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11	SHERIFF CLAY PARKER, TEHAMA	CASE NO. 10CECG	02116
12	COUNTY SHERIFF; HERB BAUER SPORTING GOODS; CALIFORNIA RIFLE		
13	AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION; ABLE'S SPORTING,		RED IN OPPOSITION TO
14	INC.; RTG SPORTING COLLECTIBLES,) LLC; AND STEVEN STONECIPHER,) MOTION FOR SUN	MMARY JUDGMENT
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16	Plaintiffs and Petitioners,	Time: Location:	8:30 a.m. Dept. 402 Hon, Jeff Hamilton
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18	THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; JERRY BROWN, IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY) Date Action Filed:	June 17, 2010
19	AS ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA; THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF))	
20	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE; and DOES 1-25,))	
21	Defendants and Respondents.))	
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23	On January 18, 2011, the motion for sur	mmary judgment of Pla	intiffs SHERIFF CLAY PARKER,
24	TEHAMA COUNTY SHERIFF, et al. came b	pefore the Court on regu	ularly-noticed hearing. Pursuant to
25	California Rule of Court 3.1354, Plaintiffs	lodged written objection	ons to the evidence presented by
26	Defendants THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, e	et al. in opposition to the	e motion. Good Cause having been
27	shown, The Court hereby makes the following	g rulings on Plaintiffs' l	Evidentiary Objections:
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Objections to Exhibit A: Deposition of Barry Bauer

Objection No. 1

Bauer Deposition, Vol. 1, at 36:18 - 37:3:

MS. GRAHAM: Q But based on your experience, I'm not asking for the entire world, but based on your personal experience as we've discussed today, would 45 ACP ammunition be chambered more often in a long gun or in a handgun?

MR. DALE: Same objections as before. It's also been asked and answered. Go ahead.

THE WITNESS: Probably at Herb Bauer Sporting Goods it would be in one of the handguns that we sell a customer.

Grounds for Objection No. 1:

Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.) Here, the State offers the testimony of Plaintiff regarding his understanding of whether a particular type of ammunition is more often chambered in a rifle or a handgun. This question and the response elicited have no bearing on whether there is a common understanding of the public as to whether that particular ammunition is principally for use in a handgun. Rather, the State seeks to offer Mr. Bauer's limited experience in handling, selling and firing ammunition as a proxy for the experience and understanding of all firearms users in the state. Mr. Bauer's limited experience doesn't meaningfully lend itself to determining what ammunition is principally for use in a handgun, and therefore his testimony is not relevant to that determination.

Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.) The deponent does not hold himself out to be an expert on the use of ammunition and firearms, and is not qualified in questioning to be an expert, yet the State improperly attempts to offer his opinions regarding whether certain ammunition is chambered more often in a rifle or firearm. Such testimony of the deponent's opinion is offered as evidence that the deponent's non-expert opinion tends to prove the State's contention that the particular ammunition is principally for use in a handgun.

<u>Foundation and Speculative.</u> (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.) The State asks the deponent to offer opinions regarding the use of a particular ammunition in rifles and firearms, but fails to offer any evidence of, e.g., how many times the deponent has sold such ammunition, witnessed its use or fired it himself, and the witness' review of studies, polls or research papers to support the witness' opinions regarding whether

others testified that in their experience certain rounds were more often chambered in a handgun, without any common understanding as to what that referred to, i.e., more weapons, or more rounds. Because it is wholly unclear from the testimony what the State was asking the deponents, there is no meaningful information to be drawn from their testimony as is relates to whether such ammunition is principally for Denied. MS. GRAHAM: Q Taking into consideration your personal experience with firearms that we've discussed, as we discussed, would 45 GAP ammunition be fired MR. DALE: Objection, calls for expert opinion, improper lay witness opinion, calls for speculation, vague and ambiguous as to "more often fired." Go ahead and MS. GRAHAM: Q Are you familiar with a nine-millimeter long gun cartridge? [PROPOSED] ORDER ON PLAINTIFFS' OBJECTIONS TO DEFENDANTS EVIDENCE

1	A: Yes.
2	Q: Taking into consideration your personal experience with firearms
3	and ammunition, would a nine-millimeter long gun ammunition be fired
4	more often in a long gun or in a handgun?
5	MR. DALE: Same objections.
6	THE WITNESS: Handgun.
7	MS. GRAHAM: Q Are you familiar with the nine-millimeter Luger cartridge?
8	A: Yes.
9	Q: Taking into consideration your personal experience with firearms
10	and ammunition, would a nine-millimeter Luger ammunition be fired
11	more often in a long gun or in a handgun?
12	MR. DALE: Same objections.
13	THE WITNESS: Handgun.
14	MS. GRAHAM: Q Are you familiar with a nine-millimeter Parabellum
15	cartridge?
16	A: No.
17	Q: Are you familiar with a 9 by 19 Parabellum cartridge?
18	A: No.
19	Q: Are you familiar with a ten-millimeter Smith and Wesson
20	cartridge?
21	A: Yes.
22	Q: Taking into consideration your personal experience with firearms
23	and ammunition, would a ten-millimeter Smith and Wesson
24	ammunition be fired more often in a long gun or a handgun?
25	MR. DALE: Same objections.
26	THE WITNESS: Handgun.
27	MS. GRAHAM: Q Are you familiar with a 40 Smith and Wesson cartridge?
28	A: Yes.

1	Q: Taking into consideration your personal experience with firearms
2	and ammunition, would a 40 Smith and Wesson would 40 Smith and
3	Wesson ammunition be fired more often in a long gun or handgun?
4	MR. DALE: Same objections.
5	THE WITNESS: Handgun.
6	MS. GRAHAM: Q Are you familiar with a 25 ACP cartridge?
7	A: Yes.
8	Q: Taking into consideration your personal experience with firearms
9	and ammunition, would 25 ACP ammunition be fired more often in a
10	long gun or in a handgun?
11	MR. DALE: Same objections.
12	THE WITNESS: Handgun.
13	MS. GRAHAM: Q Are you familiar with a 32 ACP ammunition?
14	A: Yes.
15	Q: Taking into consideration your personal experience with firearms
16	and ammunition, would a 32 ACP ammunition be fired more often in a
17	long gun or a handgun?
18	MR. DALE: Same objections.
19	THE WITNESS: Handgun.
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21	Grounds for Objection No. 2:
22	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.); Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.);
23	Foundation and Speculative. (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.); Vague and Ambiguous. (Evid. Code, §
24	765.)
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26	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 2: Sustained; Denied.
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1	Objection No. 3
2	Bauer Deposition, Vol. 1, at 49:8-19:
3	Q: Taking into consideration your personal experience with firearms and
4	ammunition, would 380 ACP ammunition be fired more often in a long gun or
5	in a handgun?
6	MR. DALE: Objection, not relevant, not likely to lead to the discovery of admissible
7	evidence, improperly calls for a lay opinion, calls for an expert opinion, vague and
8	ambiguous as to "more often fired," and calls for speculation. Go ahead.
9	THE WITNESS: Based on the firearms we sell, 380 would be a handgun ammunition.
10	Grounds for Objection No. 3:
11	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.); Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.);
12	Foundation and Speculative. (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.); Vague and Ambiguous. (Evid. Code, §
13	765.)
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15	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 3: Sustained; Denied.
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17	Objections to Exhibit B: Deposition of Blake Graham, Vol. 1
18	Objection No. 4
19	Entirety of Testimony.
20	Grounds for Objection No. 4:
21	Not Qualified to Render Expert Opinion. (Evid. Code, § 720.) Although Mr. Graham has
22	extensive experience as a law enforcement officer for the State, Mr. Graham testifies to no particular
23	training or experience to qualify him as an expert on the particular subject for which his testimony is
24	offered, i.e., whether there is a common understanding as to whether certain types of ammunition are
25	principally for use in a handgun.
26	Mr. Graham's education is primarily one in general law enforcement principles. He admitted
27	that only two of his classes in college addressed identifying ammunition. (Graham Deposition, Vol.1,
28	at 20:11 - 21:6.) Mr. Graham's curriculum vitae similarly shows experience in general law
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enforcement techniques, including drug busts and specialization in assault weapons training, but does not evidence a level of training or sophistication such that he can intimately testify regarding the history, use or popularity of specific cartridges and calibers. (See Exhibit "A" to the Graham Depo. [c.v].)

Thus, Mr. Graham did not work in the State Department of Justice's ballistics lab or otherwise develop expertise in identifying particular bullet fragments and tying them to a particular handgun or firearm; the extent of his experience in this regard is simply bagging casings as evidence and sending them to a lab. (Graham Depo., Vol.1, at 22:10 - 23:10, 25:4-8, 25:14 - 26:10, 32:4 - 33:5, 33:16 - 34:7, 35:9-24, and 36:18 - 37:11; and Graham Declaration in support of Defendants' Opposition to MSJ, at 2:13 - 7:14.)

Mr. Graham does not have expertise resulting from exposure to a wide array of firearms or firearms studies regarding use. (Graham Depo., Vol.1, at 22:10 - 23:10, 25:4-8, 25:14 - 26:10, 32:4 - 33:5, 33:16 - 34:7, 35:9-24.) He has not procured weapons for the State, or considered whether a particular weapon might be appropriate for purchase and use by law enforcement because of the interchangeability or economy of its ammunition. (Graham Depo., Exhibit "A" [c.v.]; and Graham Decl., at 2:13 - 7:14.) Mr. Graham has never conducted research regarding the efficacy of certain weapons and their ammunition, has no academic background in studying the historical uses of firearms in California or worldwide, or the ammunition they use. (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 335:23 - 337:20; and Exhibit "A" [c.v.].) Mr. Graham has authored no papers, studies, reports or journals for the DOJ or any other employer regarding the popularity of certain weapons or their ammunition. (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 337:13 - 338:11; and Exhibit "A" [c.v.].) By his own admission, Mr. Graham's drew upon no identifiable personal experience in starting his to form his opinions in this matter. (Plaintiffs' Undisputed Material Fact ("UMF") No. 43.) His first steps were to consult a DOJ database on handgun sales, and then cross-reference the weapons listed with cartridges listed in a treatise. (UMF No. 43.) Mr. Graham then consulted with four gun vendor websites regarding what they listed as "handgun ammunition", none of which were identical. (UMF Nos. 61-65.) He did not apply any of his own statistics, study information, or data on the subject to further inform his opinion. (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 337:13 - 338:11, 358:4-17.)

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Under Evidence Code section 720, the expert must be offering his opinion to aid the trier of fact in an issue beyond the common experience. Yet Mr. Graham's initial efforts consisted of activities that could be conducted by anyone without Mr. Graham's experience – review a database, review a treatise, look at some websites. To qualify as an expert, Mr. Graham must be able to supply some expertise or training to these steps that shows special knowledge of the subject. Mr. Graham cannot demonstrate such special knowledge because by his own testimony, after conducting the common steps that anyone can do – review a database, review a treatise, look at some websites – Mr. Graham's special knowledge which he then applied consisted of (1) recalling having read some trade magazines (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 252:20 - 254:24.), (2) recalling having been present at a few of the many yearly gun shows held in the state (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 337:13-25.), (3) recalling observing a small percentage of the many gun and ammunition transactions occurring at these shows (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 339:20 - 340:1.), (4) recalling in a non-specific way having spoken with between 20 and 100 participants at these gun shows regarding the sales during his 16-year career (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 340:10 - 342:2.), and (5) having taken no notes, statistics, or other quantifiable data to help him process this limited empirical experience and draw meaningful conclusions regarding gun or ammunition sales. (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 339:5 - 340:9.)

Mr. Graham has never previously qualified as an ammunition expert; he has qualified solely as an assault weapons expert. (Graham Depo., Exhibit "A" [c.v.], and Graham Decl., at 7:16 - 8:6.)

The extent of Mr. Graham's experience with ammunition is that he's shot a lot of it from weapons in training and in the field, has collected some as evidence, and watched a little of it being sold. Most law enforcement personnel at the DOJ have the same or similar experiences, however, and could have conducted the same research as Mr. Graham, and would have likely reached similar conclusions based on a similarly narrow frame of reference regarding firearm and ammunition sales in California. This does not make those law enforcement agents qualified to render expert opinions on the use or popularity of specific types of ammunition, and it does not make them qualified to render opinions about the public's perception of the principal uses of particular types of ammunition.

<u>Lack of Foundation to Render Expert Opinion.</u> (Evid. Code, § 801.) Mr. Graham relies upon too narrow a field of data to draw the broad conclusions he seeks to offer as expert opinions. To be

admissible, an expert's opinions must be based on matters (1) personally observed by the expert, including research, studies or experiments conducted by the expert, (2) personally known to the expert, (3) made known to the expert at or before trial, or (4) of a type that reasonably may be relied upon by experts in his field in forming an opinion on the subject. (See Evid. Code, § 801, subd. (b).)

Mr. Graham's bases for his testimony lack the reliability to allow him to reach his ultimate opinions, i.e., that certain cartridges of ammunition are principally use in a handgun. Mr. Graham bases his opinion initially on only a five-year window of handgun transfer records from the DOJ's database. (UMF No. 49.) Mr. Graham offers no explanation as to what percentage of total guns circulating and in use in California or worldwide that this five-year period represents. (UMF No. 39, 42, 50.) Thus, the trier of fact cannot determine whether a five-year sample of transfers is a reliable foundation upon which to make conclusions regarding all gun and ammunition use under the challenged statutes.

Mr. Graham's conclusions are also underpinned by the assumption that transfers of handguns within the five year period are reflective of or correlate to ammunition use, i.e., that the more guns transferred means the more of the cartridge of ammunition used in that gun is fired. (UMF No. 47.) Mr. Graham provides no testimony for why this assumption is so. Perhaps the transfered guns are never fired or fired rarely. Perhaps law enforcement firing of submachine guns outstrips the firing of handguns. There is no data provided and no analysis or conclusions drawn to support Mr. Graham's assumption that more transfers equals more use of ammunition.

Mr. Graham admits that the other necessary side of the comparison is missing, i.e., rifle transfers. (UMF Nos. 59-60.) Mr. Graham did not contact firearms manufacturers to determine how many of a particular rifle are sold in California in the same given year that a particular handgun that uses the same cartridge was sold. He admits that he has no access to such data from the DOJ or other government agencies. (UMF Nos. 57-58.) In lieu of this crucial information, Mr. Graham substitutes his own very limited empirical experience, the busts he's participated in and the gun shows he's observed but compiled no data from. Thus, Mr. Graham concludes that some cartridges have lots of models of handguns manufactured for their use, but cannot provide any testimony or analysis as to whether the one or two models of rifles he's identified as firing that same cartridge and dismissed as

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insignificant in his analysis are nonetheless sold in a volume far exceeding all of sales of the different models of corresponding handguns. (UMF Nos. 59-60.)

Mr. Graham had access to reports from his own Forensics Services Bureau regard the prevalence of use of certain types of ammunition in crimes, but did not consult his own Department's reports or any other reports. (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 352:18 - 355:8.) Mr. Graham didn't bother to consult with anyone in his own Forensics Services Bureau in forming his opinions. (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 355:25 - 356:4.)

Mr. Graham's methods also included reviewing firearm vendor websites to see what websites listed as "handgun ammunition" or "most popular". (UMF Nos. 61-65.) This method is very unreliable as he made no efforts to determine the bases for these websites listing particular cartridges as "handgun ammunition" or "most popular", such as contacting the vendors to determine the vendors' bases for classifying particular ammunition as "handgun ammunition". (UMF No. 66.) Mr. Graham provides no testimony regarding why his cursory review of these classifications is reliable. Mr. Graham also fails to reliably and credibly explain why the lists of "handgun ammunition" on those websites are not uniform, and why Mr. Graham's own list of ammunition commonly understood to be principally used in handguns fails to include several of the cartridges commonly listed as "handgun ammunition" on the websites he relied upon in forming his opinions. (UMF Nos. 69-70.)

Finally, although Mr. Graham claims that he has sufficient data to render opinions about his ever-dwindling list of ammunition cartridges of which there is purportedly a common understanding that they are principally used in handguns, Mr. Graham nonetheless admits that he lacks the information to render an opinion about .22 caliber ammunition, also by his admission very popular and used in both handguns and rifles. (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 350:20 - 352:2.) Thus, Mr. Graham's expert body of knowledge supporting his opinions lacks information regarding whether a key ammunition type qualifies under the law. Mr. Graham admits that it might, but that he lacks the expertise to opine on it at this time. (Graham Depo., Vol. 2, at 351:21 - 352:2.)

Mr. Graham's relied-upon methods – failing to compare rifle transfers to handgun transfers, failing to justify equating handgun transfers to ammunition use, and failing to use any research, statistics or other data of ammunition use or sales – are unreliable, and insufficient foundation exists to

1	admit his opinions based upon those unreliable methods.
2	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 4: Sustained; Denied.
3	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 4: Sustained; Denied.
5	Objections to Exhibit C: Deposition of Blake Graham, Vol. 1
6	Objection No. 5
7	Entirety of Testimony.
8	Grounds for Objection No. 5:
9	Not Qualified to Render Expert Opinion. (Evid. Code, § 720.); Lack of Foundation to Render
10	Expert Opinion. (Evid. Code, § 801.)
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12	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 5: Sustained; Denied.
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14	Objections to Exhibit E: Deposition of Sheriff Clay Parker
15	Objection No. 6
16	Parker Deposition, Vol. 1, at 44:19 - 47:17:
17	Q: What sorts of research have you done to determine what types of
18	ammunition might be considered antique ammunition?
19	A: Really haven't done any research.
20	Q: In paragraph five, you of your declaration you state that, "Without any
21	further guidelines as to what types of ammunition are handgun ammunition
22	under Penal Code Sections 12061, 12061 and 12318, I am unable to enforce
23	these laws equitably because I do not know what types of ammunition are
24	handgun ammunition." Do you see that?
25	A: Yes, I do.
26	Q: When you made that statement in the declaration, how long had you thought
27	about that concept?
28	A: Again, I think it gets back to February of 2009 when the bill was introduced.
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A: I know I've had discussions with some of the DOJ employees, but specifically who, not ringing a bell right now.

Q: Do you recall when the conversations occurred?

A: Probably the majority of them would have been at north state sheriffs meetings held in Tehama County.

Q: Do you recall when? What -- what year or what month?

A: Yeah, month-wise, no, but I'm sure something was mentioned probably in 2009 and then again in 2010 at one of the north state sheriffs meetings.

Q: And there were DOJ agents or employees present at that meeting?

A: Yeah. And the one that jumps out at me is Wil Cid. I know he's attended the meetings before.

Q: Do you recall specifically discussing AB 962 with Mr. Cid?

A: I know I've discussed firearms with him, but specifically 962, I don't remember.

Q: So apart from Attorney General Brown, you don't recall contacting anyone at DOJ about AB 962, specifically?

A: Not specifically, no.

Grounds for Objection No. 6:

Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.) The State seeks to introduce testimony that Sheriff Parker failed to do any research regarding what constituted ammunition principally for use in handguns under the challenged statutes before making statements that he did not understand what constituted ammunition principally for use in handguns under the challenged statutes. The attempt to offer the testimony for this purpose directly contradicts the State's position that there is a common understanding of what constitutes ammunition principally for use in handguns under the challenged statutes. Further, the State supplies no authority with mandates that proscribed conduct is not constitutionally vague if members of the public can conduct research on the internet of its meaning. Further, Mr. Parker does not hold himself out to be an expert on ammunition and is not qualified as one through questioning. Thus, Mr. Parker is a lay witness, and if he conducted research to form

1	opinions on specific cartridges of ammunition, those opinions would be inadmissible and therefore
2	irrelevant to issue of the State's contention that there is a common understanding of what constitutes
3	ammunition principally for use in handguns under the challenged statutes.
4	Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.) The deponent does not hold himself out to
5	be an expert on the use of ammunition and firearms, and is not qualified in questioning to be an expert
6	yet the State improperly attempts to offer his opinions regarding whether he has adequately researched
7	whether certain ammunition is "handgun ammunition". Such testimony of the deponent's opinion is
8	improperly offered as evidence that the deponent's inability to research and form a lay opinion on the
9	issue tends to prove the State's contention that there is a common understanding of what constitutes
10	ammunition principally for use in handguns under the challenged statutes.
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12	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 6: Sustained; Denied.
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14	Objection No. 7
15	Parker Deposition, Vol. 1, at 49:3-16:
16	Q: BY MR. KRAUSE: The .45 ACP cartridge?
17	A: That is correct.
18	Q: But would you agree that it's used more often in handguns than in long guns?
19	MR. DALE: Objection. Vague and ambiguous as to "more often."
20	THE WITNESS: I guess you'd have to narrow it down. Are you speaking strictly
21	Tehama County? In the nation? In the world?
22	Q: BY MR. KRAUSE: California.
23	A: In what era?
24	Q: Today in California.
25	A: Today in California, I would say the .45 ACP is probably shot in more handguns
26	than a long gun.
27	Grounds for Objection No. 7:
28	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.) Here, the State offers the testimony of Plaintiff
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regarding his understanding of whether a particular type of ammunition is used more often handguns versus long guns. This question and the response elicited have no bearing on whether there is a common understanding of the public as to whether that particular ammunition is principally for use in a handgun. Rather, the State seeks to offer Mr. Parker's limited experience in handling and firing ammunition as a proxy for the experience and understanding of all firearms users in the state. Mr. Parker's limited experience doesn't meaningfully lend itself to determining what ammunition is principally for use in a handgun, and therefore his testimony is not relevant to that determination.

Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.) The deponent does not hold himself out to be an expert on the use of ammunition and firearms, and is not qualified in questioning to be an expert, yet the State improperly attempts to offer his opinions regarding whether certain ammunition is used more often in a handgun versus a rifle. Such testimony of the deponent's opinion is offered as evidence that the deponent's non-expert opinion tends to prove the State's contention that the particular ammunition is principally for use in a handgun.

Foundation and Speculative. (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.) The State asks the deponent to offer opinions regarding the use of a particular ammunition in rifles and handguns, but fails to offer any evidence of, e.g., how many times the deponent has handled such ammunition, witnessed its use or fired it himself, and the witness' review of studies, polls or research papers to support the witness' opinions regarding whether such ammunition is principally used in a handgun or rifle. The State provides no foundational information for the party reviewing the testimony to determine whether the deponent's opinions and testimony are based on either (1) a very limited knowledge and scope of experience regarding the use of the ammunition, or (2) speculation by the witness.

<u>Vague and Ambiguous.</u> (Evid. Code, § 765.) The State repeatedly asked this and other non-expert deponents for their opinion as to whether certain types of ammunition were "used more often in a handgun". The State's interrogator was asked to define what was meant by "used more often", and narrowed the phrase by era and location, but declined to offer any other parameters, e.g., whether more rounds of the subject cartridge were fired from a handgun or rifle, whether more brands and models of handgun chambered that cartridge than brands and models of rifles, etc. Resultantly, this deponent testified that a particular cartridge was "used more often" in a handgun in California in the

1	modern era, without any common understanding of what "used more often meant", i.e., used by who?,
2	used by civilians only?, more rounds of that cartridge had been fired in handguns overall?, more
3	models and brands of handguns and rifles were manufactured to chamber that round?, etc. Because it
4	is wholly unclear from the testimony what the State was asking the deponent, there is no meaningful
5	information to be drawn from their testimony as is relates to whether such ammunition is principally
6	for use in a handgun.
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8	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 7: Sustained; Denied.
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10	Objection No. 8
11	Parker Deposition, Vol. 1, at 54:25 - 55:7:
12	Q: So would you agree, based on what you've seen, that the .40-caliber cartridge
13	is chambered more often in a handgun?
14	MR. DALE: Objection. Vague and ambiguous as to "chambered more often in."
15	THE WITNESS: Just in my personal experience, that would be a correct statement, that
16	.40 caliber would be used more often in a handgun than a long gun.
17	Grounds for Objection No. 8:
18	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.) Here, the State offers the testimony of Plaintiff
19	regarding his understanding of whether a particular type of ammunition is more often chambered in a
20	rifle or a handgun. This question and the response elicited have no bearing on whether there is a
21	common understanding of the public as to whether that particular ammunition is principally for use in
22	a handgun. Rather, the State seeks to offer Mr. Parker's limited experience in handling and firing
23	ammunition as a proxy for the experience and understanding of all firearms users in the state. Mr.
24	Parker's limited experience doesn't meaningfully lend itself to determining what ammunition is
25	principally for use in a handgun, and therefore his testimony is not relevant to that determination.
26	Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.) The deponent does not hold himself out to
27	be an expert on the use of ammunition and firearms, and is not qualified in questioning to be an expert,
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would agree that the .380 cartridge is handgun ammunition?

A: Again, I would say that if it gets down to one of those lists, that the .380 could be on there as basically being used in a handgun much more than a long gun.

Grounds for Objection No. 9:

Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.) Here, the State offers the testimony of Plaintiff regarding his understanding of whether a particular type of ammunition is "handgun ammunition". This question and the response elicited have no bearing on whether there is a common understanding of the public as to whether that particular ammunition is principally for use in a handgun. Rather, the State seeks to offer Mr. Parker's limited experience in handling and firing ammunition as a proxy for the experience and understanding of all firearms users in the state. Mr. Parker's limited experience doesn't meaningfully lend itself to determining what "handgun ammunition" is.

Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.) The deponent does not hold himself out to be an expert on the use of ammunition and firearms, and is not qualified in questioning to be an expert, yet the State improperly attempts to offer his opinions regarding whether certain ammunition is "handgun ammunition". Such testimony of the deponent's opinion is offered as evidence that the deponent's non-expert opinion tends to prove the State's contention that the particular ammunition is principally for use in a handgun.

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<u>Vague and Ambiguous.</u> (Evid. Code, § 765.) The State repeatedly asked this deponent for his opinion as to whether certain types of ammunition was "handgun ammunition". Each time the State's

1	interrogator was asked to define what was meant by "handgun ammunition", e.g., whether more rounds
2	of the subject cartridge were fired from a handgun or rifle, whether more brands and models of
3	handgun chambered that cartridge than brands and models of rifles, etc., the State argued that it had
4	adequately defined the phrase by referring the deponent to the statute. i.e., the challenged statute that
5	defines handgun ammunition as ammunition principally for use in a handgun. (See Parker Depo., Vol.
6	1, at 59:5-21 [attached as Exhibit "E" to Deft's Evidence in Opposition].) Like other depositions, no
7	specification was made as to this underlying phrase. Resultantly, the deponent was testifying as to
8	handgun ammunition as ammunition that was more often shot in a handgun than a rifle, but again with
9	no clarification or common context as to whether "more often shot" referred to, e.g., more rounds of
10	the ammunition being fired from a handgun versus a rifle, more brands and models of handguns that
11	chamber the round for use versus rifles, uses of the round including or excluding military and law
12	enforcement use in California. With so many potential variables as to the context in which the
13	deponent is giving his answer versus how the interrogator meant the question, and a lack of
14	clarification despite numerous objections and opportunities for the State to clarify the meaning, the
15	deponent's answer is meaningless.
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17	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 9: Sustained; Denied.
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19	Objection No. 10
20	Parker Deposition, Vol. 1, at 61:7-20:
21	Q: BY MR. KRAUSE: All right. Based on your experience, would you
22	agree that the .38 Special cartridge is handgun ammunition?
23	MR. DALE: Same objection.
24	THE WITNESS: Again, I believe that .38 Special also can be fired in a long
25	gun; however, I've principally seen them fired in a handgun.
26	Q: BY MR. KRAUSE: What about the .38 Smith & Wesson cartridge?
27	Would you agree that that cartridge is handgun ammunition?
28	MR. DALE: Same objection.
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1	THE WITNESS: Again, I believe that's there's a long gun out there, but I've principally seen
2	that fired out of a handgun. In fact, I think I have one.
3	Grounds for Objection No. 10:
4	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.); Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.;
5	Foundation and Speculative. (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.); Vague and Ambiguous. (Evid. Code, §
6	765.)
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8	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 10: Sustained; Denied.
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10	Objections to Exhibit F: Deposition of Steven Stonecipher
11	Objection No. 11
12	Stonecipher Deposition, Vol. 1, at 43:6-14:
13	MS. GRAHAM: Q Granted that you may have shot a particular cartridge out
14	of both a rifle and a handgun, is there one caliber or not that you have shot more often
15	out of a handgun than you have out of a long gun?
16	MR. DALE: Same objection no, sorry, withdraw. Go ahead.
17	THE WITNESS: Maybe a 45.
18	MS. GRAHAM: Q Would it be like a 45 ACP?
19	A: ACP, uh-huh.
20	Grounds for Objection No. 11:
21	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.) Here, the State offers the testimony of Plaintiff
22	regarding his limited experience in shooting certain cartridges of ammunition. This question and the
23	response elicited have no bearing on whether there is a common understanding of the public as to
24	whether that particular ammunition is principally for use in a handgun. Rather, the State seeks to offer
25	Mr. Stonecipher's limited experience in handling and firing ammunition as a proxy for the experience
26	and understanding of all firearms users in the state. Mr. Stonecipher's limited experience doesn't
27	meaningfully lend itself to determining what ammunition is principally for use in a handgun, and
28	therefore his testimony is not relevant to that determination.
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2	be an expert on the use of ammunition and firearms, and is not qualified in questioning to be an expert
3	yet the State improperly attempts to offer his opinions regarding whether he has shot certain
4	ammunition most often from a handgun. Such testimony of the deponent's opinion is the improperly
5	offered as evidence that the deponent's non-expert opinion resulting from his own shooting habits
6	tends to prove the State's contention that the particular ammunition is principally for use in a handgun
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8	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 11: Sustained; Denied.
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10	Objection No. 12
11	Stonecipher Deposition, Vol. 1, at 43:18-22:
12	Q: Any other?
13	A: Probably a 380 Colt pistol, Automatic Colt Pistol.
14	Q: So that would be a 380 ACP?
15	A: ACP.
16	Grounds for Objection No. 12:
17	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.) Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.)
18	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 12: Sustained; Denied.
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20	Objection No. 13
21	Stonecipher Deposition, Vol. 1, at 52:1-24:
22	Q: The cartridge, okay. So a nine-millimeter Parabellum you're saying
23	has a 357 I'm sorry?
24	A: That's the bullet diameter.
25	Q: But you're familiar with the nine-millimeter Parabellum?
26	A: Yes.
27	Q: When that ammunition based on your experience, would you
28	consider that ammunition more often chambered in a long gun or a
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handgun?

MR. DALE: Again, I'm going to object. It calls for speculation, calls for an expert opinion. It's also vague and ambiguous as to "chambered in." I know you previously asked a clarifying question, but my concern is he doesn't understand what you mean by "chambered in" in terms of how many times he's seen it chambered in or experienced it chambered in a particular weapon, how many times he's seen it chambered and fired, or whether he's talking about total number of weapons in which he can chamber it based on his experience, long guns versus handguns. So that's the reason I keep raising that objection, Counsel.

MS. GRAHAM: Okay, I understand.

THE WITNESS: I would say handguns.

Grounds for Objection No. 13:

Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.) Here, the State offers the testimony of Plaintiff regarding his understanding of whether a particular type of ammunition is more often chambered in a rifle or a handgun. This question and the response elicited have no bearing on whether there is a common understanding of the public as to whether that particular ammunition is principally for use in a handgun. Rather, the State seeks to offer Mr. Stonecipher's limited experience in handling and firing ammunition as a proxy for the experience and understanding of all firearms users in the state. Mr. Stonecipher's limited experience doesn't meaningfully lend itself to determining what ammunition is principally for use in a handgun, and therefore his testimony is not relevant to that determination.

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3	use or fired it himself, and the witness' review of studies, polls or research papers to support the
4	witness' opinions regarding whether such ammunition is principally used in a handgun or rifle. The
5	State provides no foundational information for the party reviewing the testimony to determine whether
6	the deponent's opinions and testimony are based on either (1) a very limited knowledge and scope of
7	experience regarding the use of the ammunition, or (2) speculation by the witness.
8	Vague and Ambiguous. (Evid. Code, § 765.) The State repeatedly asked this and other non-
9	expert deponents for their opinion as to whether certain types of ammunition were "chambered more
10	often in a rifle (or long gun) or a handgun". Each time the State's interrogator was asked to define
11	what was meant by "chambered more often", e.g., whether more rounds of the subject cartridge were
12	fired from a handgun or rifle, whether more brands and models of handgun chambered that cartridge
13	than brands and models of rifles, etc., the State did not clarify what specifically was meant.
14	Resultantly, this deponent and the others testified that in their experience certain rounds were more
15	often chambered in a handgun, without any common understanding as to what that referred to, i.e.,
16	more weapons, or more rounds. Because it is wholly unclear from the testimony what the State was
17	asking the deponents, there is no meaningful information to be drawn from their testimony as is relates
18	to whether such ammunition is principally for use in a handgun.
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20	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 13: Sustained; Denied.
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22	Objection No. 14
23	Stonecipher Deposition, Vol. 1, at 53:3-7:
24	Q: Based on your experience, would a ten-millimeter Smith and
25	Wesson cartridge be more often chambered in a handgun or a long gun?
26	MR. DALE: Same objection.
27	THE WITNESS: In a handgun.
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1	Grounds for Objection No. 14:
2	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.); Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.);
3	Foundation and Speculative. (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.); Vague and Ambiguous. (Evid.
4	Code, § 765.)
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6	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 14: Sustained; Denied.
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8	Objection No. 15
9	Stonecipher Deposition, Vol. 1, at 53:11-15:
10	Q: Based on your experience, would a ten-millimeter Smith and Wesson
11	cartridge be more often chambered in a handgun or a long gun?
12	MR. DALE: Same objection.
13	THE WITNESS: In a handgun.
14	Grounds for Objection No. 15
15	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.); Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.);
16	Foundation and Speculative. (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.); Vague and Ambiguous. (Evid.
17	Code, § 765.)
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19	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 15: Sustained; Denied.
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21	Objection No. 16
22	Stonecipher Deposition, Vol. 1, at 53:19-22:
23	Q: And, in your experience, would 25 ACP be more often chambered
24	in a handgun or in a long gun?
25	MR. DALE: Same objection.
26	THE WITNESS: In a handgun.
27	Grounds for Objection No. 16:
28	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.); Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.);
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1	Foundation and Speculative. (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.); Vague and Ambiguous. (Evid.		
2	Code, § 765.)		
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4	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 16: Sustained; Denied.		
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6	Objection No. 17		
7	Stonecipher Deposition, Vol. 1, at 54:1-5:		
8	Q: And based on your experience, would 32 ACP ammunition be more		
9	often chambered in a long gun or a handgun?		
10	MR. DALE: Same objection.		
11	THE WITNESS: Handgun.		
12	Grounds for Objection No. 17:		
13	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.); Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.);		
14	Foundation and Speculative. (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.); Vague and Ambiguous. (Evid.		
15	Code, § 765.)		
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17	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 17: Sustained; Denied.		
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19	Objection No. 18		
20	Stonecipher Deposition, Vol. 1, at 56:23 - 57:1:		
21	Q: And based on your experience, would 380 ACP ammunition be		
22	chambered more often in a handgun or a 25 long gun?		
23	A: Handgun.		
24	Grounds for Objection No. 18:		
25	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.); Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.);		
26	Foundation and Speculative. (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.); Vague and Ambiguous. (Evid.		
27	Code, § 765.)		
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1	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 18: Sustained; Denied.		
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3	Objection No. 19		
4	Stonecipher Deposition, Vol. 1, at 57:6-11:		
5	Q: Based on your experience, would 454 Casull ammunition be		
6	chambered more often in a handgun or in a long gun?		
7	MR. DALE: Same objection.		
8	THE WITNESS: It's chambered for both and I have both, but I probably shoot		
9	the handgun more.		
10	Grounds for Objection No. 19:		
11	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.); Improper Lay Opinion. (Evid. Code, §§ 800-803.);		
12	Foundation and Speculative. (Evid. Code, §§ 702, 800-803.); Vague and Ambiguous. (Evid.		
13	Code, § 765.)		
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15	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 19: Sustained; Denied.		
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17	Objection No. 20		
18	Stonecipher Deposition, Vol. 1, at 48:16-19:		
19	MS. GRAHAM: Q Would you consider the 45 ACP, based on your experience		
20	with firearms, is most often shot out of a handgun or a long gun?		
21	A: Out of a handgun.		
22	Grounds for Objection No. 20:		
23	Relevance. (Evid. Code, §§ 350, 352.) Here, the State offers the testimony of Plaintiff		
24	regarding his understanding of whether a particular type of ammunition is "most often" shot out of a		
25	handgun. The State provides no information as to what background or experience that the witness has		
26	that would make his limited experience with the ammunition have some bearing on the ultimate issue,		
27	whether there is a common understanding by the people of California as to what ammunition is		
28	principally for use in a handgun.		
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Court's Ruling on Objection No. 20:	Sustained;	Denied
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Objections to Exhibit H: Roster of Handguns Certified For Sale Objection No. 21

Entirety of Exhibit "H".

Grounds for Objection No. 21:

Improper Expert Opinion. (Evid. Code, § 803.) In his opposing declaration, the State's expert, Mr. Graham, identifies Exhibit "H" as one of the documents upon which he relied in forming opinions expressed in the declaration. (See Graham Decl., at 4:7-11.) Mr. Graham was deposed on December 1-2, 2010. Exhibit "H" was not among the documents produced at Mr. Graham's deposition. Mr. Graham also testified that he had offered all opinions that he had on the subject matter. (Graham Depo., Vol. 2 at 368:15-20.) Where an expert witness fails to disclose all bases or documents relied upon for his opinions, the expert should be excluded from offering those undisclosed opinions and

1	their bases. (See <i>Jones v. Moore</i> (2000) 80 Cal.App.4th 557, 565, and <i>Easterby v. Clark</i> (2009) 171		
2	Cal.App.4th 772, 781.)		
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4	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 21: Sustained; Denied.		
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9	Grounds for Objection No. 22:		
10	Not Qualified to Render Expert Opinion. (Evid. Code, § 720.); Lack of Foundation to Render		
11	Expert Opinion. (Evid. Code, § 801.)		
12	Court's Ruling on Objection No. 22: Sustained; Denied.		
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2	STATE OF CALIFORNIA		
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4 5	I, Claudia Ayala, am employed in the City of Long Beach, Los Angeles County, California. I am over the age eighteen (18) years and am not a party to the within action. My business address is 180 East Ocean Blvd., Suite 200, Long Beach, California 90802.		
6	On January 7, 2011, I served the foregoing document(s) described as		
7 8	OFFERED IN OPPOSITION TO MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT		
9	on the interested parties in this action by placing		
	X a true and correct copy		
11	thereof enclosed in sealed envelope(s) addressed as follows: Edmund G. Brown, Jr.		
12	Attorney General of California		
13	Supervising Deputy Attorney General		
14	Deputy Attorney General (185098)		
15	P.O. Box 944255 Sacramento, CA 94244-2550		
16	(BY MAIL) As follows: I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of collection and		
17	processing correspondence for mailing. Under the practice it would be deposited with the U.S. Postal Service on that same day with postage thereon fully prepaid at Long Beach, California, in		
18	the ordinary course of business. I am aware that on motion of the party served, service is presumed invalid if postal cancellation date is more than one day after date of deposit for mailing		
19	an affidavit. Executed on January 7, 2011, at Long Beach, California.		
20	(PERSONAL SERVICE) I caused such envelope to delivered by hand to the offices of the		
21	addressee. Executed on January 7, 2011, at Long Beach, California.		
22	X (VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL As follows: I am "readily familiar" with the firm's practice of		
23	collection and processing correspondence for overnight delivery by UPS/FED-EX. Under the practice it would be deposited with a facility regularly maintained by UPS/FED-EX for receipt		
24	on the same day in the ordinary course of business. Such envelope was sealed and placed for collection and delivery by UPS/FED-EX with delivery fees paid or provided for in accordance		
25	with ordinary business practices. Executed on January 7, 2011, at Long Beach, California.		
26	X (STATE) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the		
27	foregoing is true and correct.		
28	CLAUDIA AYALA)		
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