the APPS database and exceeded the goals set forth in the SB 140 mandate. The success of the APPS program will continue due to the commitment of the Department to fulfill the obligations set forth in SB 140.

The following synopses detail some of the resolved APPS cases and highlight the importance of the APPS program to statewide public safety.



BUREAU OF FIREARMS (BOF) AGENTS ARREST APPS SUBJECT FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Davis. When contacting the APPS subject, he admitted he had firearms inside his residence and gave consent to search his residence. The search resulted in the seizure of one Mac-11 assault pistol, 12 semi-auto handguns, nine standard rifles, two shotguns, one large capacity magazine, 23 standard magazines and 28 rounds of ammunition. The investigation revealed the assault pistol was unregistered. The subject was arrested for Penal Code sections 30605(a), Possession of Unregistered Assault Pistol; 30305(a), Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person; and Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) 8103(a)(1), Person in Possession of Firearms when Prohibited due to prior W&I 5150 hold.





APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED IN CITRUS HEIGHTS

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Citrus Heights which resulted in a consent search and the seizure of five rifles, four handguns, two shotguns and approximately 116 rounds of ammunition. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29800(a)(1), Felon in Possession of Firearms and 30305(a)(1), Felon in Possession of Ammunition.





APPS INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN SEIZURE OF NUMEROUS FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Porterville which resulted in the seizure of 10 rifles, one shotgun, five handguns, six standard magazines and approximately 7,000 rounds of ammunition. As the subject was not present at the time of the seizure, agents submitted the case to the District Attorney's office for review and filing consideration.





BAKERSFIELD MAN ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Bakersfield which resulted in the service of a search warrant and seizure of five handguns, four shotguns, two rifles, one SKS assault rifle, eleven large capacity magazines, five standard magazines, and approximately 2,150 rounds of ammunition. The APPS subject was arrested for Penal Code sections 29800(a)(1), Felon in Possession of Firearms, and 30305(a)(1), Felon in Possession of Ammunition.





BOF AGENTS ARREST AN APPS SUBJECT FOR POSSESSION OF AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

BOF agents discovered a hand grenade inside a residence in Bakersfield. The neighborhood was immediately evacuated until Bakersfield Police Department's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) arrived on scene. Subsequently, the hand grenade was determined to be a live hand grenade. EOD removed it from the residence and detonated it in a controlled environment. It was determined the APPS subject owned the device, but was currently in a mental institution. The case was forwarded to the District Attorney's office to request charges filed against the APPS subject for violation of Penal Code sections, 18710, Possession of any Destructive Device-Hand Grenade, and 18715(a)(3), Possession of a Destructive Device in a Private Habitation.





FORMER FIREARMS DEALER ON PROBATION ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF ASSAULT WEAPON

BOF agents initiated an APPS case on a former gun dealer who was convicted of distributing assault weapons without a license. Agents conducted a probation search at the APPS subject's auto part store in Sacramento and located a Romanian SKS semi-auto rifle and two large capacity magazine kits. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29800(a)(1), Possession of a Firearm when Prohibited due to Prior Felony Conviction, and 30305(a), Possession of Magazines when Prohibited due to Felony Conviction.





RICHMOND APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL FIREARMS POSSESSION AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG SALES

BOF agents obtained a search warrant for an APPS subject at his residence in Richmond. The search of the residence resulted in one loaded .45 caliber semi-auto pistol, ammunition, 28 grams of marijuana, 200 Oxycontin, Xanax, and Hydrocodone pills, scales, and \$2,902 in US currency. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29800(a)(1), Felon in Possession of a Firearm; 30305(a), Felon in Possession of Ammunition; 27545, Illegal Transfer of a Firearm; 12025.5, Armed in the Commission of Drug Felony; and, Health and Safety Code sections 11359 Possession of Marijuana for Sale; 11351, Possession of Hydrocodone/Oxycontin for Sale; and 11375(b), Possession of Xanax for Sale.





HUNTINGTON BEACH MAN ARRESTED ON FIREARMS CHARGES

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation on a subject in Huntington Beach. A consent search resulted in the seizure of one Ruger, KGP161, .357 revolver, one Glock, 19, 9mm, semi-automatic handgun, one Smith & Wesson, M&P 15, .223 caliber, semi-automatic rifle with a bullet button device, nine miscellaneous caliber magazines, and approximately 5,800 rounds of ammunition. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29805, Prohibited Person in Possession of Firearm, and 30305(A)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition/Ammunition Magazines.





APPS SUBJECT TO BE CHARGED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation on a subject in Onyx. The subject is prohibited for life and had 25 firearms registered to him in the APPS database. A consent search was conducted on the residence resulting in the seizure of six handguns, two rifles, two shotguns, ten standard capacity magazines, six large capacity magazines, and approximately 2,550 rounds of ammunition. Agents filed charges on the subject with the Kern County District Attorney's office for violation of Penal Code sections 29800(a)(1); Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and 30305(a)(1), Felon in Possession of Ammunition.





ILLEGAL PRIVATE PARTY FIREARMS SALES LANDS APPS SUBJECT IN JAIL

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation on a subject in Alamo. A probation search resulted in the seizure of 50 rounds of ammunition and one .223 caliber rifle magazine. A follow-up consent search at another residence associated with the subject resulted in the recovery of one Eagle Arms .223 caliber assault rifle, one Chinese 7.62 semi-automatic rifle, one AR-80 bolt action rifle, two .44 caliber lever action rifles, one .45 caliber lever action rifle, one Springfield .45 caliber semi-auto pistol, one Luger 9mm semi-auto pistol, and one unknown caliber semi-automatic pistol. The subject admitted purchasing the .45 caliber pistol from the APPS subject without utilizing a licensed gun dealer. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 30605(a), Possession of an Unregistered Assault rifle; 29800(a)(1), Felon in Possession of a Firearm; 30305(a), Felon in Possession of Ammunition; and 27545, Illegal Transfer of a Firearm.





APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED AFTER PURCHASING AMMUNITION AT A GUN SHOW

BOF agents witnessed an APPS subject purchase .308 and .223 caliber ammunition at a gun show in Ontario. When the subject was detained and questioned, he stated he purchased the ammunition for his AR-15 rifle which was at his residence. The man did not give consent to search his residence, therefore agents obtained a search warrant. Subsequent to the search, agents discovered: one Heckler and Koch 91, .308 caliber assault rifle, which is a Category One California banned assault weapon; one American Spirit Arms AR-15 .223 caliber rifle; one Remington Sportsman 12 Gauge shotgun; one Beretta 92FS, 9mm pistol; one Charter Arms .38 caliber revolver; numerous magazines; and approximately 700 rounds of ammunition. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 30305(a), Possession of Ammunition by a Prohibited Person; 30605(a), Possession of Assault Rifle; and 29805, Prohibited Person in Possession of Firearm.





SAN BRUNO APPS SUBJECT ARRESTED ON FIREARMS, DRUG CHARGES, AND CHILD ENDANGERMENT

While conducting a gun show investigation in Daly City in coordination with Daly City Police Department, BOF agents observed a subject in possession of AR-15 type magazines, an AR-15 upper, and an AR-15 collapsible stock, which he purchased at the gun show. The subject was determined to be prohibited from owning firearms and ammunition due to a conviction for Penal Code section 211, Robbery. During surveillance, the subject was observed giving another individual ammunition and conduct a hand-to-hand drug sales transaction. Agents obtained a search warrant which resulted in the seizure of: one AR-15 type, .223 caliber assault rifle; one AR-15 lower receiver 7.62 x 39 caliber pistol; one bolt action rifle; one semi-auto .40 caliber pistol; one pen shaped, .32 caliber zip gun; 50 rounds of ammunition; miscellaneous precision tools & metal jigs for building assault weapons; and multiple large capacity AR magazines. Agents also seized a boxed marijuana THC extraction lab, approximately 20 grams of concentrated THC - finished product packaged for sales, and approximately 300 "Xanax Bars" (Alprazolam 2mg prescription medication) packaged for sale in nine separate plastic baggies. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29800(a), Prohibited Person in Possession of Firearm; 30605, Possession of an Assault Weapon; 30305(a), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition; 33600, Possession of a Zip Gun; 273(a), Child Endangerment; and, Health and Safety Code sections 11378, Possession for Sale of a Controlled Substance; 11379, Sales of a Controlled Substance; 11379.6, Manufacturing a Controlled Substance; and 11370.1 Armed while in the Possession of a Controlled Substance.





HAYWARD FELON ARRESTED FOR IMPORTATION OF ILLEGAL LARGE CAPACITY MAGAZINES

BOF agents served a search warrant on an APPS subject in Hayward as a follow-up to an investigation which began at a gun show in Nevada where the subject was seen purchasing ammunition and other gun parts. The search of the residence resulted in the seizure of four large capacity AR-15 style magazines, a 1911 .45 caliber ACP gun kit, and two AR-15 style 80% lower receivers. The subject admitted to purchasing the firearms at the Nevada gun show, and evidence indicates the subject is a trafficker of large capacity magazines. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 32310(a), Importation of Large Capacity Magazine into the State of California, and 30305(a)(1), Possession of Ammunition and/or Magazines by a Prohibited Person.





APPS SUBJECT AND HIS GIRLFRIEND ARRESTED IN BANNING FOR LEAVING LOADED FIREARM ACCESSIBLE TO THEIR CHILDREN

BOF agents conducted an investigation at the Del Mar Gun Show which involved an APPS subject who was seeking to manufacture an assault weapon. A search warrant was obtained for the subject's residence, which he shared with a live-in girlfriend and her two children. The subsequent search resulted in the discovery and seizure of an unsecured and loaded handgun which was located on top of a nightstand, as well as an unloaded assault rifle leaning against the wall of the bedroom. Both weapons were easily accessible to the children, so both the subject and his girlfriend were arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 273 (a), Child Endangerment; 29800(a), Felon in Possession of a Firearm; 30605, Possession on an Unregistered Assault Weapon; and 30305(a), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition.





CATHEDRAL CITY RESIDENT ARRESTED AND CHARGED FOR FIREARMS VIOLATIONS

BOF agents searched a residence of an APPS subject in Cathedral City and located nine rifles, one shotgun, four handguns, and six pounds of Tannerite, a binary exploding target. A seized rifle and handgun were found to be assault weapons. The Riverside Sheriff's Department Hazardous Response Team responded and collected the Tannerite. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 29800(a), Felon in Possession of Firearms; 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition; 18720, Possession of Materials with Intent to Make a Destructive Device; and 30605(a), Possession of an Assault Weapon.

ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS LANDS ORANGE COUNTY MAN BEHIND BARS

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Fullerton which resulted in the seizure of 11 handguns, 19 rifles, and 12 shotguns. One handgun, an Uzi, was identified as an assault weapon. Agents also seized a machine gun (Carl Gustav M45), 54 magazines, and approximately 1,750 rounds of handgun and rifle ammunition. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code sections 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition; 29805, Prohibited Person in Possession of Firearms; 30605(a), Possession of an Assault Weapon; and 32625, Possession of a Machine Gun.

APPS SUBJECT, A VENTURA COUNTY GANG MEMBER, ARRESTED FOR ILLEGAL PURCHASE OF AMMUNITION AT GUN SHOW

BOF agents conducted an investigation at a gun show held at the Ventura County Fairgrounds. Agents observed a documented gang member purchase ammunition at the gun show. Agents arrested the subject in the parking lot after confirming he had a gang injunction and felony convictions prohibiting him from possessing firearms and ammunition. Agents, along with Ventura County Sheriff's Department gang detectives, conducted a consent search of the subject's apartment in Santa Paula and seized additional ammunition. The subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code section 30305(a)(1), Prohibited Person in Possession of Ammunition and Health and Safety Code section 11350(a), Possession of Cocaine. A follow-up search warrant was obtained for the subject's cell phone which revealed text messages detailing illegal sales of assault weapons and large capacity magazines.



POMONA RESIDENT KEPT MILITARY GRADE ARTILLERY SHELL WITH LIVE PRIMER IN HIS BEDROOM

BOF agents conducted an APPS investigation in Pomona of a subject prohibited due to a mental health condition. A search of the subject's residence resulted in the seizure of a military grade artillery shell. The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) Bomb Squad arrived on scene and removed the artillery shell from the residence. LASD advised agents the shell had a live primer and would have to be detonated for further study. Agents also found and seized five handguns, 13 rifles, eight shotguns, and 10,000 rounds of handgun, rifle and shotgun ammunition. The APPS subject was arrested for violation of Penal Code section 33215, Possession of a short-barreled shotgun, and Welfare and Institutions Code Section 8103(f)(1), Possession of Firearms.





The Department has made great strides in reducing the number of subjects in the APPS database. It is also important to mention the efforts the Department has made in addressing the historical backlog. On July 1, 2013, the number of subjects in the historical backlog was 382,934. As of January 1, 2016, there are 122,566 subjects in the historical backlog; a 68 percent reduction. In a recent Bureau of State Audit review of APPS, it was recommended the historical backlog be eliminated by December 31, 2016. This goal is achievable at the Department's current rate of reduction.