

I strongly support SF 5153. Now is not the time to modify this legislation, but I wish minimum penalties that cannot be waived could be included along with the maximum penalties. Straw buyers are a scourge on society.

Thank you, Ashley Anne Dyrdaahl and other straw buyers for proving that existing gun laws do not stop violent criminals from getting guns.

Thank you for thumbing your nose at the Straw Buyer laws, knowing that your violent convicted felons like your boyfriend, Shannon Gooden, are not allowed to have access to guns.

Thank you for being complicit in the deaths of innocent by-standers and law enforcement, such as the four first responders killed and wounded recently in Burnsville destroying their families.

Thank you for showing potential straw buyers how easy it is to ignore the law.

Thank you for boosting the local economies where straw buyers guns and ammunition are purchased.

Thank you helping to traffic illegal firearms to violent criminals in our communities.

Thank you for keeping law enforcement on edge so that every encounter with the general public is seen as a threat requiring an armed response.

Thank you for putting the citizens of Minnesota communities in danger from gun violence.

Thank you, Ashley, for traumatizing the seven children living with you and Shannon Gooden. The bread crumbs from your firearm purchases allowed authorities to track you down and charge you. But it took valuable time and resources. Sadly, you and your legal team will likely be successful in getting a reduced sentence by arguing your abusive relationship and claiming coercion in your grand jury testimony.

Minnesota legislators, we have to hold these straw buyers accountable.