



looking to future? Fwd: public records follow-up - gun stats

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To: don.griffin@bloomington.in.gov

Tue, May 25, 2021 at 9:44 AM

Hi Deputy Mayor Griffin!

It was good to see you at The Waldron last week.

Appended below is the most recent correspondence I have received from anyone at the city on the issue of the numbers behind the 52-percent increase in gun crimes.

I don't think I have the energy to ask for the material on which the key-word searches were done to try and recreate the research project myself, and I'm not sure that it makes any sense for anyone at the city to recreate it.

What I'd like to be able to share with readers is generally: What is the future of that specific statistic (cases where a gun was used in the commission of a crime) in the city's analysis?

More specifically: Is this a statistic that will be calculated for next year's public safety report? Will the city start logging crimes where a gun was used as a separate record set, so that it can be added to B Clear Data as a dataset? If this stat does not have a future in the city's future analysis, why was it calculated this year?

Thank you for any help you can give me on this.

--Dave

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From: **Jennifer Lloyd** <jennifer.lloyd@bloomington.in.gov>
Date: Thu, May 20, 2021 at 1:54 PM
Subject: public records follow-up - gun stats
To: Dave Askins <dave@bsquarebeacon.com>
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Dear Dave,

Your follow-up questions to BPD regarding gun statistics have been forwarded to me for response.

The document I previously forwarded to you constitutes all that BPD has in regard to your questions. BPD is not able to answer your follow-up questions or confirm your calculations without recreating the original research project.

Sincerely,

Jennifer

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Thu, Jun 3, 2021 at 8:53 AM

Hi Deputy Mayor Griffin!

Just wanted to follow up on this previous email message to see if there's some statement from the administration I can include on this gun stats issue.

I've held off writing on this for a pretty long while. So at the end of the day today (Thursday June 3), I'm going to start writing this up, with or without additional comment from the administration.

Thanks,

--Dave

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