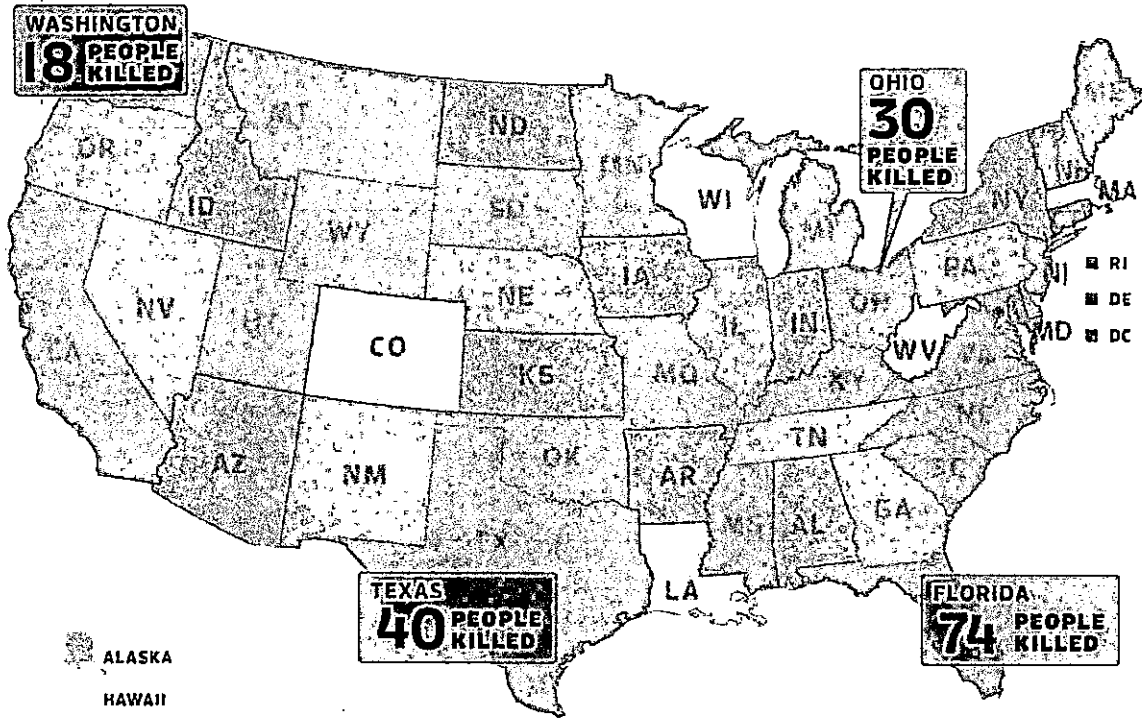


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**849**

Total People Killed By  
Concealed Carry Killers

**29**

Number of Mass  
Shootings Committed  
By Concealed Carry  
Killers

**51**

Number of Murder-  
Suicides Committed By  
Concealed Carry Killers

## Concealed Carry Killers

Concealed carry permit holders are supposed to be the "good guys" with guns. In reality, far too many permit holders are a direct threat to public safety.

*Concealed Carry Killers* is a resource maintained by the Violence Policy Center that includes hundreds of examples of non-self defense killings by private citizens with permits to carry concealed, loaded handguns in public that took place since May 2007. These incidents include homicides, suicides, mass shootings, murder-suicides, lethal attacks on law enforcement, and unintentional deaths. Only a tiny fraction of these cases are ever ruled to be in self-defense. Any homicide that is legally determined to

**17**  
**Law Enforcement  
Officers Killed By  
Concealed Carry Killers**

be in self-defense is documented and removed from the *Concealed Carry Killers* database and the ongoing tallies.


**Spotlight: Holiday Party Homicide at Minnesota Resort**



On December 10, 2015, concealed handgun-permit holder Kirk Lee Bigby, 61, allegedly shot and killed Marcus Lee Roberts, 35, with a .45 handgun at the Bluefin Bay resort in Tofte, MN. A witness reported seeing

Bigby, who was known as "Kirk the firewood guy," pull out a gun and shoot Roberts. Roberts was a blackjack dealer working a holiday party at the resort. Bigby was charged with second degree murder and faces up to 40 years in prison if convicted. Read more...

These incidents are only examples. There is no comprehensive federal database of concealed carry incidents, and some states even bar the release of such information by law. As a result, the examples in *Concealed Carry Killers* are taken primarily from news reports and from the reporting required in a few states. **These examples represent an unknown fraction of similar incidents that routinely occur across the nation.**



Currently, *Concealed Carry Killers* documents 662 incidents in 39 states and the District of Columbia resulting in 849 deaths. In 85 percent of the incidents (565) the concealed carry killer committed suicide (293), has already been convicted (204), perpetrated a murder-suicide (51), or was killed in the incident (17). Of the 76 cases still pending, the vast majority (66) of concealed carry killers have been charged with criminal homicide, four were deemed incompetent to stand trial, and six incidents are still under investigation. An additional 21 incidents were fatal unintentional shootings involving the gun of the concealed handgun permit holder. Seventeen of the victims were law enforcement officers. Twenty-nine of the incidents were mass shootings, resulting in the deaths of 139 victims.

More than just numbers, *Concealed Carry Killers* provides detailed accounts of lethal incidents involving concealed handgun permit holders. Whenever possible, this includes the names of the killers and victims, the legal status of the cases, and the circumstances of the incidents. To find out more, click on the numbers on the left-hand side to view nationwide information, and see the map above to view the incidents by state.

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