

Luo's Lies About Concealed Handgun Permits

In *The New York Times* hit piece smearing North Carolina concealed handgun permit-holders as criminals, reporter Michael Luo claims that over 5 years, "more than" 2,400 permit-holders committed crimes, including "more than" 200 felonies.

Ignoring for a moment the other fallacies in Luo's claims, this one implies that around 2,200 of the 2,400 have committed misdemeanors. The fallacy here is that many minor (and often strange) misdemeanors wouldn't even disqualify you for a concealed handgun permit. So we asked our Legal Affairs Director, Ed Green, to come up with an off-the-cuff list of misdemeanors which would NOT disqualify someone.

FELONIES THAT WOULD NOT DISQUALIFY APPLICANTS:

The law expressly exempts some felonies: "an offense that pertains to antitrust violations, unfair trade practices, or restraints of trade".

A FEW MISDEMEANORS THAT WOULD NOT DISQUALIFY APPLICANTS:

- 14-10: Being a member of a secret political or military organization
- 14-11: Advancing the overthrow of US or NC government
- 14-12 et seq: Klan activities: secret meeting, burning cross, wearing hood, etc.
- 14-16: Passing counterfeit money
- 14-27.7: Sex with student by school personnel other than teacher or coach
- 14-35: Hazing
- 14-40: Enticing minor out of state for purpose of employment
- 14-43.12: Involuntary servitude
- 14-46: Concealing birth of child
- 14-47: Communicating libelous matter to newspaper
- 14-56 et seq: Breaking into/destroying vending machine
- 14-68: Failure of property owner to comply with order of fire chief, etc
- 14-72.1: Concealing merchandise in store
- 14-72.2: Unauthorized use of motor-propelled conveyance other than aircraft
- 14-72.3: Removal of shopping cart from shopping premises
- 14-72.4: Stealing dairy crates
- 14-72.5: Stealing motor fuel < \$1000
- 14-76: Theft or destruction of public records
- 14-77: Theft or destruction of a will
- 14-82: Unauthorized borrowing of horse, mule, or dog
- 14-86.2: Vandalism of portable toilets
- 14-100.1: Possession of fake ID
- 14-103: False certificate of registration of animals with intent to defraud
- 14-104: Obtaining advance for work not done

- 14-107: Bouncing check <\$2000
- 14-108: Slugs in vending machine
- 14-110: Absconding from inn or campground
- 14-111.3: Making false request for ambulance service
- 14-111.4: Misuse of 911 system
- 14-113: Obtaining money by pretending to be blind, deaf, etc.
- 14-117: Deceptive advertising
- 14-117.2: Advertising motor fuel price if it depends on customer pumping, and ad doesn't clearly state this
- 14-118: Blackmail
- 14-118.2: Assisting a student cheat
- 14-118.5: Theft of cable TV
- 14-128: Injury to trees, crops, etc. Of another
- 14-129.2: Taking sea oats from land of another or public land without permission
- 14-130: Erecting a building on state-owned land
- 14-132: Noise, graffiti, nuisance,
- 14-132.2: Entering school bus after being forbidden to do so by driver