

# Database: Explore 38 concealed carry shootings in Illinois, 11 people killed

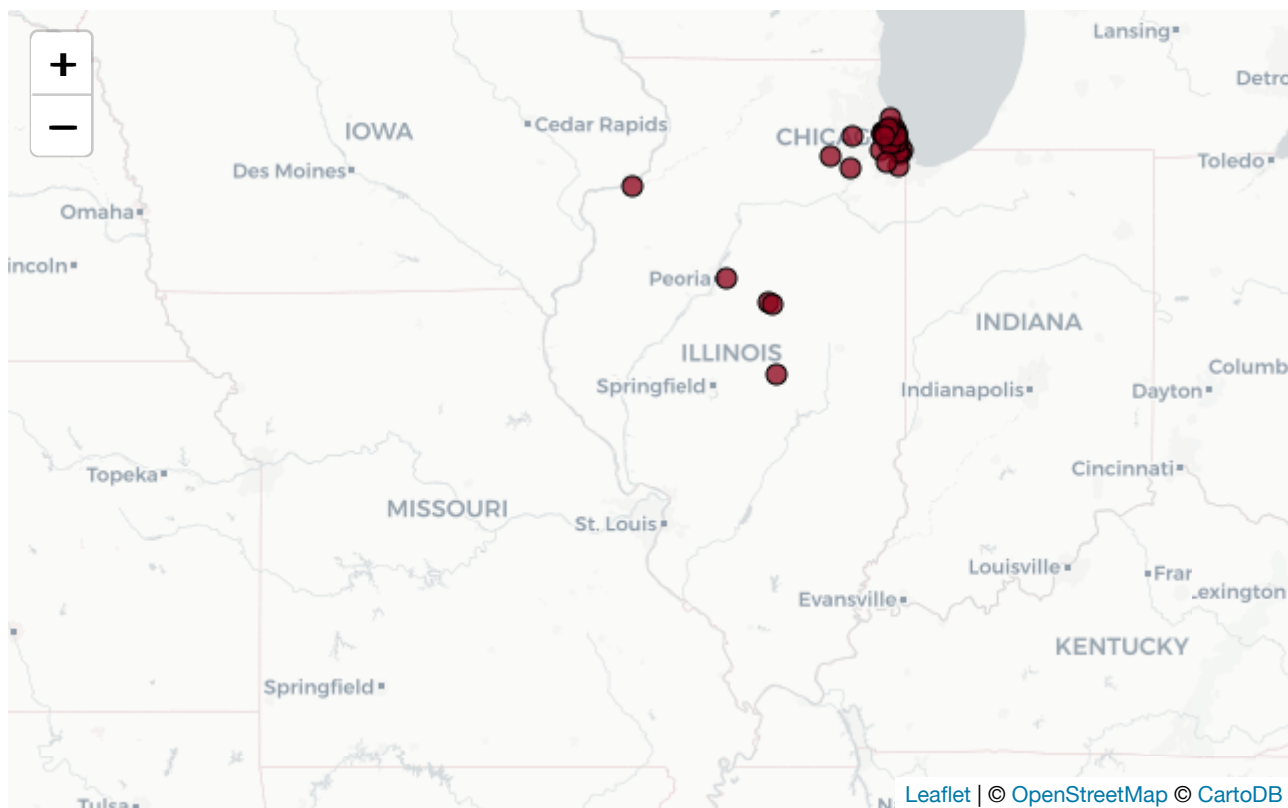
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JUNE 15, 2018, 5:00 AM

More than 265,000 Illinois residents have a concealed carry license, about 2 percent of the state's adult population. But the state does not keep records on when these license holders fire their weapons, how often they do it, or if they wound or kill someone.

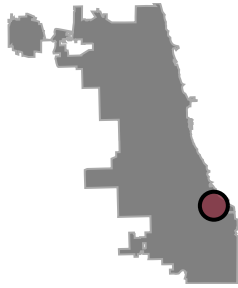
The Tribune combed through police files, court records and news reports to compile its own list. We found 38 shootings and one threatening incident.

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## **JUNE 4, 2018, 6:15 P.M.**

*8000 block of South Oglesby Avenue, Chicago*

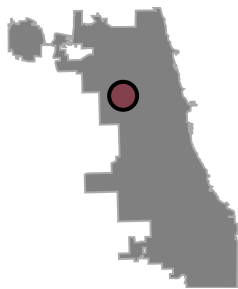
**Assailant armed.**

Around 6:15 p.m. on June 5, a 63-year-old man with a concealed carry license shot a 16-year-old boy who was trying to rob him in the South Chicago neighborhood. The boy was hit in the knee. Police said the boy's gun turned out to be a replica.

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**MAY 19, 2018, 7:45 P.M.**

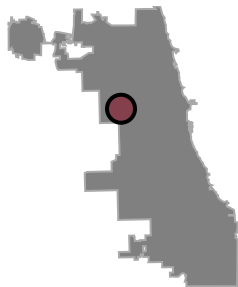
*4200 block of West Potomac Avenue, Chicago*

**CCL holder charged.**

About 7:45 p.m. on May 19, police were called to Potomac and Kildare avenues for a report of shots fired. Officers were told that Yanie Zayas, 36, had opened fire on "gangbangers" on the block, though no witnesses reported seeing them. No one was hit. Zayas, who is deaf, was charged with reckless discharge of a firearm. He had a valid concealed carry license.

**MARCH 28, 2018, 8:09 P.M.**

*4400 block of West Maypole Avenue, Chicago*

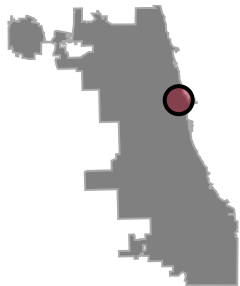
**Assailant armed.**

About 8:10 p.m. on March 28, a security guard at a West Side church exchanged gunfire with a robber who had walked in during a Bible class. The guard was hit in the arm, and the robber, Kenneth Baines, was shot several times. Police say the guard had a concealed carry permit.

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**MARCH 27, 2018, 8:30 P.M.**

*700 block of North Clark Street, Chicago*

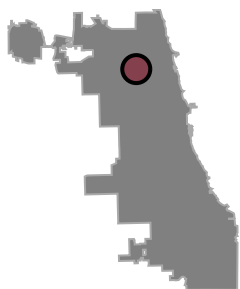


About 8:30 p.m. on March 27, a man from Mount Prospect was driving in the 700 block of North Clark Street in Chicago when he saw three people attacking a man. The driver got out, walked toward the attackers -- all wearing surgical masks -- and pulled out his gun to scare them away. The man had a CCL, according to police.

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## MARCH 24, 2018, 9:21 P.M.

*3400 block of North Kedzie Avenue, Chicago*



About 9:20 p.m on March 24, a man with a concealed carry license was showing his gun to a group of friends in Avondale when he accidentally shot one of them in the head, according to police. The victim was taken to a hospital in good condition.

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## FEB. 26, 2018

*100 block of Harbor Drive, Oswego*



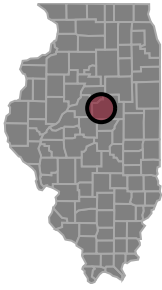
### Assailant armed.

Some time on Feb. 26, Dave Thomas heard screams in his Oswego apartment building, grabbed his AR-15 rifle and ran down the hall. He confronted a man who was stabbing another man and scared him off. Thomas is a gun instructor with a CCL.

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## FEB. 8, 2018

*700 Wylie Drive, Bloomington*

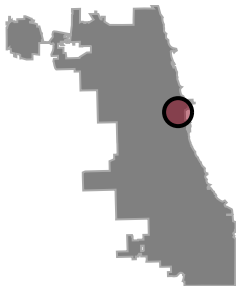


About 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 8, Charles Aussiker was taking a concealed carry class in Normal when he accidentally fired a .22-caliber handgun as he was pulling it from a holster and shot himself in the leg. Police released his gun to his daughter-in-law, who was also a FOID and CCL holder.

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## JAN. 19, 2018, 5:10 P.M.

*34 E. Adams St., Chicago*

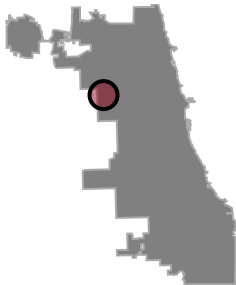


About 5:10 p.m. on Jan. 19, a security guard at a McDonald's in the Loop shot at a man who had grabbed the guard's pepper spray and lunged at him, according to police. The guard missed, and the bullet hit a doorframe as customers and workers rushed out of the way. The guard, a CCL holder, told police he was afraid the man "could have taken my gun and shot me." No charges were filed.

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## JAN. 8, 2018, 5:45 P.M.

*5500 block of West Thomas Street, Chicago*



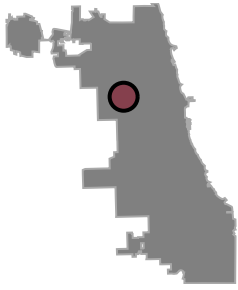
### **Fatal shooting. Assailant armed.**

About 5:45 p.m. on Jan. 8, a man walked up to three people in Austin and said, "This is a stick-up, give me everything," according to police. He started going through their pockets and taking a cellphone and money before one of the men, a CCL holder, drew his gun and fired, killing the robber.

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## DEC. 19, 2017, 1:55 A.M.

*4000 block of West Iowa Street, Chicago*



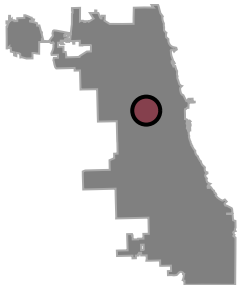
**Fatal shooting.  
Assailant armed.**

About 2 a.m. on Dec. 19, 2017, officers responding to shots fired found Tyrell Smith, 33, a CCL holder, dead from a single gunshot wound to the head. He was lying next to his 2007 Maserati, the engine running and the radio turned up. Police say he was pulling into his garage when robbers blocked his car and fired at him. He pulled his own gun but was killed.

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**DEC. 19, 2017, 5:30 P.M.**

*0-100 block of South Western Avenue, Chicago*

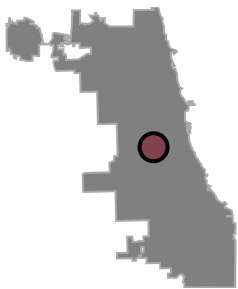


About 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 19, 2017, officers were called to a West Side cellphone store where a naked man was acting "aggressively and threateningly." Before they could reach him, the store owner fired at the man, hitting him in the leg. The man fell, then got up, broke the store windows and grabbed a shard of glass before the officers used a Taser to subdue him. The owner, a CCL owner, told police the man had knocked computers off a display case. No charges were filed.

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**DEC. 14, 2017, 8 P.M.**

*1900 block of West 33rd Street, Chicago*



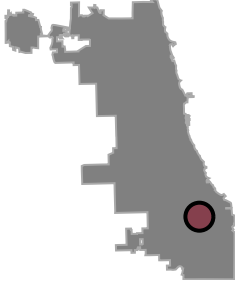
**Fatal shooting.**

A week before Christmas last year, a CCL holder drove to the parking lot of a McKinley Park Target store and met Jermaine Marshall, 21, who had arrived by Lyft, according to a police report. Marshall walked up to the other man's car, and the Lyft driver heard shots. The CCL holder sped off, leaving Marshall dead on the pavement, police said. Officers caught up with the other man, who told police he had intended to return to the scene. He said he was the victim of a robbery and was not charged.

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**DEC. 12, 2017, 2 A.M.**

*9100 block of South Blackstone Avenue, Chicago*



### **Assailant armed.**

About 2 a.m. on Dec. 12, 2017, a man pulled into a lot on the Far South Side. A person standing nearby pointed a gun at him and tried to rob the man, who held a CCL. The man drew his own gun, and shot and seriously wounded the robber, officials said.

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## **DEC. 11, 2017, 11:30 P.M.**

*200 block of Chicago Avenue, Oak Park*



### **Assailant armed.**

About 11:30 p.m. on Dec. 11, 2017, in Oak Park, three masked teens tried to rob a convenience store, and one of them, a 17-year-old, was shot by the store clerk, who had a concealed carry license, officials said.

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## **NOV. 15, 2017, 4 A.M.**

*3700 block of North Portage Place, Decatur*



### **CCL holder charged.**

About 4 a.m. Nov. 15, 2017, police were called to an apartment in the 3700 block of North Portage Place in Decatur for a report that at least one gunshot was fired while the man threw a party at his home. Authorities recovered a single 9 mm shell casing and charged the CCL holder with reckless discharge of a firearm and a violation of the Concealed Carry Act because his blood alcohol content was greater than .08 percent at the time, police allege.

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## **OCT. 31, 2017, 8 P.M.**

*500 block of Elmwood Avenue, Oak Park*



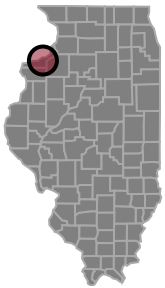
### CCL holder charged.

About 8 p.m. on Halloween night in 2017, a police officer in Oak Park heard a gunshot around Adams Street and Elmwood Avenue. Robert Lewis, 56, said he fired a round as a warning shot at people in an alley who had threatened him. He was charged with reckless discharge of a firearm, a felony. He surrendered his weapon to an officer on the scene.

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## OCT. 8, 2017

*4500 block of 7th Street, Moline*



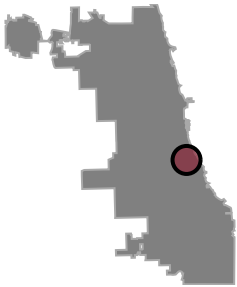
### Assailant armed.

Last October, CCL holder Diane McIntire placed her gun in the center console as she parked her truck at a Moline mall where she planned to buy vitamins. Moments later, she was approached by a stranger with a knife who cut her and demanded she drive him to a rural area. After driving with the man for dozens of miles, she was able to grab her gun and the man ran off. She drove herself to a hospital, officials said.

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## OCT. 7, 2017, 10:54 P.M.

*4500 block of South St. Lawrence Avenue, Chicago*



About 11 p.m. on Oct. 7, 2017, a person used a crowbar to break into a home in Bronzeville and was confronted by the 60-year-old homeowner who had a CCL. The homeowner shot and seriously wounded the burglar, police said.

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## SEPT. 15, 2017, 4 P.M.

*200 block of East Willow Avenue, Wheaton*



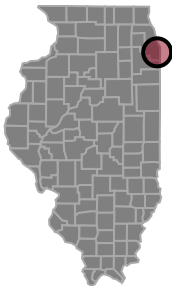
### CCL holder charged.

About 4 p.m. on Sept. 15, 2017, a neighbor of DuPage County Judge Patrick O'Shea returned to her apartment in the 200 block of East Willow Avenue and saw a hole in her living room wall about the size of a bullet. She notified police. O'Shea later told police he "pulled the trigger without first determining that the firearm was not loaded." He was charged with reckless conduct, a misdemeanor.

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## SEPT. 13, 2017, 8 P.M.

*800 block of East Sibley Boulevard, Dolton*



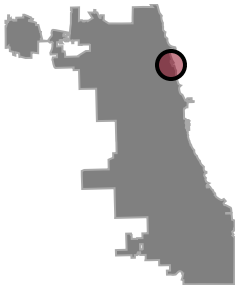
### Assailant armed.

About 8 p.m. on Sept. 13, 2017, a man walked into an auto parts store in Dolton, pulled a gun and demanded money from two workers and a customer, police said. The workers began running and the robber began firing. As he turned to leave the store, the customer -- a CCL holder -- pulled his gun and seriously wounded the robber, police said.

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## SEPT. 1, 2017, 2 A.M.

*400 block of West Melrose Street, Chicago*



### CCL holder charged.

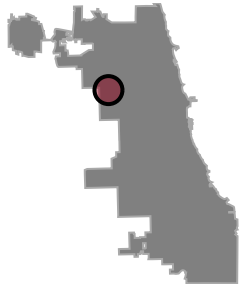
Around 2 a.m. on Sept. 1, 2017, Lyft driver Jaleesa Rance picked up two men from the Sidetrack nightclub in Lakeview. They started arguing when one of the men said she had taken a wrong turn, according to police. Rance stopped her car, pulled a Smith and Wesson handgun from the center console and told them to "get out of my (expletive) car." As they left, she yelled a gay slur and said, "I'll blast you." She was charged with aggravated assault and unlawful use of a weapon, but was acquitted.

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## AUG. 21, 2017, 9:30 A.M.

*1400 block of North Lockwood Avenue, Chicago*





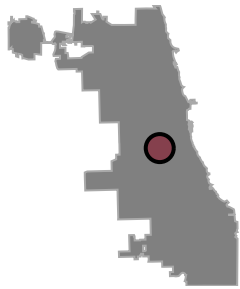
### Fatal shooting.

About 9:30 a.m. on Aug. 21, 2017, 17-year-old Charles Macklin jumped into a Jeep left running on the street on the West Side. The owner, a Chicago fire lieutenant, ran in front of the Jeep and shouted, "Get out," according to a police report. When Macklin began pulling away, the lieutenant drew his gun and fired through the open driver's side window, hitting the teen in the chest and killing him. The lieutenant had a concealed carry license and was not charged.

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## JULY 18, 2017, 2 P.M.

*3400 block of South Ashland Avenue, Chicago*



### CCL holder charged.

About 2 p.m. on July 19, 2017, Keli McGrath, a Chicago police dispatcher, got involved in a road rage incident with an 18-year-old mother of two who was in a car with her kids and her 12-year-old brother. The teen threw soda on McGrath from an open window and the two women pulled over in a parking lot in Bridgeport. The teen grabbed McGrath by her strawberry blonde hair and shoved her. McGrath pulled a 9 mm gun from her tan leather holster and shot the teen in the chest. McGrath was charged with aggravated battery.

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## JULY 18, 2017, 3:45 A.M.

*200 block of Zinnia Drive, Romeoville*

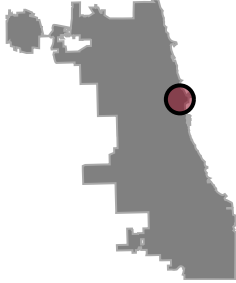


### CCL holder charged.

About 3:45 a.m. on July 18, 2017, Romeoville police were called to Hector Escobar's home in the 200 block of Zinnia Drive in Romeroville for a report of shots fired. They learned Escobar allegedly fired one shot into the kitchen floor, and he was arrested on suspicion of reckless discharge of a firearm.

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## JUNE 14, 2017, 2:19 P.M.

*71 E. Lower Wacker Place, Chicago*

About 2:20 p.m. on June 14, 2017, a man was stopped at a light on Lower Wacker Drive when two men walked up on either side of his Ford Fusion, one distracting him while the other reached in and grabbed his cellphone. "No, get away," the driver yelled and fired out the passenger window. The men ran off, apparently unharmed and unarmed. No charges were filed.

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**MAY 27, 2017, 11 A.M.**

*100 block of West Madison Street, Oak Park*



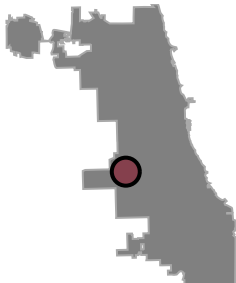
**Fatal shooting.  
Assailant armed.**

Around 11:15 a.m. on May 27, 2017, three teens tried to rob a man as he left a bank in Oak Park where he had just withdrawn \$260 from an ATM, police said. One of the teens, 16, pulled a gun, and the man got his own gun from the center console of his car. They exchanged shots, and the teen was killed. One of the bullets flew across the street and through a window, but no one was injured there. The man was not charged.

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**MAY 10, 2017, 11:32 A.M.**

*5300 block of South Pulaski Road, Chicago*

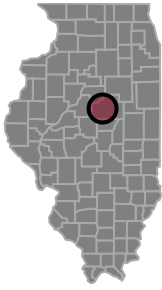


About 11:30 a.m. on May 10, 2017, two people approached a man on the Southwest Side and tried to carjack him, police said. The man, a CCL holder, pulled a gun and shot at the robbers, hitting one of them as they fled. They were later arrested. There was no indication from police that they were armed.

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**APRIL 1, 2017**

*Bloomington*

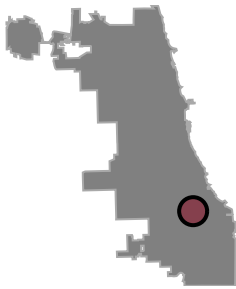


Last fall, Robert E. Witt, 37, was arrested at his job at a downstate truck stop with a loaded gun on his hip. He was accused of firing the gun months earlier at his wife and was charged with reckless discharge of a firearm. No one was hit, though a crime scene photo showed the bullet exited the home directly over a pink children's ride toy.

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## DEC. 30, 2016, 1:54 P.M.

*8200 block of South Ingleside Avenue, Chicago*



### **Fatal shooting. Assailant armed.**

About 2 p.m. on Dec. 30, 2016, a man in his 20s was walking down the street on the South Side when a 19-year-old man pulled out a gun and tried to rob him, according to police. The man, a CCL holder, pulled out his own gun and shot the robber in the head, killing him, police said. The CCL holder was hit in the hip.

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## DEC. 25, 2016

*100 block of Stahl Avenue, East Peoria*



Christopher Cecil told police he shot one of two intruders who broke into his home in the Peoria area on Christmas morning in 2016 and came at him with a piece of metal in his hand. The man who was shot told police he and his wife had mistakenly entered the house believing it belonged to a relative.

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## NOV. 27, 2016, 9:45 P.M.

*7400 block of North Western Avenue, Chicago*

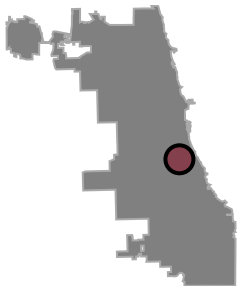
**Assailant armed.**

About 9:45 p.m. on Nov. 27, 2016, three men entered a store in the 7400 block of North Western Avenue to rob the clerk, who was a CCL holder. The clerk opened fire, hitting two of the three robbers, police said. The CCL holder suffered minor injuries.

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**SEPT. 28, 2016, 8:20 P.M.**

*4300 block of South State Street, Chicago*

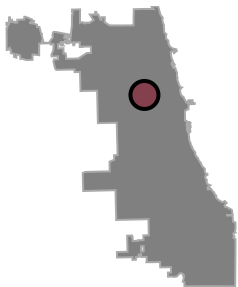
**Fatal shooting.  
Assailant armed.**

About 8:20 p.m. on Sept. 28, 2016, a man was sitting in a car in the 4300 block of South State Street when two men armed with guns announced a robbery, according to Chicago police. The man in the car, a CCL holder, fatally shot one of the robbers and the other ran off, police said.

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**SEPT. 9, 2016, 11:55 A.M.**

*2500 block of West Division Street, Chicago*

**Fatal shooting.  
Assailant armed.  
CCL holder charged.**

About 11:30 p.m. on Sept. 9, 2016, Michael Arquero was picking up food for his pregnant wife at a taco stand at Division Street and Maplewood Avenue. A Honda Civic circled the restaurant and someone inside the car opened fire, police said. Arquero, a security guard with a CCL, was hit and pulled out his gun and fired back, killing the 18-year-old driver, according to police. Two Chicago police gang officers fired at Arquero as he fired into the car, hitting him too. Arquero was charged with several class X felonies because he was a convicted felon and should not have been issued a CCL. He had gotten the license under another name.

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**JAN. 14, 2016, 1:55 P.M.**

*7400 block of Beloit Avenue, Summit*

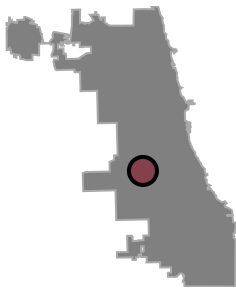
**Fatal shooting.**

On Jan. 14, 2016, Sergio Ramirez-Abeja, 43, shot and killed his daughter's stepfather in Bridgeview, then led police on a 40-mile, high-speed chase on the Tri-State Tollway and Interstate 57 before police forced his car into the median and he killed himself.

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**OCT. 31, 2015, 7 P.M.**

*2700 block of West 51st Street, Chicago*

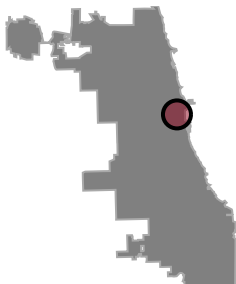
**Fatal shooting.  
Assailant armed.**

About 7 p.m. on Halloween night in 2015, a man walked into a store in the Gage Park neighborhood of Chicago and announced a robbery, police said. The man pulled out a gun and told a clerk behind the counter to give him money, officials said. He then pointed his gun at another employee and made her go to the back of the store. That's when a customer, a concealed carry holder, drew his own gun weapon and killed the robber.

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**AUG. 15, 2015, 2:30 P.M.**

*100 block of West Van Buren Street, Chicago*

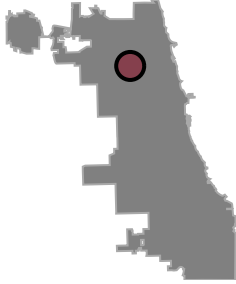
**Fatal shooting.**

About 2:30 p.m. on Aug. 15, 2015, Richard Idrovo walked into AmeriCash Loans in the Loop and fatally shot his ex-girlfriend and the mother of four, police said. Idrovo, a bar manager and a CCL holder, then turned the gun on himself. It was the first fatal shooting involving a CCL holder since the law was passed.

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## APRIL 17, 2015, 11:50 P.M.

*2900 block of North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago*



### **Assailant armed.**

About 11:50 p.m. on April 17, 2015, an Uber driver was stopped in Logan Square when he saw a gunman firing at a group of people walking in front of his car. The driver, a CCL holder, fired several times at the gunman and wounded him.

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## JULY 31, 2014

*4756 W. Cal-Sag Road, Crestwood*

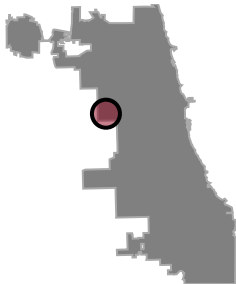


Around noon on July 31, 2014, a man fired two shots at a fleeing gunman outside a Crestwood phone store. A police officer chasing the suspect had to duck for cover, not knowing where the shots were coming from, police said. No one was injured, and the 56-year-old CCL holder was not charged.

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## APRIL 5, 2014, 2:40 A.M.

*5400 block of West Van Buren Street, Chicago*



### **Assailant armed.**

Around 2:40 a.m. on April 5, 2014, a man on the West Side told police he shot at two men who confronted him outside his home early in the morning. He fired several times when one of them pulled a gun from his waistband. He was not charged. It was the first shooting involving a CCL holder since the law was passed.

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