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Book Review

ADHD and the Nature of Self-Control

by Russell A. Barkley, Ph.D.; New York City, Guilford Press, 1997, 410 pages, \$40

Jeffrey M. Halperin, Ph.D.

Throughout the past two decades, Russell Barkley has been among the most productive scientists and prolific writers in the field of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). In *ADHD and the Nature of Self-Control*, he takes on the ambitious task of synthesizing a voluminous literature associated with ADHD, integrating it with writings in philosophy, neuropsychology, and child development and articulating what he refers to as a unified theory of ADHD.

Barkley posits that children with ADHD have a core deficit in inhibitory control, which prevents them from optimally using their "executive functions," which are mediated via the prefrontal cortex. Poor use

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of time, whether in the form of impulsive responding or lack of hindsight and foresight, are central features of Barkley's theory.

Barkley is not the first to propose that prefrontal cortex and executive function deficits are central to the pathology seen in children with ADHD. However, he goes well beyond others by presenting data to support the existence of four distinct components of executive functions: nonverbal working memory; internalization of speech; self-regulation of affect, motivation, and arousal; and reconstitution. He clearly defines each of these domains, describes how each might be affected by impaired inhibitory control, and discusses how these deficiencies are likely to affect behavioral and cognitive functioning.

Most of author's ideas presented in this book have been previously published in the scientific literature (1). However, for the interested reader, this book expands on Barkley's previously published works by more clearly describing the genesis of his theory, placing his ideas within a developmental neuropsychological framework, elaborating the social and political implications of his theory, and, very important, more carefully pointing out new directions for research.

The final chapter is notable in that it not only eloquently wraps up the book but also addresses several highly charged scientific and political issues related to ADHD. According to the author's theory, and to data from other investigators, children with this disorder do not have a primary deficit in attention. Thus he proposes that when the next iteration of *DSM* is published, the name for the disorder should be changed; the central component of "attention deficit" should not be maintained.

Barkley also convincingly argues that ADHD is a neurological disorder with a substantial genetic component. As such, he takes on those who claim that ADHD is a result of poor parenting, social ills, or just bad children. In particular, he goes after those who purport that stimulant medication is medically or ethically inappropriate for treating children with ADHD. He maintains that stimulant medication should be an important part of the treatment for ADHD, and he implies that not considering medication borders on malpractice.

Many of the ideas presented in *ADHD and the Nature of Self-Control* are highly sophisticated. Yet the book is extremely reader friendly. It feels as if Dr. Barkley is speaking to the reader rather than writing in the crisp, highly technical style of the scientific literature. All terms are clearly explained, and the reader is carefully walked through all logical leaps. This style is clearly an attribute of the book. However, for the reader more familiar with Barkley's thinking, it sometimes might feel long-winded or redundant.

Overall, this book presents what could be considered the first comprehensive theory of attention-deficit hyperactivity disorder. While much of what Barkley proposes might turn out to be true, undoubtedly, with time and the collection of additional data, aspects of his theory will need to be modified. Nonetheless, the book is a valuable contribution to the literature in that it leads to numerous testable hypotheses, and as such, it is likely to stimulate thinking, empirical research, and controversy well into the 21st century.

Footnotes

Dr. Halperin is professor of psychology at Queens College of the City University of New York in Flushing.

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By Professor Adrian Raine

ESI Special Topics, January 2002

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Professor Adrian Raine answers a few questions about this month's new hot paper in field of Psychiatry/Psychology.

From •>>January 2002

Field: Psychiatry/Psychology

Article Title: "Reduced prefrontal gray matter volume and reduced autonomic activity in antisocial personality disorder"

Authors: Raine, AR;Lencz, T;Bihrl, S;LaCasse, L;Colletti, P

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ST: Why do you think your paper is highly cited?

I think because it is the first paper to demonstrate that antisocial, criminal individuals have a structural brain deficit. The most popular perspective on crime is that antisocial behavior is caused by social and societal factors. This study provides clear evidence that biological (brain) deficits are also implicated in antisocial, criminal behavior.

ST: Does it describe a new discovery or new methodology that's useful to others?

It was discovered that there is an 11% reduction in the volume of gray matter in the prefrontal cortices of individuals with antisocial personality disorder, and that these brain deficits are independent of



social risk factors from crime. A new methodology was the use of temporary employment agencies to recruit individuals with raised rates of crime and violence in the community.

ST: Could you summarize the significance of your paper in layman's terms?

The significance of the findings is that they implicate brain deficits in the etiology of antisocial personality. The prefrontal cortex is involved in controlling and regulating behavior and emotions, and in good decision-making. Neurological research has shown that when there is structural damage to the prefrontal cortex, antisocial, poorly regulated, sociopathic-like behavior can result. Our findings show that these same brain deficits are found in antisocial individuals in the community, and they are independent of other social risk factors for crime. While the paper does not demonstrate that damage to the prefrontal cortex causes antisocial behavior, taken together with other neurological and neuropsychological studies, it gives added weight to the hypothesis that brain deficits are implicated in the cause of antisocial behavior. ❏

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'Biological key' to unlocking crime

By Professor Adrian Raine
Professor of Psychology, University of Southern California

Connections between crime and biological make-up are increasingly becoming a hot topic for discussion. Two personal and opposing accounts argue the case for and against.

Professor Adrian Raine sets out his views below.

Read Professor Steven Rose's alternative view

Until recently it was thought that the causes of crime lay just in social factors like poverty and unemployment.

Yet repeat offending criminal behaviour is a clinical disorder, with brain impairments playing a key role.

New research is now showing that genetic and biological factors play an equal, if not greater, role than social factors in crime causation.

Within this new field of biocriminology, brain imaging findings are revealing dramatic new insights into the criminal mind.

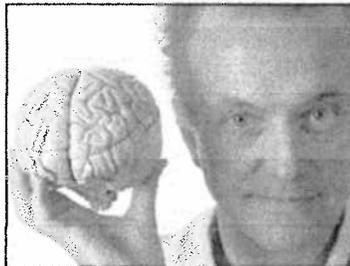
There are now 71 brain imaging studies showing that murderers, psychopaths, and individuals with aggressive, antisocial personalities have poorer functioning in the prefrontal cortex - that part of the brain involved in regulating and controlling emotion and behaviour.

More dramatically, we now know that the brains of criminals are physically different from non-criminals, showing an 11% reduction in the volume of grey matter (neurons) in the prefrontal cortex.

'Bad brains'

Violent offenders just do not have the emergency brakes to stop their runaway aggressive behaviour.

Literally speaking, bad brains lead to bad behaviour.



Professor Raine: "The evidence is too strong to ignore"

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Dramatic advances are also being made in the areas of molecular and behaviour genetics.

Over 100 twin and adoption studies have convincingly shown that genetic processes account for 50% of antisocial and criminal behaviour.

Of the remaining half that is environmental, biology accounts for part of this. For example, physical child abuse can cause brain damage that in turn results in antisocial, aggressive behaviour.

Genetic processes are also at play in shaping aggressive behaviour in children.

There is exciting new evidence that an abnormality in one specific gene (monoamine oxidase A), when combined with child abuse, predisposes to violent offending in adulthood.

In a similar fashion, birth complications, when combined with maternal rejection in the first year of life, results in higher violence at age 34.

Breakthroughs

The biological and genetic findings are now incontrovertible; the evidence is too strong to ignore.

These new breakthroughs have important implications for crime prevention.

One of the reasons why we have repeatedly failed to stop crime is because we have systematically ignored the biological and genetic contributions to crime causation.

We instead need to focus efforts on new interventions that will improve brain structure and function.

New research has just shown that childhood malnutrition is linked to poor brain functioning (low IQ) and conduct disorder in early adulthood.

Giving three-year-olds better nutrition (and more physical exercise) for just two years results in better brain functioning (EEG) at age 11, and a 35% reduction in crime 20 years later at age 23.

Prisoners given fish oil (rich in omega-3, a long-chain fatty acid that is critical for brain structure and function) show reduced aggressive and antisocial behaviour.

THE ALTERNATIVE VIEW

“ Neuroscience can say little about the causes or the treatment of violence in our society



Professor Steven Rose

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“ The biological and genetic findings are now incontrovertible

Professor Adrian Raine

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Low physiological arousal (e.g. low sweat and heart rates) is a well-replicated risk factor for crime and violence, but stimulants (drugs which increase arousal) are effective in reducing aggressive and antisocial behaviour in children.

Future

Where will this new biological approach take us?

If we really want to stop crime, the best investment society can make is to intervene very early on.

Better prenatal and perinatal health care, better nutrition early in life, and medication for severely aggressive children can be implemented right now.

The next decade will reveal new discoveries regarding specific genes that cause violent behaviour, and these findings could result in new drugs to correct the neurotransmitter brain abnormalities that cause violence.

In 50 years time, will we be conducting reparative brain surgery on prisoners to correct the faulty neural circuits that give rise to violence?

Rocket science perhaps - but there is an uncanny habit for today's science fiction to become tomorrow's reality.

Professor Adrian Raine was a contributor to BBC Two's If... We Could Stop The Violence, broadcast on Wednesday, 22 December 2004, at 2100 GMT.

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FRIDAY, May 18, 2007, 12:40 p.m.
 By Stacy Forster

Just a bill: Records check for gun sales

This is one in a regular series of looks at some of the legislation that has been introduced in the state Capitol.

Madison -- If no firearms dealer is participating in the transfer or sale of a gun in Milwaukee County, a records search must still be conducted for the transfer to be legal, under SB 104, introduced by Milwaukee Democratic Sen. Spencer Coggs and Rep. Leon Young.

The bill says that the person looking to possess the gun must ask for a records check with the state Department of Justice through a firearms dealer. Anyone who violates the law would be subject to up to a \$25,000 fine or 10 years of prison, or both.

Debra Fifer, whose son died in a Milwaukee shooting in 2003, has pushed for the legislation. The measure will be the subject of a public hearing on May 29 at 3 p.m. at Milwaukee's DNR Building, located at 2300 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.

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MONDAY, May 21, 2007, 3:42 p.m.
 By Greg J. Borowski

Committee OK's city lobbyist appointment

A Milwaukee Common Council committee today OK'd the appointment by Mayor Tom Barrett of Paul Vornholt as the city's top lobbyist in Madison.

Yes No

Yes No

Yes No



With a key opponent out of office, a gun control bill seeks new life

**By Chuck Quirnbach
Tuesday, May 29, 2007**

(MILWAUKEE) A public hearing today (5/29) in Milwaukee will look at some of recent episodes of gun violence as state lawmakers consider more regulations for private gun sales.

It's the second go-round for what's been titled the Responsible Gun Ownership Bill. The measure would keep the requirement for criminal background checks for people who buy guns at stores or some gun shows and expand the requirement to all gun sales between private individuals.

State Senator Spencer Coggs (D-Milwaukee), the bill's sponsor, says the measure would reduce handgun violence. He says at least four of ten gun purchases go through the secondary or "grey" market and he believes that there are a number of law-abiding citizens who buy guns through a gun shop and wish to sell them to a friend, but they don't know if that friend is a felon or not. He says he doesn't think people would knowingly sell a gun to a felon, which is illegal in Wisconsin.

Then-Republican Senator Dave Zien blocked the measure last year, even when Coggs changed the bill to only have it apply to Milwaukee County. Zien argued the legislation would violate state statutes banning local gun laws that are tougher than state law. That pre-emption limit is still on the books, and Dave Zien has been voted out of office, so Coggs says his private gun sale bill is back to statewide status. He says the National Rifle Association hated the bill in its Milwaukee-only form and he predicts they will hate the bill no matter what, so he says they might as well try to "go for it" and make sure it applies from each county to the next.

A hearing today (5/29) in Milwaukee will open with invited testimony from women who have lost sons to gun violence, but gun owners are also expected to be out in force.





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Would gun bill help reduce violent crime?

Hearing on 'gray market' sales attracts over 100

By DANI McCLAIN
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Posted: May 29, 2007

More than 100 people gathered Tuesday in Milwaukee to weigh in on a statewide bill that would mandate criminal background checks for private sales of handguns.

The legislation would extend the records searches required of federally licensed firearms dealers to the gun shows and other so-called "gray market" sales that involve an original purchaser and a secondary recipient.

"What we intend to do is close the loophole," said state Sen. Spencer Coggs (D-Milwaukee), the bill's sponsor and chairman of the Senate committee on urban affairs.

But Second Amendment rights advocates argued that law would do little to dissuade buyers who intend to use the gun in a crime.

Mayor Tom Barrett testified before the committee, which held a public hearing at the Milwaukee office of the Department of Natural Resources on Tuesday.

Barrett said the bill is needed to keep guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, teenagers and those with felony and domestic violence convictions. The law would complement local efforts to reduce violent crime, including recent police crackdowns on cruising and the Milwaukee Police Department's creation of a mobile unit to support officers in high-crime areas, he said.

Police have taken more than 1,000 guns off the streets so far this year, but the city needs the Legislature's support, Barrett said.

"We are doing everything we can as a community," Barrett said. "But we need to take a step further. Where are these guns coming from?"

Under the proposed legislation, participants in secondary gun sales would be required to go through a licensed dealer, who would then ask the Department of Justice to conduct a background search on the prospective buyer. The person purchasing the gun would pay any costs associated with the records search and an additional \$5 fee.

The penalty for bypassing this step would be a fine of up to \$10,000 and a prison term of up to nine months.

Jim Fendry of the Wisconsin Pro-Gun Movement voiced concerns about the cost of enforcement and cited previous efforts to curb gun violence by restricting gun sales. "We have a laundry list of things we've tried to do," Fendry said of his organization and other gun-owners advocacy groups. "The problem is, it doesn't work."

Jordan Austin, a lobbyist for the National Rifle Association, also challenged the idea that restricting the supply of, rather than the demand for, guns can successfully reduce crime.

"Law-abiding citizens are going to be the only ones to subject themselves to a background check," Austin said.

Debra Fifer, Marna Winbush and Beverly Anderson, the mothers of three young men gunned down in 2003, urged the Senate committee to support the bill.

Their sons, Kirk Bickham Jr., Deshawn Winbush and Carl Hall, were killed by a convicted felon outside Elvin's Ice House, 3624 N. Port Washington Road. Because no law prohibited the sale, the gun was legally purchased, though no record of the transaction between the original buyer and their sons' killer exists.

"We're sorry that so many people have the wrong perception of this bill," said Winbush, who emphasized that the law would affect only handguns and not other firearms. "We're not trying to take your Second Amendment (rights) from you."

Coggs said the bill's initial narrow application to Milwaukee County had been an effort to mollify gun advocates outside of Milwaukee. In the past month, the bill was changed to encompass all of Wisconsin after some policy analysts raised concerns about the fairness of a law that applied to one county.

"We tried to be somewhat accommodating to people," he said, referring to the bill's opponents.

Coggs said he expects the bill to be voted out of the urban affairs committee and debated on the Senate floor in the next several weeks.

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GUNS

Governor's proposals are important

Community columnist Mark A. Sity attempted to shoot down Gov. Jim Doyle's plans to combat violent crime, but the bullet lodged in his foot ("It's the criminals, stupid," Sept. 7).

He repeated the crazy idea that since criminals will disobey a law, there's no point having the law. Licensing guns is important and necessary, just as is the licensing of cars. Yes, that may involve a cost, but gun ownership is a privilege as well as a right.

Gun traffic is interstate, and a national database fills a gap left open by current background checks. It makes sense. Also, if a community wants more restrictive gun regulations than the state, why shouldn't it have that right?

A misdemeanor involving gun use is serious. People can lose their right to drive for misdemeanor drunken driving, too. This is not open to abuse.

Federal law does not prohibit gun sales to individuals between 18 and 21. Doyle wants to close this gap. Ballistic fingerprinting is strongly supported by law enforcement experts. If crime labs are too backed up to do this, let's improve them.

Finally, I'm not sure what the Founding Fathers meant by putting "well-regulated" in the Second Amendment, but it doesn't sound as though they would be on Sity's side in this issue.

Jay Beder
Shorewood

What restrictions would be acceptable?

I read community columnist Mark A. Sity's "It's the criminals, stupid" with interest. As a rational-thinking "liberal," I often find myself agreeing with gun advocates' arguments that gun laws will affect law-abiding citizens rather than criminals who'd choose to go outside the law to purchase guns. What we don't hear from gun advocates is what

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restrictions they are willing to accept to make our community safer.

I agree with Sity; our Founding Fathers were not stupid men. However, we as a society have already agreed to numerous restrictions on that vital and fundamental First Amendment. For instance, I can't yell "fire" in a crowded theater nor, among other things, may I put anything on my front lawn that would be offensive to community standards.

I ask strong supporters of the Second Amendment what restrictions they will accept to reduce the senseless deaths in our community.

Michael Peragine
Milwaukee

More guns out there is not the answer

I realize that gun control measures will do little to curb street violence, since most of this violence is wrought by illegal guns bought on the street. However, I fail to see how more guns on the street equals more safety. I ain't too good at book learnin', but that just don't add up.

Letter writer Thomas R. Eells mentioned a school and mall shooting ("Concealed handguns allow self-defense." Sept. 8). Count on never seeing me in a mall, park or festival if a law passes allowing concealed weapons.

Also, I'm not sure if letter writer Michael F. Gallo knew this, but drug dealers, pimps and thugs don't work the 9-to-5 shift, so just because he rolls through North Ave. twice a day doesn't mean he understands the inner city's problems ("Safety, proper use of firearms are vital").

The only solution is strong, community-driven peace programs, gun turn-ins and educating youth. And one more thing: A person is not a rat if he or she helps the police catch a robber, drug dealer and/or killer; rats live in sewers, not peaceful communities.

Gharrity McNett
Milwaukee

SHERMAN PARK

What a joy to read about neighborhood

I enjoyed so much reading Alan Borsuk's commentary "A toast to Sherman Park" in the Sept. 9 Journal Sentinel.

It's refreshing to read of an older, established neighborhood in Milwaukee that still has the values of many of the neighborhoods of years past. I also appreciated his information of the practices of Orthodox Jews. Thank you, Mr. Borsuk!

Carol Bork-Bednarek
West Bend

SENSENBRENNER**Put lottery winnings to good use**

I read with guarded amusement the Sept. 7 article about our Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) and his winning \$1,000 in the Wisconsin Lottery ("It's a lotto luck").

It gives me great pride to know my second-chance drawing entry could be rubbing shoulders with that of a multimillionaire. I'm sure that \$1,000 was a hedge against the rising cost of gas or in case bread should go up a quarter. My entry is probably as close as I'll ever get to a real millionaire. So I say go for it, Mr. Sensenbrenner, and if your water bill goes up 17% like ours just did, I'll be pulling for you.

Randy Knapik
Waukesha

ISLAM**Realize bin Laden spreads ignorance**

This letter is regarding the recent video of an ignorant Osama bin Laden ("Bin Laden resurfaces after 3 years," Sept. 8).

The Prophet Mohammed served the Meccans voluntarily for 40 years, helping them solve their social and economic problems. It was only after confirming their trust beyond doubt that he most humbly invited them to believe in one God and in him as God's messenger.

Look at bin Laden with such a bad image, foolishly inviting others to Islam while in practice he behaves opposite of the very prophet of Islam. This is one of the many reasons that the Muslims - except the ignorant Taliban - hate him, and this is what our media and we should know.

The best way to stop the war in Iraq is for us and the Iraqis to understand and practice their receptive religions with piety for God's mercy and peace.

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neighborhood are attributable to environmental risks. More than 4.7 million children younger than 5 die each year from environmentally related illnesses, the health orga-

learning problems. "We had anticipated some tough and worrisome findings, but the actual results are even more shocking than we had imagined at the out-

side across the straits. The Nairobi River, which many people use to bathe and wash clothes, runs beside the dump, extending environmental and health risks to the communities down-

manage the waste, but he hopes funds will be available by next year from international donors and Kenya's government. There was no estimate on how much a cleanup would cost.

Officials said the country faced a severe organ shortage, estimating 1.5 million people need transplants in China each year and only 10,000 operations are performed.

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I-Team: Trail of a Gun Aaron Diamant

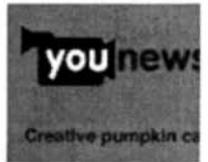
It's very likely someone will get shot tonight in Milwaukee.

And if it does happen, police don't just want to know who did it, but also where the gun came from.

The I-Team's Aaron Diamant uncovered clever crooks making an end-run around the law to get their hands on illegal guns.

It's very hard, and in many cases impossible, for a gun dealer to know if the person he's selling a gun to is going to turn around and give or sell that gun to a convicted felon. It's the number one way guns used in crimes show up on the street.

We tracked down one person who appeared to be buying a gun for someone else. "Miss Pledger, I'm Aaron Diamant with channel four. I wanted to ask you about that gun you tried to buy the other week.



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Can we ask you about that?"

It wasn't surprising that Tara Pledger didn't want to talk. The last time she showed up on camera she was shopping for guns.

"That's the felon," Mick Beatovic showed us. Beatovic is the owner of Badger Outdoors, the largest gun dealer in the Milwaukee area.

Pledger tried to buy a gun at Badger last December. The paperwork showed she was a convicted felon, so she didn't get the gun. She was convicted for child abandonment six years ago.

Even though she didn't make the buy, Badger's owner worries about where the gun would have ended up, had she passed the check.

"If a person buys a gun here, I don't know what's in that person's heart," he said.

After watching the whole thing again on tape, Mick Beatovic now believes Pledger was actually buying the guns for someone else.

It's called a straw purchase-- a federal crime which can be very tough to prevent. Beatovic says it happens all the time. "Sometimes two three times a day."

Beatovic showed us why he thinks Pledger tried to sneak one past him.

In surveillance video, a man waiting in the background walks up and gives a very subtle nod to the woman Pledger came in with. Beatovic says he's convinced the guns Pledger tried to buy were for that man.

When Pledger finally stopped running from our cameras she told Diamant a different story. "I was buying it for my business," she told us.

Both guns? We wanted to know.

"Yeah, one for my car, one for my business. One was going to be for protection. One was going to be at my job for protection there, and one was going to be in my car for protection," Pledger said.

Pledger also said she knows nothing about guns and brought the other man along to help her pick them out.

Beatovic doesn't buy it. "You notice number one, he's standing back. That's the first sign."

It's one of several signs of a straw purchase Beatovic says his people missed. "A lot of them get through. We can't be on the ball 24/7."

That means federal agents need to be.

Arthur Chavarria is with Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. "We are focused on the guns that turn up in crimes. We want the history of those guns," he told us.

A lot of guns. Over the last two years, Milwaukee Police rounded up nearly 5,000 illegal guns.

The ATF figures straw purchasers put more than half of them on the streets. MPD works with the feds to trace each gun back to its source.

Chavarria said, "We need to know where those guns are coming from."

Here's an example to show you why.

First, in October 2005, police traced the gun that shot two-year-old Jaylen Moffett in the stomach back to a straw purchase.

A convicted felon paid the boy's mother, Victoria Arms, \$200 to buy the gun for him at Dunham's Sports in West Allis.

In a separate case a year earlier, Anthony Bass bought two rifles for two convicted felons. Those men shot up a Milwaukee neighborhood injuring two people.

Bass bought the rifles at Badger Outdoors.

"In his heart, he bought those guns, knowing two months later, he was going to give them to someone else who couldn't pass the background check," Beatovic told us.

Turns out more crime guns trace back to Badger than any other dealer in the state.

Mick Beatovic believes Badger stops 90% of all straw purchases there. The other 10% still adds up to 400 guns a year-- guns used to kill or maim on the streets of Milwaukee.

But even with high tech surveillance and years of experience, gun dealers know: Sometimes, their guns get passed along to criminals, with violent plans.

Here's the scariest part. Badger is just one dealer.

Police say there's no way to know how many straw purchases go down, just that it happens every day these guys are open for business.

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I-Team: Easy For Criminals To Get Guns?

Aaron Diamant
Katie DeLong

MILWAUKEE - How easy is it for criminals to get guns? The I-team's Aaron Diamant investigated.

In Wisconsin, it's illegal for a felon or to buy a gun, but a private citizen can sell a gun to a felon, as long as the seller doesn't know about the buyer's record.

Now, at least one local lawmaker wants to close that loophole for good.

The plan is simple. If you sell your gun to a felon who uses it to commit a crime, you're on the hook, too.

"It stabs each and every time right into your heart," State Senator Spencer Coggs said.

State Senator Spencer Coggs calls Milwaukee's gun violence an epidemic.

An epidemic made worse by weak laws.

"A person can buy a gun legally and then go right out and sell it to another person who could be a felon

with the excuse that they just didn't know," Coggs said.

Statistics show felons with guns will most likely use them to commit more violent crime. That's why Coggs drew up what he calls the "responsible gun ownership bill."

The plan would require all private gun sellers in Milwaukee County run a buyer's background before making a sale.

"In my mind, every law abiding citizen in this community would say, 'I don't have a problem with that,'" Mayor Tom Barrett said.

It's something gun dealers already do.

"The anti-gunners say, 'let's do it.' The pro-gunners say, 'oh, my God. You can't do it.' Well come on. Somebody needs to wake up, smell the coffee, alright, this is the way to stop it," Mick Beatovic said.

During the last legislative session the bill never made it out of committee, but Coggs says he expects more support this year.

Right now, that bill is back before Coggs' own state senate committee.

Coggs' chief of staff said Thursday public hearings are scheduled for later this month.

A vote whether to send it to senate floor could come as early as January.

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Candlelight vigil held for 2007 homicide victims

By Lynda Jones
Editor

Northcott Neighborhood House in collaboration with other community organizations held its annual Candlelight Vigil for 2007 Homicide Victims. The purpose of the vigil is to remember those who have lost their lives to violence in the past year and to impress neighborhood residents the horrific impact of violence on our community.

Community members and their families and friends attended this year's Candlelight Vigil, Milwaukee Lights a Candle for Change which was held on Sun. Dec. 30, 2007 at St. Gabriel's Church of God in Christ 5363 N. 37th St., hosted by the church's pastor Lee Shaw.

This annual event honors the memory of the 2007 victims of homicide in the City of Milwaukee at the same time the participants rededicate themselves to ending the violence. Families of all the victims were encouraged to attend the event and a candle is lit for each victim. It is a hopeful sign that the event each year draws ethnically diverse families that share their common grief and find comfort in the shared commitment to fight crime and violence.

The organization, Mothers

Against Gun Violence also play a key role in this event. The co-founders of the organization, three mothers who lost their sons to gun violence are: Marna Winbush, Beverly Anderson and Debra L. Fifer who lost their sons in 2003. Their sons are respectively, DeShaun Winbush, 22; Carl Hall, 24; and Kirk Bickham Jr. 22.

Winbush expressed her concern over homicide victims being forgotten, she said, "You hear little passages about them in the newspaper and then it seems like they're forgotten. So many mothers, fathers and families are losing loved ones. We want people to be aware of what's going on in this city."

Along with Northcott, and the Mothers Against Gun Violence group the vigil was also sponsored by Milwaukee Innercity Congregations Allied for Hope, Harambee Ombudsman Project, the Milwaukee Safe & Sound Initiative and the Milwaukee Courier Newspaper.

Beyond the vigil each of these organizations are committed to being proactive toward the violence that plagues Milwaukee. The Mothers group has a website, which is a part of the Mil-

waukee Renaissance Web site, that also counts drunken driving and hit and run fatalities, people killed by police, fetuses lost during homicides and victims killed on county grounds in the city of Milwaukee.

There are 122 victims listed on the Mothers site for 2007. Among the victims, the oldest was a 90-year-old woman who police believe died in an arson fire after being beaten by her 46-year-old grandson, who also

died in the fire.

The youngest was a 19-month-old girl whose mother's boyfriend is charged with suffocating the child.

The photographed vigils on the site were organized by Holy Ground, an effort by Milwaukee Inner-

city Congregations Allied for Hope to designate areas in the city where violence occurs.

When Holy Ground becomes aware of a homicide, a vigil at the crime scene is organized and attendees are notified via a telephone tree, according to Bob Graf who helps to maintain the photographs of victims on the site.

When the victims are officially identified by police, their names and information on their deaths are posted to the site either by Winbush or Graf.

Also committed to the gun violence issue in Milwaukee is Senator Spencer Coggs, who has sponsored a senate bill addressing gun ownership. The bill, Senate Bill 104 Responsible Gun Ownership Bill has the overwhelming support of Gov. Doyle, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and District Attorney John Chisholm. Surprisingly, it had been reported according to Sen. Coggs office Sheriff David Clark is not a fan of the bill.

The Milwaukee Courier Newspaper is also committed to addressing the homicide problem in Milwaukee, by working with community organizations that are proactively working with the youth in Milwaukee. There are so many small community based organizations that sometimes need exposure through the media, and the Courier has been and remains committed to educating and informing the community of these organizations. In 2008, look to learn more about organizations such as: Operation Boot Camp, Campaign Against Violence, Silver Spring Neighborhood Center, Minority Christian Coaches Association, and many others that are working to redirect our youth here in Milwaukee, by educating them on constructive alternatives to violence.



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Below is a very brief summary of the Raine study. **You will need to use the more detailed summary here to revise for the exam.**

You can also find all of the past exam questions on Raine's study here.

Here is a quiz

One of Adrian Raine's websites is here

There are many web sites showing good images of PET scans. Here is one.



Adrian Raine

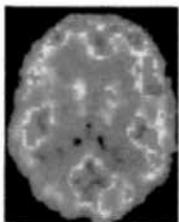
The aim of the experiment was to discover if murderers who have pleaded not guilty by reason of insanity (NGRI) show evidence of brain abnormalities.

The study used PET scans to examine the brains of 41 people (39 males and 2 females) who were charged with murder and were pleading Not Guilty for Reasons of Insanity (NGRI), and compared them with 41 controls. All the NGRIs were referred to the imaging centre for legal reasons, such as to obtain evidence for the defence. The reasons for the referrals included schizophrenia, head injury, and personality disorders.

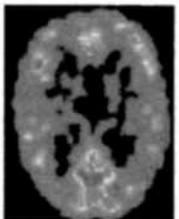
The participants were matched by age and sex to a control group of participants. The participants with schizophrenia were matched with other people with the same diagnosis but no history of murder.

All offenders were in custody and were kept medication free for the two weeks before brain scanning. The control group were also medication free.

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Non NGRI PET scan



NGRI PET scan

The two PET scans show less activity (red regions) in the prefrontal cortex of a NGRI brain

All of the participants were injected with a glucose tracer, required to work at a continuous performance task that was based around target recognition for 32 minutes, and then given a PET scan. The NGRIs were compared with the controls on the level of activity (glucose metabolism) in right and left hemispheres of the brain in 14 selected areas. The researchers looked at activity in six cortical areas (part of the cerebral cortex which is the outermost layer of nerve tissues of the cerebral hemispheres) and eight subcortical areas (brain structures below the cortex);

The cerebral cortex is commonly described in terms of four areas or lobes; the prefrontal, parietal, temporal, and occipital. In this study, compared to the controls, the NGRIs were found to have less activity in their prefrontal and parietal areas, more activity in their occipital areas, and no difference in their temporal areas.

The results from the subcortical areas found less activity in the corpus callosum. They also found an imbalance of activity between the two hemispheres in three other subcortical structures. In the amygdala and the hippocampus, compared to the controls, the NGRIs had less activity in the left side and more activity in the right side. Also, in the thalamus the NGRIs had more activity in the right side, though no difference in the left side.

Raine et al. argue that the difference in activity in the amygdala (which is part of the limbic system) can be seen to support theories of violence that suggest it is due to unusual emotional responses such as lack of fear. The authors also comment on the differences in corpus callosum activity between the NGRIs and the controls, and suggest this can be matched up to evidence of people with a severed corpus callosum which show they can have inappropriate emotional expression and an inability to grasp long-term implications of a situation.

It is important to note that Raine et al. are cautious about the implications of their findings. There is evidence to suggest that murderers pleading NGRI have significantly different levels of activity in the brain and that these differences may predispose such individuals towards violence. However the researchers note that these findings should not be taken to indicate that violence is determined by biology alone.

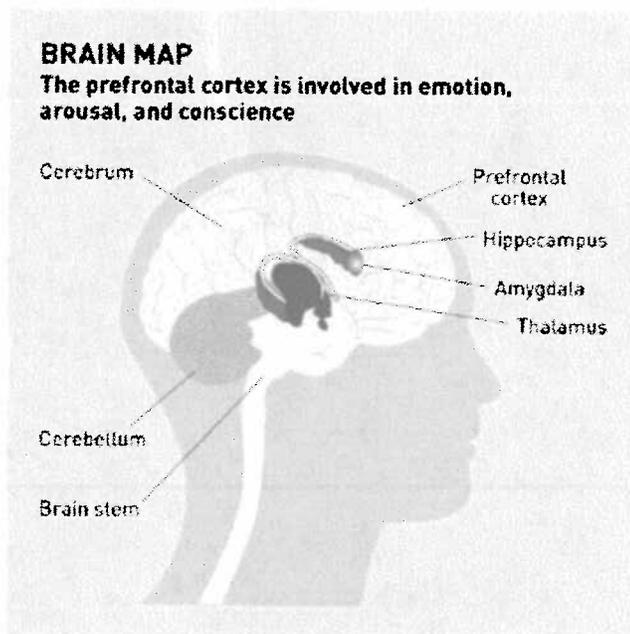
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Dr. Raine emigrated to the United States in 1987 to take up a position as Assistant Professor in Psychology at the University of Southern California. He was promoted to Associate Professor in 1990, and spent the following three years as Associate Chair of the Psychology Department. In 1994 he was promoted to Professor of Psychology, and in 1999 was given an endowed chair (Robert G. Wright Professor of Psychology). Other awards include the Young Scientist of the Year Award from the British Psychological Society (1980), a Research Scientist Development Award from NIMH (1993), an Independent Scientist Award from NIMH (1999), the Joseph Zubin Memorial Award (1999), and USC's Associate's Award for Creativity in Research (2003).

For the past 28 years, Dr. Raine's research has focused on the neurobiological and biosocial bases of antisocial and violent behavior in both children and adults. He has published five books and 172 journal articles and book chapters, been the Principal Investigator on 17 extramural research grants and main mentor on 8 NIH pre- and post-doctoral awards, and given over 175 invited presentations both nationally and internationally. Together with several research colleagues he has been instrumental in helping establish a brain imaging research center at USC. His research interests include the neurobiology of violence, psychopathic and antisocial behavior; schizotypal personality; alcoholism; brain imaging; psychophysiology; neurochemistry; neuropsychology; and behavioral and molecular genetics.

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Too many guns

By Henry Hamilton III
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Last week, we were reminded of the prevalence of guns in the City of Milwaukee. We were also reminded of the dangerous job City of Milwaukee police Officers performs.

On Tues., Nov. 6, Police Officers Alejandro Arce, 26, and Jose Lopez III, 31, were shot by two suspects after responding to gunfire in the area of 14th and Greenfield on the City's south side. Lopez was released from the hospital after receiving care for his wounds. Arce remains hospitalized, but is expected to recover.

Two suspects - Jose Fernandez, 24, and Victor Veloz, 15 - were apprehended shortly after the incident. According to the police, two semi-automatic weapons were recovered along with a large amount of drugs. It is presumed that

the 24-year-old lawfully purchased at least one of the guns and illegally provided the gun to the 15-year old. Police shootings around the nation are on the rise. The National Law Enforcement Officer Memorial Fund reports that there have been 63 officers killed by gunfire this year. There were 48 total in 2006. Fortunately, it has been 11 years since a City of Milwaukee officer has fallen victim to fatal gunfire.

It does not take Lassie to figure that Milwaukee needs fewer guns on the streets. Milwaukee has the seventh largest poverty rate in the nation. Poverty increases the probability a person may make poor choices. When weapons are introduced those choices can become fatal.

For instance, a 15-year-old child walking around in River Hills is probably not looking to make a quick buck. He or she has other opportunities. Not so, for far too many youth in the City of Milwaukee. Because of economic opportunities foreclosed to them and their parents many youth pur-

chase illegal enterprises to make a quick dollar to remedy perceived material needs and status issues. The problem is they run into other youth also pursuing illegal enterprises and conflict ensues. Too often the conflict ends in gun battles. (Of course, poverty does not explain the recent gun violence in Crandon, Wisconsin; or the principal shot by the student at Weston High School.)

No one profits from these constant gun battles. Well, that's not entirely true. Gun stores profit. Gun violence gets more gun violence. Gun violence means more gun sales.

Badger Outdoors, a West Milwaukee gun store, leads the nation in the sale of guns subsequently used in criminal activity. In 2005, 537 guns sold by Badger Outdoors were connected to criminal activity. On average, every 15 hours a gun sold by Badger Outdoors is used in criminal activity. While Badger Outdoors profits, we can only hope we are not the victim of their merchandise.

We need fewer media-starved politicians rushing before camera crews to re-

gurgitate the same old sound bytes as before. We need real action to eliminate poverty and gun violence in Milwaukee.

We need a Common Council that is concerned as much about job creation in Milwaukee as it is about job creation in Waukesha County. That means real change to see that City of Milwaukee taxpayer dollars remain in the City of Milwaukee, and that all Milwaukeeans "African American, Caucasian, Hispanic, Hmong, etc." receive a fair share.

Secondly, we need real action against gun distributors and manufacturers who profit from gun violence. I would start with our friend in West Milwaukee. More must be done to prevent their guns, and the guns from other distributors from fallen in to the hands of criminals.

Repeat after me: Less talk, more action.

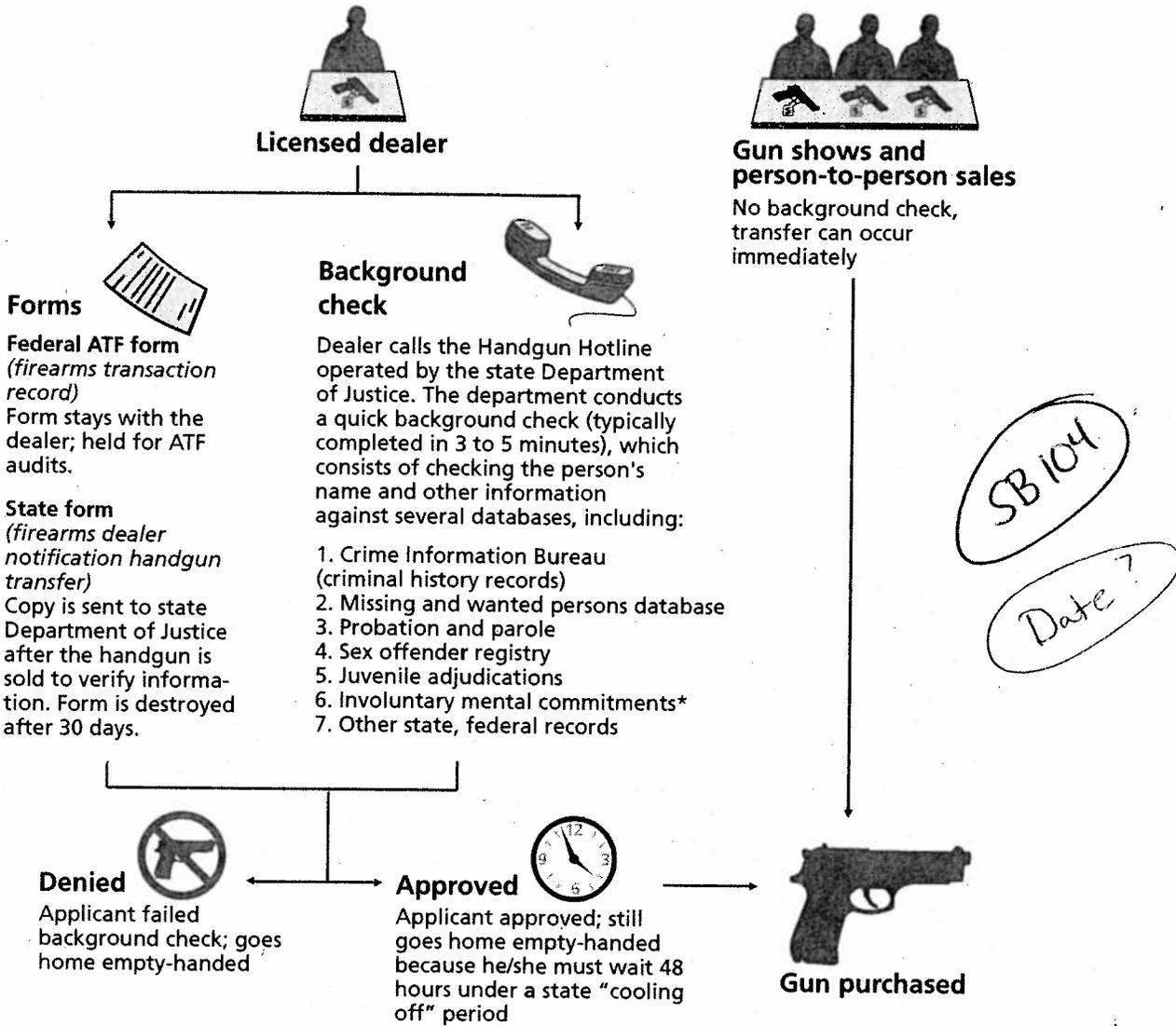
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