



# State of New Mexico

## *Department of Public Safety*

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### **Concealed Carry Instructors Arrested**

Carlsbad—Two concealed carry instructors have been arrested on charges of racketeering, forgery and tampering with public records. The two have been teaching courses for citizens wishing to obtain concealed carry licenses but not meeting statutorily mandated course and firing range requirements.

Stephen Bare and Raymond Lunsford were arrested on March 24<sup>th</sup> by State Police agents after an investigation by State Police and the Special Investigations Division. SID agents attended a class taught by the two instructors in November 2008 after allegations of incomplete instruction were brought forward. The SID agents suspended the instructors' privilege to teach at the end of the class they attended. State Police agents continued the criminal investigation into the racketeering and other charges.

New Mexico state law requires certain and specific instruction and proven competency on the firing range with a handgun. Many of the students who attended classes taught by Bare and Lunsford did not fire a gun nor were they given firearm safety instruction on the firing range.

Instructors are private citizens who must submit course curriculum and outlines to the Department of Public Safety Special Investigations Division to be approved to teach a concealed carry course. Once instructors are approved they must provide DPS with attendance rosters and firing range competency scores. Many of these documents submitted by Bare and Lunsford show all students qualifying with 100% accuracy in spite of never firing a handgun during the class.

Both were booked into the Eddy County Detention Center. They have since met bond requirements and were released.

The NM Concealed Handgun Carry Act requires a firearms training course not less than 15 hours in length and demonstration of the ability to safely use a handgun.

Students that have received notification that their concealed carry license has been temporarily suspended or that an application has been denied due to insufficient training, will be afforded the opportunity to attend a concealed handgun carry course free of charge. Police officers with the New Mexico Department of Public Safety will be providing an approved concealed carry course.

Participants must provide their own handgun/s, ammunition, eye and ear protection. The category/caliber of handgun used to qualify is reflected on the back of the license. If this differs from the firearm information originally submitted students must surrender their license. A new license reflecting the actual firearms used to qualify with will be mailed.

The dates and locations of training are:

**CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO**

Walter Gerrells Performing Arts Center  
4102 National Parks Highway  
Thursday/Friday – April 16 & 17 - 9:00 AM  
Saturday/Sunday – April 18 & 19 - 9:00 AM

**HOBBS, NEW MEXICO**

New Mexico Junior College  
5317 N. Lovington Hwy. – Bob Morgan Multi Purpose Room  
Thursday/Friday – April 23 & 24 - 9:00 AM  
Saturday/Sunday – April 25 & 26 - 9:00 AM

**ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO**

MISTIC Training Center  
122 Will Rogers Rd.  
Thursday/Friday – April 30 & May 1 - 9:00 AM

Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell  
52 University Blvd., Room #124  
Saturday/Sunday – May 2 & 3 – 9:00 AM

**CLOVIS, NEW MEXICO**

Clovis Community College  
417 Schepps Blvd. – Town Hall/Auditorium  
Saturday/Sunday – May 23 & 24 – 9:00 AM

Anyone planning to attend one of these courses you must register by calling the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, Special Investigations Division at (505) 841-8053 or confirm attendance with Sergeant Suzanne Skasik [Suzanne.skasik@state.nm.us](mailto:Suzanne.skasik@state.nm.us), Lieutenant Pat Mooney [pat.mooney@state.nm.us](mailto:pat.mooney@state.nm.us) or Director Herman Silva [herman.silva@state.nm.us](mailto:herman.silva@state.nm.us). Failure to submit a Certificate of Successful Completion to NMDPS/CCU by May 15, 2009 will result in suspension of your concealed handgun carry license.

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More information can be found at: <http://www.dps.nm.org/lawEnforcement/ccw/index.php>