

Can Gun Traffickers Turn a Profit by Purchasing Guns from Licensed Dealers at Retail Prices & Reselling Them to Criminals for Amounts Substantially Higher Than Their Original Retail Price?



- Kleck and Wang (2009)—If gun trafficking is a profitable business one would expect it to flourish in cities with very stringent gun laws, such as N.Y.C., Chicago, & Washington, D.C.
- Data from arrestee interviews conducted in these cities in 1997 indicate criminals generally pay less than retail price for their handguns
- Conclusion: The claim that gun traffickers can sell guns at a premium to their original price is not supported by the evidence, even in cities with highly restrictive gun laws.