



# Honolulu Police Demand Medical Marijuana Cardholders Turn In Their Guns

The Honolulu Police Department is ordering medical marijuana cardholders to surrender their guns, ammunition and permits within 30 days. In August 2016, the US Court of Appeals ruled that it is Constitutional to ban gun ownership from marijuana users, not because they are considered to be incapable of safely possessing guns, but because the plant remains illegal at the federal level. This is due to a Hawaii statute that makes it illegal to own a firearm if it is forbidden by federal law – another case of states voluntarily surrendering their sovereign rights to the federal government. ☐☐-GEG☐

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[KITV](#) reports that Honolulu police are doing this via letters to cardholders demanding they “surrender weapons, permits, and ammunition to HPD or to transfer ownership.”

On November 28 [The Honolulu Star](#) reported that police have been sending letters throughout the year and the one dated November 13 was signed by HPD chief Susan Ballard. It says, “Your medical marijuana use disqualifies you from ownership of firearms and ammunition.”

Ballard points to Hawaii Revised Statutes, Section 134-7 (a), which says, “No person who is a fugitive from justice or is a person prohibited from possessing firearms or ammunition under federal law shall own, possess, or control any firearm or ammunition therefor.”

On August 31, 2016, [Breitbart News](#) reported that the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled that a ban on gun ownership for medical marijuana users is constitutional. The decision was based on the fact that marijuana use remains illegal on the federal level, whether state-sanctioned or not. This means medical marijuana cardholders cannot pass background check form 4473 and, therefore, cannot legally purchase a firearm.

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