

# UK Woman Shot in Gunfight Crossfire Despite Gun Control

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One would think that if gun control laws worked anywhere, they'd work in the UK.

I mean, it's an island with only one access point that isn't by plane or boat. On the other end of that tunnel is an entire continent of gun-controlled nations, which means the odds of guns being trafficked via that corridor should be nil.

**And yet, guns keep showing up.**

But at least British gun control works well enough that the odds of two groups of criminals having them and shooting at one another are so slim as to be nonexistent, right?

Right?

[Oh, wait...](#)

Footage has emerged of a 38-year-old woman being shot in the leg after she was allegedly caught in the crossfire of a shooting between cars on a north London street.

CCTV footage shows a stream of vehicles driving on a busy Stamford Hill in north London with a woman walking along the pavement.

Moments later, two cars drive past at speed and the woman is seen dropping to the floor.

Armed police were called to Stamford Hill at 7.40pm on Tuesday after a woman in her 30s was injured.

Metropolitan Police officers are trying to establish the circumstances of the incident. No arrests have been made.

The woman is believed to have been caught between two vehicles which were firing guns at each other.

Witnesses claimed one of the cars drove towards nearby Clapton Common where two more shots were heard.

UNPOSSIBLE!

**There's no way that could happen. After all, I'm told the UK has very strict gun laws and gun laws work!**

The idea that two criminals or groups of criminals could have guns and would use them to shoot at one another as they drove down the street is just beyond imagining!

**Unless, that is, gun control doesn't work worth a flying fart in church.**

See, I don't actually care if criminals kill one another off. I see it as a disease fighting another disease. If they kill one another off entirely, we don't need to deal with the issue ourselves.

The problem is that they don't *just* kill off one another. They're not that careful. Innocent people like this woman get hurt in the crossfire. Some are hurt far worse, even killed. That's where we have a problem.

Then we have the fact that many of these people also prey on the disarmed population and we can start to see the real issue.

**The UK's gun control doesn't do squat.**

I won't pretend respecting gun rights would have solved this issue, in part because it's unlikely most of us would have taken a shot at moving cars shooting at one another. Yet it would solve a bunch of other issues we've seen in the UK.

It's just too bad the British don't actually understand that the right to keep and bear arms is a basic human right and not something we concocted out of a sense of boredom here in the United States. Having the means to resist tyranny, even if only the tyranny of the thug, is something everyone should have a right to decide for themselves.

**After all, it's pretty clear the criminals don't care about doing the right thing.**

# UK Gang Sentenced Over Massive Gun-Running Operation

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On Thursday, I wrote about a case out of the UK where a drug operation [had a number of guns](#), one of which was used on another person. It was mostly just another example of how UK gun laws don't really work as well as some might believe.

I fully intended for that to be the last I looked at for a while. It's not so much that there isn't gun crime in the UK, only that we don't often see a whole lot of it in our news feeds on this side of the Atlantic. That's especially true with how Google works, and not necessarily only because of their anti-gun bias.

But when [a massive example of gun control failure](#) drops in my lap, well, what's a guy to do?

A crime gang responsible for the biggest gun running plot ever countered by UK law enforcement operated its main stash house from a plush Ancoats residential development. A property in the Cotton Field Wharf plot at Ancoats Marina was rented out to store guns, ammunition, drugs and 'vast' amounts of cash.

Adrian Gonzalez, 33, the gangster in charge of the stash house, has now been jailed for 25 years. The gang's ringleader, Omar Malik, was previously jailed for 38 years while four other conspirators were also handed lengthy prison sentences.

A judge at Manchester Crown Court said the gang were responsible for criminality on an 'exceptional scale'. They were behind the supply of cocaine worth £70m, and sold 48 Skorpion machine pistols to other gangsters across the UK and Ireland.

"This trade in guns and ammunition, Mr Gonzalez, was described by an expert in this field as being amongst the very highest level of criminal firearm trafficking ever encountered by law enforcement in the United Kingdom," Judge John Potter told Gonzalez, who he labelled a 'determined' and 'professional criminal'.

"You proved willing to be active in a trade, which on any view, causes misery to many within our communities. You knew and appreciated this harm arising from your actions. You were inspired by nothing more than greed and selfishness, in my judgement, to sacrifice the welfare of countless others, with a view to make you very rich indeed."

Now, let's understand that these were machine pistols, not just your garden variety handgun you see in most of our black market transactions. These were particularly dangerous firearms that wouldn't be legal here in the US in most cases.

**And the UK's supposedly strict gun control laws did absolutely nothing to prevent them.**

In fact, one could make the argument that because of those gun control laws, it's just as easy to trade machine guns as more pedestrian firearms. After all, if you're going to have to import them and if any purchase or sale is highly illegal, why not go big?

**Our criminals are dealing with stolen guns.** Those are mostly what people like you and I can buy without an issue.

Criminals in the UK have no such circumstances. They have to get what they can, and that sometimes means **full-auto versus semi-auto.**

This is one of those unintended consequences to strict gun control, it seems, and this was yet another example of a group being sentenced not just for having a gun, but a lot of guns.

**So much for how great UK gun control actually is.**