

**Media Advisory:**

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**On Saturday, May 19, 2018, from 10 am until noon at the Del Mar Fairgrounds (intersection of Jimmy Durante Blvd. and Via de la Valle) citizens will be protesting the second of five annual gun shows held on state owned property.**

**Rose Ann Sharp said: “We now can link the danger of gun shows to the Las Vegas shooter who apparently used the Del Mar gun show operator to buy bullets”.**

**“There are two proven ways that Gun Shows foster illegal transactions and we have evidence from the March 17 Del Mar gun show that lack of vendor knowledge about purchase requirements or enforcement fosters illegal sales. The indictment of the vendor who sold to the Vegas shooter shows how contacts made at the Gun Show foster illegal business outside the Gun Show.”**

**Background Summary:**

**Stephen Paddock, the mass murderer of 58 people and maimer of an additional 500 people at the Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas on October 1, 2017, bought deadly HIGH EXPLOSIVE ARMOR PIERCING INCENDIARY AMMUNITION (HEAPI) that was found in an open shipping container in his hotel room from a vendor-connection whom all evidence indicates he met at Crossroads of the West Gun Shows in Phoenix and Las Vegas.**

**Although we do not know if Paddock used the HEAPI bullets he purchased from this vendor, apparently because his targets were out in the open, the bullets were present in his hotel room along with other weapons and ammunition.**

**The studied approach and purchase pattern of Paddock make clear that he was looking to get ammunition both at a reduced rate and in a manner that could not be traced. Although the indictment does not**

**name the gun shows, the dates that Paddock connected at the gun shows with the vendor are exactly the same dates as the two gun shows of Crossroads of the West Gun Shows in Phoenix and Las Vegas. Where Paddock purchased his other ammunition is not answered by the indictment because it is not relevant to the charges against the vendor, Haig, but judging from the Del Mar Gun Shows, numerous ammunition vendors were present and sales were unregulated in both Phoenix and Las Vegas.**

**From the indictment, we read that Douglas Haig, an aerospace engineer, knew that it was illegal for him to manufacture or sell HEAPI bullets. The indictment indicates that Paddock, although well-spoken and dressed, took extra precautions in putting on gloves before handling the HEAPI bullets that should have made Haig suspicious of his actions.**

**The indictment tells us that Haig knew that it was illegal for an unlicensed person to manufacture or sell HEAPI ammunition; prior to leaving a gun show shortly after the Las Vegas shooting, Haig sold his supply of HEAPI to his associate in order not to be in possession of HEAPI if he were arrested while he exited the gun show.**

**Right under the watchful eye of ATF agents at the gun show, one profit-motivated vendor and one ill-intentioned gun owner connected to make an illegal sale that would have been more visible to law enforcement if conducted over the Internet or in a more regulated gun shop.**

**Equally important is that Crossroads of the West Gun Shows' profit motivated shows illustrate a lack of vendor vetting and lack of compliance.**

**CONCLUSION: Gun shows are a danger to our communities. Although after July, 2019, in California unlimited sales of ammunition will no longer be allowed, as the Paddock-to-Haig transaction indicates, exchanging business cards and doing illegal business outside a regulated venue is facilitated by gun shows. The indictment indicates that Haig's HEAPI bullets have already traveled throughout the U.S., including but not limited to Nevada, Texas, Virginia, Wyoming and South Carolina.**

## **SOURCES:**

### **Persons of Interest:**

**Douglas Haig** - Manufacturer/Seller of ammunition at Crossroads Gun Shows

**Stephen Paddock** - Mass murderer at Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas

### **Places of Interest**

**Crossroads of the West Gun Shows** - Las Vegas, NV August 27, 2017

**Crossroads of the West Gun Shows** - Phoenix, AZ September 9, 2017

**Las Vegas Harvest Music Festival** - Las Vegas, NV October 1, 2017

### **Time Line provided in the indictment:**

**8/27/17** - Paddock visits Haig's booth at a Las Vegas Gun Show where Paddock purchases ammunition from Haig and his associate. [\*\*Past Events – Page 5 – Crossroads of the West Gun Shows\*\*](#) and Item 6f, page 5 of the [\*\*Criminal complaint against Douglas Haig - Documents - Los Angeles Times\*\*](#) 2/2/18 LA Times

**9/9/17** - Paddock visits Haig's ammo booth at a Phoenix Gun Show and attempts to purchase a large quantity of ammunition that Haig did not have on hand at his booth. Haig told Paddock to call him to coordinate Paddock's future purchase of ammunition. [\*\*Past Events – Page 5 – Crossroads of the West Gun Shows\*\*](#) and Item 6g, page 5 of the [\*\*Criminal complaint against Douglas Haig - Documents - Los Angeles Times\*\*](#) 2/2/18 LA Times

**9/19/17** - Haig spoke to Paddock via phone in order to arrange completion of an ammunition purchase started at the Phoenix Gun Show on 9/9/17. Item 6h, page 6 of the [\*\*Criminal complaint against Douglas Haig - Documents - Los Angeles Times\*\*](#) 2/2/18 LA Times

**9/19/17** - Paddock went to Haig's home to pick up ammunition which Haig placed in the Amazon shipping box later found in Paddock's Mandalay Bay hotel room. Paddock paid in cash. Haig noted that Paddock went back to his car to get gloves which he put on prior to taking the box of ammunition from Haig. Haig stated that he didn't notice anything suspicious when he sold Paddock the bullets. **Item 6h, page 6 of the [Criminal complaint against Douglas Haig - Documents - Los Angeles Times](#)**

**10/1/17** - Massacre at Harvest Music Festival in Las Vegas - 58 people dead, over 500 injured. **[Where did Las Vegas shooter Stephen Paddock buy his guns?](#)** **10/7/18 The Mercury News, San Jose, CA**

**10/1/17** - Amazon box with Haig's name and address, and armor piercing bullets and Haig's fingerprints found in Paddock's Mandalay Bay hotel room. **Item 5 page 3 and Item 7a page 6 of the [Criminal complaint against Douglas Haig - Documents - Los Angeles Times](#) 2/2/18 LA Times**

**10/2/17** - Haig and associate interviewed by FBI and state they met Paddock when he purchased bulk ammunition from their booth at the Phoenix gun show and later completed an additional purchase of ammunition at Haig's home. **Item 6a, page 4 of the [Criminal complaint against Douglas Haig - Documents - Los Angeles Times](#) 2/2/18 LA Times**

**Prior to 10/16/17** – Haig's website home page advertised the availability of "HEAPI, API and AP", acronyms for high explosive armor piercing incendiary ammunition, armor piercing incendiary ammunition and armor piercing ammunition, respectively, according to the indictment.

### **Gun Shows:**

**A quick review of the internet found these dangerous incidents from Gun Show:**

**Gun Show Dealer sells Las Vegas Shooter Armor Piercing Ammo: [Criminal complaint against Douglas Haig - Documents - Los Angeles Times](#)**

**2/2/18 LA Times**

**Where did Las Vegas shooter Stephen Paddock buy his guns?**

**10/7/17 The Mercury News, San Jose, CA**

**2/2/18 YouTube.Com by Weg Oag - Videos 1 and 2 of press conference where Haig confessed selling ammo to Paddock.**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpvtBTBhySI&sns=em>**

**<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EEDJNjGKlds&sns=em>**

**High-capacity ammo 'repair kit' lawsuit - SFGate**

**Crossroads accused of illegal business practices in CA in 2013.**

**Taiwanese Man Busted for Huge Ammo Buy at Phoenix Gun Show I**

**Phoenix New Times**

**Foreign man buys 17,000 rounds of ammunition and machine gun parts at Crossroads in Phoenix 3/16**