

Sandusky Register

June 6, 2007

Ottawa County Sheriff Robert L. Bratton
Ottawa County Sheriff's Office
325 Madison St.
Port Clinton, Ohio 43452

Re: Concealed carry names, Ohio Revised Code 2923.129 (B)(2)

Dear Sheriff Bratton:


I am writing to you on behalf of myself in my position as a reporter and on behalf of my employer, the Register, a daily newspaper published in Sandusky and located at 314 W. Market St. to request the names, dates of birth and addresses of all individuals who have been granted permits by the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office to carry concealed weapons.

This request is made under Ohio Revised Code 2923.129 (B)(2) and we are seeking the information in the public interest. It is my understanding that the information should be provided in a timely manner and I am requesting to receive it on or before Monday, June 18, 2007.

Please contact me at 419-625-5500 Ext. 307, or contact my editor, Matt Westerhold at 419-609-5866 or 419-357-5051 if any further information is needed, or if you foresee any difficulties in complying with this request.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,



Chauncey Alcorn
Reporter, Sandusky Register

cc: Prosecutor, Ottawa County Prosecutor's Office

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February 26th, 2007

Sheriff Craig V. Emahiser
315 Madison Rm 110
Port Clinton, OH. 43452

Re: Request for information pursuant to ORC 2923.129 (B)(2)

To Whom It May Concern:

Pursuant to ORC 2923.129(B)(2) this is a written and signed request made to the Sheriff's Office seeking the name, county of residence and date of birth of each person to whom the Sheriff has issued a license or replacement license to carry a concealed handgun, renewed a license to carry a concealed handgun, or issued a temporary emergency license or replacement temporary emergency license to carry a concealed handgun under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code since the inception of the licensing statutes in 2004.

Ohio Revised Code requires this request include the name and title of the journalist and the name and address of the journalist's employer. I must also state that the information sought would be in the public interest. My name is Jeff Garvas and I am the president of Ohioans For Concealed Carry, Inc. For the purposes of this request my employer is Ohioans For Concealed Carry, Inc. I am "engaged in" and "connected with" this corporation as defined below.

ORC 2923.129(B)(2) defines a journalist as **a person engaged in, connected with**, or employed by any news medium, including a newspaper, magazine, press association, news agency, or wire service, a radio or television station, **or a similar medium**, for the purpose of gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing, or disseminating information for the general public.

One of my roles with this organization includes research and publication of freelance news on our publicly available news-based website and the printed publication we publish quarterly known as OFCC News. Further, work published on our website is occasionally reprinted by major newspapers in Ohio.

The purpose of my research is to provide a comprehensive in-depth analysis of the demographics of license holders in Ohio. While most newspapers have requested this information to publish the identity of licensees *this organization has no intention to reveal any identities obtained through this request.*

The results of this research and analysis will initially be available on our website (a similar news medium) and possibly reprinted by various newspapers across the State of Ohio. Further, this may be the first statewide analysis of the demographics of license holders. This request would be in the public interest.

If possible, to assist with data entry purposes, I would appreciate electronic versions of the information where possible. My email address is jeff@ohioccw.org should you wish to email this material or you can send the material to my attention at P.O. Box 25488, Cleveland, OH. 44125. I am willing to pay public records duplication fees to expedite deliver via CD-ROM or other electronic means.

Should you have questions regarding my request I can be reached at (216) 496-3928 during regular business hours. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



Jeff Garvas
Ohioans For Concealed Carry

temporary emergency license to carry a concealed handgun, including, but not limited to, completed applications for the issuance or renewal of a license, completed affidavits submitted regarding an application for a temporary emergency license, reports of criminal records checks and incompetency records checks under section 311.41 of the Revised Code, and applicants' social security numbers and fingerprints that are obtained under division (A) of section 311.41 of the Revised Code, are confidential and are not public records. Except as provided in division (B)(2) of this section, no person shall release or otherwise disseminate records that are confidential under this division unless required to do so pursuant to a court order.

(2) Upon a written request made to a sheriff and signed by a journalist on or after the effective date of this section, the sheriff shall disclose to the journalist the name, county of residence, and date of birth of each person to whom the sheriff has issued a license or replacement license to carry a concealed handgun, renewed a license to carry a concealed handgun, or issued a temporary emergency license or replacement temporary emergency license to carry a concealed handgun under section 2923.125 or 2923.1213 of the Revised Code. The request shall include the journalist's name and title, shall include the name and address of the journalist's employer, and shall state that disclosure of the information sought would be in the public interest.

As used in division (B)(2) of this section, "journalist" means a person engaged in, connected with, or employed by any news medium, including a newspaper, magazine, press association, news agency, or wire service, a radio or television station, or a similar medium, for the purpose of gathering, processing, transmitting, compiling, editing, or disseminating information for the general public.

(C) Each sheriff shall report to the Ohio peace officer training commission the number of licenses to carry a concealed handgun that the sheriff issued, renewed, suspended, revoked, or denied during the previous quarter of the calendar year, the number of applications for those licenses for which processing was suspended in accordance with division (D)(3) of section 2923.125 of the Revised Code during the previous quarter of the calendar year, and the number of temporary emergency licenses to carry a concealed handgun that the sheriff issued, suspended, revoked, or denied during the previous quarter of the calendar year. The sheriff shall not include in the report the name or any other identifying information of an applicant or licensee. The sheriff shall report that information in a manner that permits the commission to maintain the statistics described in division (D) of section 109.731 of the Revised Code and to timely prepare the