

WHO REALLY HOLDS THE POWER?

With your personal defense equipment just a hand's reach away, you may feel prepared and secure. On the street, in your vehicle, out in the woods, you know you are not an easy target or powerless victim.

Is it your firearm and your skill with it that gives the sense of confidence? You might think so.

Now ask yourself: "Would I feel more or less confident in these situations, if I knew that just carrying my defense equipment would mean facing a federal felony prosecution?"

Or: "Would I feel more or less confident, knowing that my using a firearm in defense would practically guarantee me a conviction that ruined my life?"

INVISIBLE LEASH

Personal carry (including concealed carry) gives a citizen a great deal of power to protect himself, herself, and others. Yet the power of self-defense is only as good as the legal protection for it.

Picture the family dog in the yard on a leash. He's minding his own business until an unleashed couple of rottweilers chase toward him. Your dog is not a coward, he's got good teeth and some skills. The rottweilers come from two directions, baring fangs and snarling. Your dog charges one, but the leash snaps him back, while the other rottweiler jumps him on the other side.

The rottweilers are free to attack from any direction at any time, backing up, repositioning, charging again.. Your dog's leash effectively ties him up and holds him down. He can't even run away. The shorter his leash, the worse he is handicapped. Your dog will likely suffer a severe mauling—and it is your fault.

Your dog's fate was sealed when you allowed him to retain his personal defense tools but punished him for using them.

Personal carry of firearms is marvelous for self-defense. But personal carriers are on a leash. It's a leash of local ordinances, city laws, state laws and federal laws. Make a mistake in your paperwork, store your gun incorrectly, travel through

a prohibited zone, misplace your documents, or use your firearm to defend yourself—and the leash holders will drag you in for the prosecutory thrashing of your life.

LICENSED TO FEAR

We have a natural right to self-defense. Yet seemingly we have surrendered the right. In most states, if you obtain the concealed carry permit, you wear a heavy legal leash. You are entitled to feel confident and much less afraid of street thugs and muggers. Yet all the time you know deep down: your "public servants" are just waiting for the opportunity to destroy your life if they catch you in any questionable situation.

Think about it. If you are decent, peace loving, and trustworthy with a personally-carried firearm, why do you need the leash?

We are producing a documentary film to help unleash American gun owners. It's called *The Gang*. Go to: www.jpfo.org and see what you can do to help.

