BULLET 18 OF 31: STRAW PURCHASES

When a gun buyer gets somebody else to fill out his or her paperwork, that’s called a “straw purchase.” This can put guns in the hands of people who are legally prohibited from owning them. Police say penalties for violating Illinois’ “lost and stolen” law, which helps address straw purchases, are too weak. Contact Gov. Bruce Rauner and your state representatives to demand tighter enforcement of laws on straw purchases of weapons.

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