

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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United States Coast Guard, I used to be a firm believer in the following statement: "Never attribute to conspiracy that which is adequately explained by stupidity."

On April 5, my worldview took a radical shift. A Gillespie County Sheriff's Detective called me to ask about a specialty trigger I legally purchased online for an AR-15 hog gun over 18 months prior. I naively thought it was a friendly conversation.

Once I told him I had said trigger, he informed me that two ATF agents were sitting in his office and that if I surrendered the trigger, I wouldn't be charged with a federal felony. Apparently, the ATF sued the Texas trigger manufacturer in one of the most anti-gun courts in the country, Brooklyn, New York. Predictably, the judge ruled in favor of the ATF and now I get threatened and my personal property seized, without compensation.

Gun violence from criminals, gangs and the cartels is through the roof in almost every major city, yet the ATF thinks it is more important to send

special agents searching for and seizing, by threat, gun parts from law-abiding citizens. Sadly, I expect this from the federal government but the fact that the Gillespie County Sheriff's Office is helping them intimidate and seize legally purchased gun parts is an abomination.

I write this letter as a warning to anyone else in town who might get a "friendly" phone call in the future from law enforcement. Maybe they'll want to chat about that new rifle part you bought or perhaps see how you like your 30-round magazines.

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Overstepping

As a former police officer with 10 years of service and a member of the