

Email, Avery Palmer, Communications Director, Violence Policy Center

Answers below. Please also see our website, concealedcarrykillers.org, which has all the background on how our project is put together.

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As noted on the website, a mass shooting is defined as the killing of three or more people consistent with the federal definition contained in the Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2012.

-How does the VPC verify that the shootings in the study were committed by concealed carry permit holders?

The information in Concealed Carry Killers is based on news reports on these incidents and subsequent legal proceedings. This is the best information available because detailed information on fatal incidents involving concealed carry killers is rarely available from official sources, and some states in fact bar the release of such information.

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As noted above, Concealed Carry Killers is updated regularly based on information in news reports and subsequent legal proceedings. A small number of incidents are found to be in self-defense or no verdict is reached at trial, and these incidents are then removed from the study.

From: Ioannou, Filipa [Floannou@express-news.net]

Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 7:10 PM

To: Avery Palmer

Subject: RE: To contact the VPC [#549]

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Thanks again.

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It's after business hours so I can't promise anything, but please email me your specific questions and I can see.

On Nov 18, 2015, at 6:19 PM, Ioannou, Filipa <Floannou@express-news.net> wrote:

Hi Avery, thanks for getting back to me. Really sorry for the short notice but I'm on deadline tonight—any comment on the methodology of the study, the choice of definition used for “mass shooting,” how it gets updated, responses to critics who say that the inclusion of domestic disputes is misleading, etc would be helpful.

From: Avery Palmer [mailto:apalmer@vpc.org]

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This is Avery Palmer, Communications Director. Our staff may have left for the day, what is your deadline?