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Concealed Carry Firearms Instructors Found in Violation

Roswell—Two firearms instructors have been ordered to stop teaching courses for Concealed Handgun Carry License applicants. Raymond Lunsford, of Loving, and Stephen Bare, of Carlsbad, have been teaching courses in the southeast part of New Mexico that do not meet statutory requirements. Special Investigations Division agents attended a course offered by the two on Saturday, January 31st and determined that their instruction did not meet minimum standards.

Based on evidence obtained by the Department of Public Safety, their course curriculum violates requirements set forth in the Concealed Handgun Carry Act and the New Mexico Administrative Code.

SID agents found that Lunsford and Bare's students were given only 3-4 hours of instruction and were not required to demonstrate firearms proficiency. Minimum course requirements are at least 15 hours of instruction and proving firearms competency on the range. Since November 1, 2008 more than 442 students have attended Mr. Lunsford and Mr. Bare's concealed carry courses.

The Department of Public Safety is examining the legitimacy of all classes taught by Mr. Bare and Mr. Lunsford and will determine what action to take regarding the Concealed Carry Licenses issued to people who have taken classes from these two instructors .

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