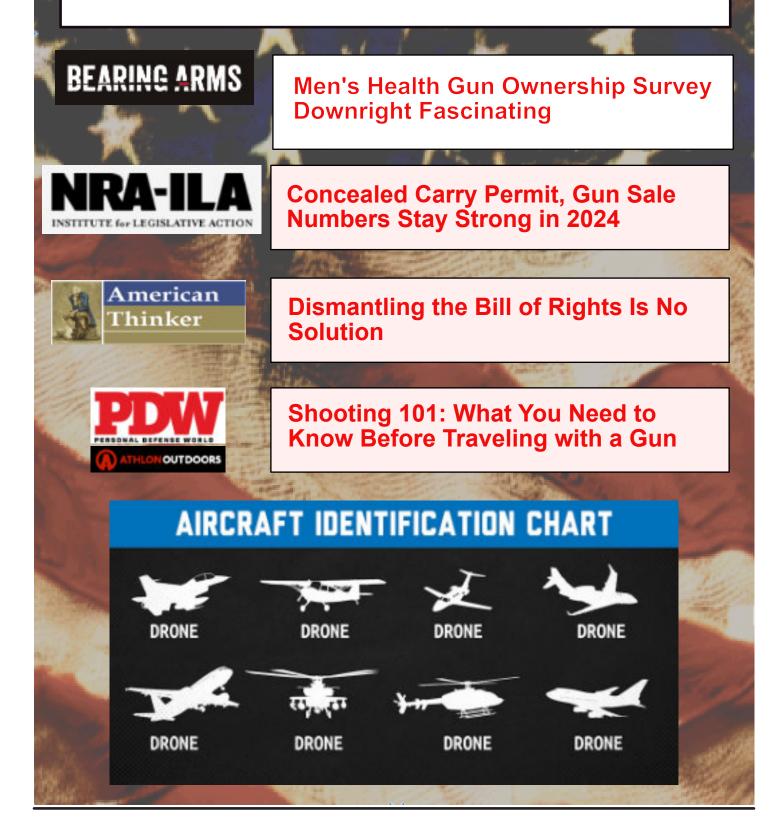
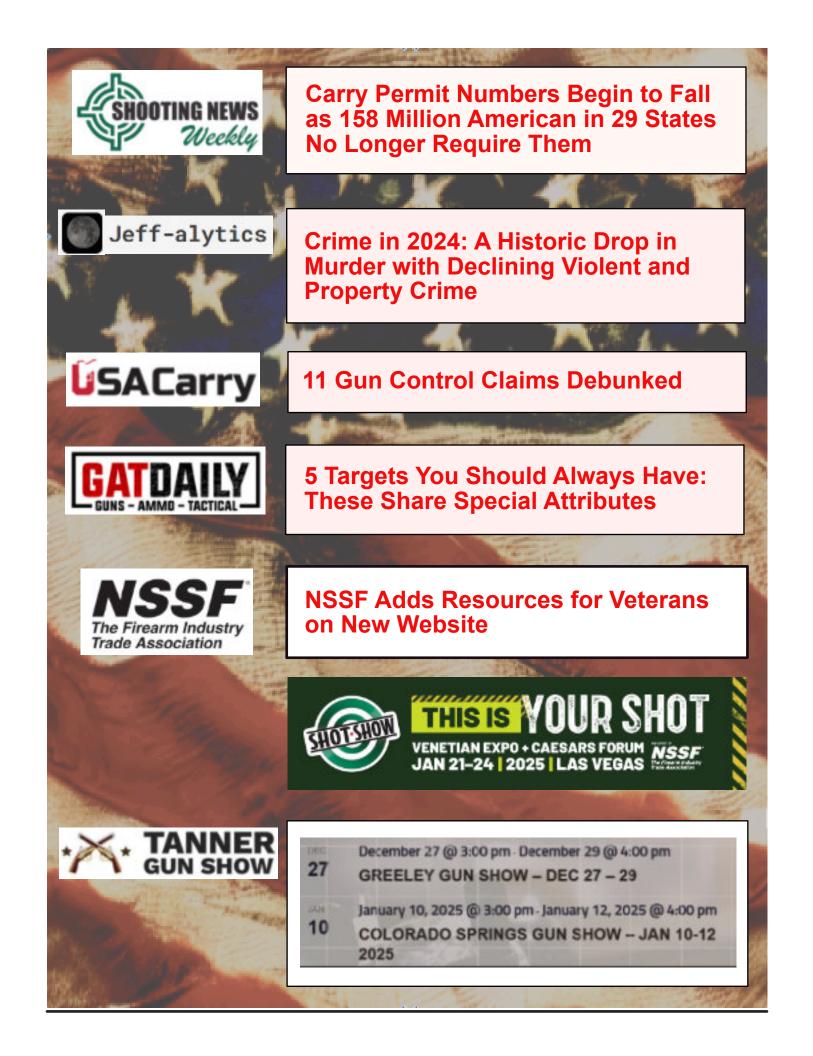


"That's the big question, the one the world throws at you every morning. 'Here you are, alive. Would you like to make a comment?"

MARY OLIVER





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With the approach of the new year, I thought it best I get myself familiarized with the new idiocy our legislature in their 3-way grasp of power had passed as a new anti-gun law. Glad I did, as it's going to be easy to get in trouble with it. If any of you were foolish enough to vote for a Democrat in the statehouse, may fleas infest your camels.

The new law is Colorado Revised Statute 18-12-1145, Secure firearm storage in a vehicle Unattended parked vehicles now will require:

a handgun must be in a locked hard-sided container, placed out of plain view, in a locked vehile or a locked trunk..

a not-a-handgun firearm (rifle or scattergun, for all practical purposes) must be in a locked hard-sided case or locked soft-sided case with a locking device on the firearm stored in the soft-sided container inside a locked vehicle or trunk.

There are other provisions, including posting of signs to be determined by the legislature posted in any firearms sales business, and entering upon school property (and yes, that includes the grounds.)

So much for leaving your firearms in the car while you stop off for a meal on your way back from the range. Or stop for any other purpose. I'd strongly advise obtaining a copy of the law and reading it carefully. It's available on the legislature website.

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See the next page for the complete text of the law

2023 Colorado Revised Statutes Title 18 - CRIMINAL CODE (§§ 18-1-101 — 18-26-102)

Article 12 - OFFENSES RELATING TO FIREARMS AND WEAPONS (§§ 18-12-101 — 18-12-508) Part 1 - FIREARMS AND WEAPONS - GENERAL (§§ 18-12-101 — 18-12-115) Section 18-12-114.5 - [Effective 1/1/2025] Secure firearm storage in a vehicle - penalty - definition

Universal Citation: CO Rev Stat § 18-12-114.5 (2023)

(1)(a) A person shall not knowingly leave a handgun in an unattended vehicle unless the handgun is in a locked hard-sided container that is placed out of plain view, including a locked container that is permanently affixed to the vehicle's interior, and the container is in any of the following:

(I) A locked vehicle;

(II) The locked trunk of a locked vehicle; or

(III) A locked recreational vehicle, as defined in section 24-32-902.

(b) A person shall not knowingly leave a firearm that is not a handgun in an unattended vehicle unless the firearm is in a locked hard-sided or locked soft-sided container, including a locked container that is permanently affixed to the vehicle's interior, and the container is in any of the following:

(I) A locked vehicle;

(II) The locked trunk of a locked vehicle; or

(III) A locked recreational vehicle, as defined in section 24-32-902.

(c) A firearm that is not a handgun that is stored in a soft-sided container must have a locking device installed on the firearm while the firearm is stored in the soft-sided container.

(d) For the purposes of this subsection (1), a locked glove compartment or the locked center console of a vehicle is a locked hard-sided container.

(2) A person who violates subsection (1) of this section commits unlawful storage of a firearm in a vehicle. Unlawful storage of a firearm in a vehicle is a civil infraction.

(3) This section does not apply to:

(a) Storing an antique firearm, as defined in 18 U.S.C. sec. 921 (a)(16), as amended;

(b) Storing a firearm that is a not a handgun in a vehicle that is being used for farm or ranch operations that is on the person's private farm or ranch, including a leased farm or ranch. As used in this subsection (3)(b), "farm" and "ranch" have the same meanings as set forth in section 39-1-102.

(c) A person who lives in a vehicle or in a recreational vehicle, as defined in section 24-32-902, in which the firearm is stored. A person who lives in a vehicle or recreational vehicle must store firearms in the vehicle or recreational vehicle in accordance with the storage requirement described in section 18-12-114.

(d) A peace officer;

(e) A person who holds a valid resident or out-of-state hunting license who is engaged in lawful hunting activities;

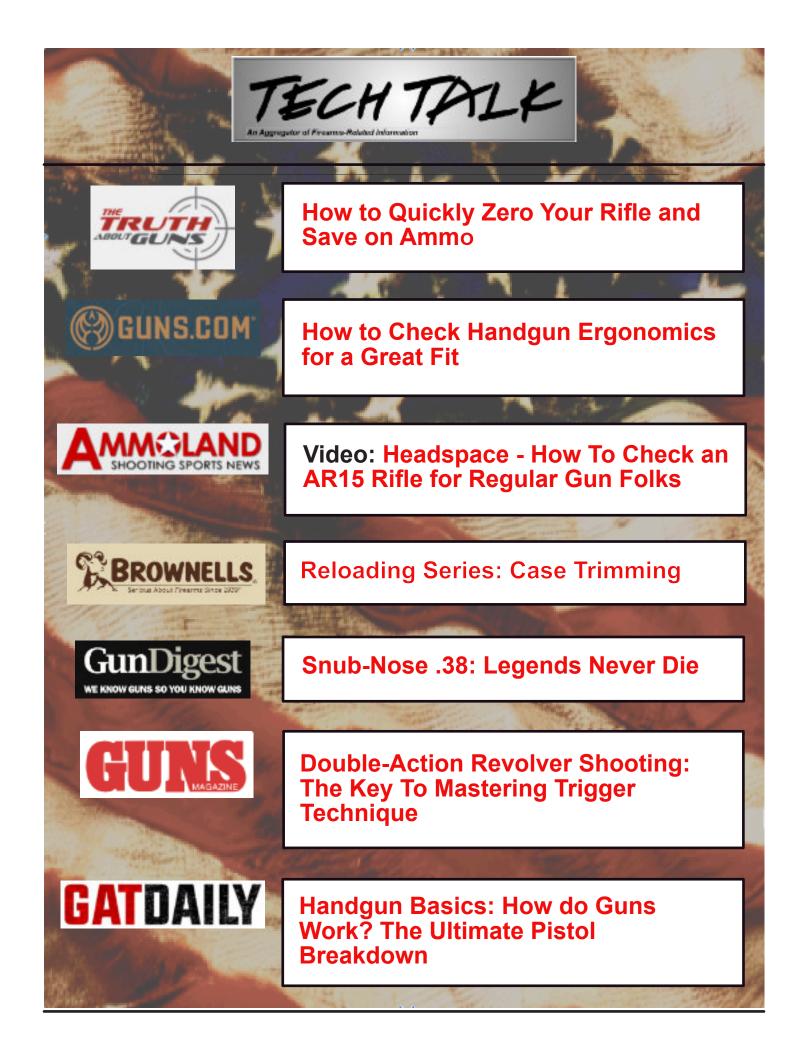
(f) A person engaged in the instruction of hunter education courses and outreach offered by the division of parks and wildlife: and

(g) An active member of the United States armed forces while on duty.

(4) Notwithstanding the requirement in subsection (1) of this section to store a firearm in a locked hard-sided container, a person who is considered to have a disability, as defined in 42 U.S.C. sec. 12102, who stores a firearm in a locked soft-sided container does not violate this section with respect to the storage of the firearm that is in the locked soft-sided container.

(5) As used in this section, unless the context otherwise requires, "vehicle" has the same meaning as set forth in section 42-1-102.

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