

February, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter regarding the matter of a permit approval for the Peace Keepers, Inc. to sell firearms and ammunition inside their pole barn on residential property. I respectfully am NOT in favor of this permit or any permit getting approved for firearm sales from a residential location. With due respect, a firearms business is an already high-risk business and has no place being in a quiet residential neighborhood.

Our family will be directly impacted by the operating of this business as we have two small children with disabilities living next door to the property. The risks of danger, unfamiliar strangers, higher traffic volumes, unlawful activity, unsecured live ammunition and firearms will be significantly higher with this business operating out of a residential building or home. We have many families and young children in this small neighborhood who enjoy being outdoors, walking around the block, biking, scootering, running, walking their dog. The ability to do this for the younger children and quality of comfort in our small neighborhood would be significantly impeded by the increased volume of unfamiliar strangers coming in and out regularly and increased traffic. Our children unfortunately do not presently and may not long term understand these increased risks and it would affect their quality of life outside the home.

Regarding unlawful or against code activity the residents in question have already been operating their business against code. Myself and many of the neighbors have already seen an increase in traffic and outside visitors coming to the Peace Keepers, Inc. Pole Barn at least 4-5 days a week shortly after moving in and continued up to the week of the public hearing on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February. It is reasonable to assume that the pole barn in question has already been filled and stocked with products against code. This does insight some nervousness and questions concerning willingness to break codes and laws without any regard for the impact or effect it may have on others living in a small residential neighborhood. It is deeply concerning that this unlawful and unsafe behavior will continue if the permit is approved in addition to the current permit is renewed.

Our family also has concerns about the safety measures being taking to secure such high-risk products. We wonder if they get the permit approved or even with the current online sales permit that has been approved if there will be licenses, security measures, on-going safety checks. There was a break in at the Total Defense Firearms and Gun Range business 1.5 miles away within the last 2 years and what if anything is going to be done to prevent this from happening in our neighborhood. We would also like to point out that we do already have 2 firearms and gun ranges (Total Defense and MN Firearms) within a 7 mile radius (one of which is only 1.5 miles away) and feel that it is excessive and completely unnecessary to have a firearms and ammunition business online or on premises in a residential neighborhood.

On a more personal level our family intentionally took time to carefully pick this house to live in because of it small, quiet, spacious, family friendly neighborhood. It does change the dynamic of the neighborhood and the reasons we decided to settle here. We would love to see these residents thrive in their passion and in their small business endeavor in a brick and mortar building away from this neighborhood's residential location. We hope they can understand that this is not in anyway personal but what we believe is what is best for our neighborhood's families. Our hope is that the neighborhood stays residential living only for the safety of our children and the on-going peaceful quality of life for our small neighborhood and the overall Ramsey community. We appreciate your time, support, and understanding in this matter.

Best regards,

  
Laura Renna

2/24/22

Dear City Hall

This is Kaleb a 10 year old boy  
I wanted to express my concerns  
about the firearms business.  
In my opinion I don't want  
the firearms business in  
a private neighborhood. One  
reason is there is a higher chance  
of breaking in and/or shooting there  
is a higher chance. Another reason  
is because parents might not have  
their kids walk because they  
might not feel safe having their  
kid walking because there will  
be strangers. This is why I think  
there should not be a  
firearms business in our  
neighborhood.

From  
Kaleb

2/22/22

**TO: Brian McCann and Planning Commisioners**

**RE: Home Occupation Permit (HOP) Amendment  
6025 177<sup>th</sup> Lane NW Derek M Trout/Peacekeepers**

Upon recent complaints and notification about the proposed listed above Amendment, I wish to request the HOP Level II be denied and the original HOP Level I, dated 9/9/19 be revoked because of ongoing violations (over 365 days) and the City's vague and in adequate requirements: 1) Only Administratively done; 2) Residents were not notified by written notice; 3) No publication in the Anoka Union; 4) No Council review or approval. Basically, if residents hadn't complained to Code Enforcement, Mr. Trout would be continuing to operate a gun shop in a residential zoned area with ongoing violations that are against the original Level I HOP, and the requested Level II HOP.

Mr. Trout only applied for the amended HOP after he received written notification from the City Code Enforcement Department in late January 2022. There has been absolutely no transparency in obtaining the HOP Level I Permit from Mr. Trout nor the City. I understand that Chloe McGuire and Bria Raines, recently resigned from the City, and are unavailable to answer questions regarding administrative approval and code violation citations.

The only minimal requirement of a Low-level Home Occupation Permit is approval administratively by one City staff person (Chloe McGuire), provided there is "no exterior evidence of the business activity" (no business signage). BUT, we, as residents, feel gun sales of AR15's, etc., in our residential neighborhood is a big deal. Total Defense, already exists, just 10 blocks away on 167<sup>th</sup> Avenue, in an actual Commercial zoned district. They acquire, ship, sell, certify, and provide classes and a shooting range, all in one place.

The residents of our RESIDENTIAL zoned development moved here under the understanding that it is zoned residential, not Commercial, a safe place, and not to mention any possible drop in market value.

This is a neighborhood full of young children walking, playing, riding bikes past Mr. Trout's business, in plain sight of guns and merchandise visible throughout the day being transferred into vehicles and the pole barn.

I would also like to note that in 2019 the City Council also approved resolutions for a horse barn, stables, riding arena, and future children residential overnight camp stays within 750 feet of this property (17920 St. Francis Blvd.). Their entrance access will also be thru the 177<sup>th</sup> Lane NW's entrance.

The statements above should be easily proven by his own videos, statements on Facebook, statements in HOP applications, and further validated by residents in the development.

At this time I ask that the requested HOP Amendment, and both Alternatives 1 and 2, be denied and that the original HOP Level I revoked.

Many of these residents have lived in the development over 30 years with no problems, I would hope there would be no retaliation as a result of this HOP process.

Cordially,  
Kelly Schmidt  
6000 177<sup>th</sup> Lane NW  
763-753-2654 (612-840-8512)

References: <https://www.facebook.com/PeaceKeepersMN/>  
Facebook online videos, 3; 14; 20; 24; 26; 29; 31; 35 weeks; and one year  
Ramsey City Codes  
Various photos; Neighbor testimony

**A HOME OCCUPATION PERMIT TO ALLOW FIREARM SALES ON THE  
PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6025 177<sup>TH</sup> LANE NW AND DECLARING TERMS OF  
PERMIT**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ramsey received an application from Derek Trout (the “Permittee”) requesting a Home Occupation Permit (the “Permit”) to operate a firearm sales business (the “Home Occupation”) in a detached single family home located on the property generally known as 6025 177<sup>th</sup> Lane NW and legally described as follows:

LOT 5 BLOCK 2 GREEN VALLEY ESTATES 2<sup>ND</sup> ADDITION; SUBJECT TO  
EASEMENT OF RECORD

(the “Subject Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, Derek Trout owns and occupies the home on the Subject Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee shall be responsible for ensuring that the Home Occupation meets the requirements of this Permit and operates in a safe and responsible manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that he wishes to operate a firearms sales business (the “Home Occupation”) within an office inside the home and that the Permittee is the owner of the Home Occupation and will live in the residential dwelling unit on the Subject Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that the Home Occupation will be conducted in one office space in the home totaling 200 square feet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that the gross living area of the dwelling unit is approximately 2,400 square feet; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that at least 400 square feet of garage space is reserved for indoor residential parking and storage related to the residential use on the Subject Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that there will be no structural additions or alteration to the dwelling unit or garage for the Home Occupation use; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that the Home Occupation will not employ anyone that does not live in the dwelling unit on the Subject Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that few, if any, customers or clients will come to the Subject Property; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that there will likely be regular mail and package drop-offs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that no vehicles other than a private vehicle(s) would be used in conjunction with the Home Occupation and that the property will remain in accordance with City Code Section 117-355 entitled Residential Off-Street Parking; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that supplies and materials limited to firearms and a gun safe will be stored on the Subject Property as a result of the Home Occupation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has applied for and received a permit with the Minnesota ATF; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated they have a locked gun safe where all firearms shall be stored; and

**WHEREAS**, the Permittee has stated that the Home Occupation is not subject to review by Anoka County Environmental Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ramsey Police Department has reviewed this request.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ZONING ADMINISTRATOR OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:**

That the City of Ramsey Community Development Department grants approval of a Home Occupation Permit (the '**Permit**') for a firearms sales business on the Subject Property contingent upon the following conditions:

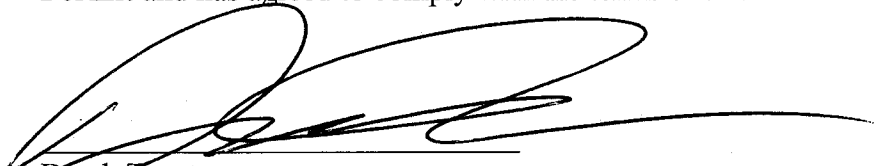
1. That this agreement shall permit the operation of an online-only firearms sales business (the "Home Occupation") in the dwelling unit on the **Subject Property**.
2. That the **Permittee** is allowed one (1) non-resident employee unless otherwise permitted by City Code. Notification must be given to the City if the **Permittee** will utilize non-resident employees and the **Permittee** shall obtain a new Home Occupation Permit if non-resident employees shall be utilized.
3. That the combination of customer/client visits and/or deliveries to the **Subject Property** per standard eight (8) hour business day may not exceed two (2) round trips.
4. The **Permittee** has stated that the majority of sales are done online, if this or any of the recital stated above changes, the **Permittee** shall reapply for a Home Occupation Permit with the City.
5. That the **Permittee** agrees to comply with Chapter 117, Article II, Division 6, Subdivision 1 of City Code, titled "Signs." The **Permittee** shall apply for any sign with the City of Ramsey.

6. That the **Permittee** agrees there will be no exterior evidence of the **Home Occupation** permitted on the **Subject Property** unless in compliance with Chapter 117-351 (Home Occupations) of City Code.
7. That the **Permittee** is responsible to verify and ensure that the structure(s) is compliant with all applicable state and local codes.
8. That should the **Permittee** die or should the **Subject Property** be sold, the **Permit** shall be automatically terminated, except that in the case of death, should a surviving spouse or child, residing at the same address, desire to continue the **Home Occupation**, written notice to that effect shall be given to the Zoning Administrator and the City Council may authorize continuation of the **Permit** without further hearing.
9. The **Permittee** shall reside on the **Subject Property**; if the **Permittee** does not reside on the **Subject Property**, the **Permit** shall be automatically terminated.
10. That the **Permittee** agrees that if the operation expands, they will notify the City of Ramsey and reapply for a **Permit**.
11. That adequate water supply and on-site sewage disposal facilities shall be the responsibility of the **Permittee**.
12. The **Permittee** shall be responsible for obtaining and having in full force and effect all applicable State, County, and City licenses. The **Permittee** must receive proper permitting through the ATF.
13. The **Permittee** shall be responsible for all costs incurred in the administration and enforcement of this **Permit**.
14. That the **Permittee** agrees that all drop-offs shall only be from USPS or other typical express delivery outfits that operate in residential areas.
15. That the City Administrator, or his/her designee, shall have the right to inspect the **Subject Property** for compliance and safety purposes annually or at any time, upon reasonable request to the **Permittee**.
16. That the **Permittee** agrees to take additional measures to secure the firearms for online sales, which must include a gun safe.
17. That the **Permittee** agrees to secure all firearms and will not leave firearms unattended. The **Permittee** agrees that when the **Permittee** is not in the vicinity of the firearms, they will be secured and stored properly. The **Permittee** agrees to notify the City of Ramsey Police Department and Community Development Department of any thefts or vandalism.
18. That this **Permit** does not give the **Permittee** or anyone onsite the authorization to test or discharge/shoot firearms onsite. All testing must be done off-site in a permitted location.

19. That if the City receives concerns or complaints from neighbors about traffic, noise, disruption to the neighborhood, or public nuisance concerns, the City will bring the permit forward for City Council review and possible revocation.
20. That not meeting any of the conditions listed above is grounds for immediate permit revocation.

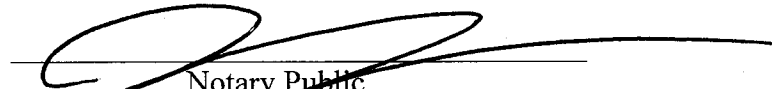
**PERMITTEE:**

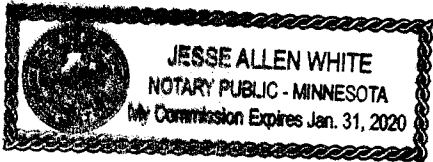
Derek Trout hereby acknowledges receipt of this **Permit** and has reviewed the conditions of this **Permit** and has agreed to comply with the terms of this **Permit**.

  
Derek Trout

STATE OF MINNESOTA    )  
  ) ss.  
COUNTY OF Anoka    )

On this 9 day of Sept, 2019, before me a Notary Public, personally appeared Derek Trout, to me known to be those described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

  
Notary Public





Permit #	Permit Type	Sub Type	Work Type	Description	Address	Contractor	Issued Date	Applied Date	F I
<a href="#">RA045960</a>	<a href="#">Inspections</a>	ePermit - Accessory Structure	New		6025 177th La NW	Mettler Electric, Inc.	10/19/2020	10/19/2020	
<a href="#">RA045333</a>	<a href="#">Inspections</a>	Zoning	New	Driveway	6025 177th La NW		9/24/2020	8/25/2020	
<a href="#">RA043920</a>	<a href="#">Inspections</a>	ePermit - Accessory Structure Over 200 sq. ft.	New		6025 177th La NW		6/10/2020		



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## Permit RA045960 Inspections & Scheduling

You must login to schedule an inspection.

Permit Information	
Permit #:	RA045960
Permit Type:	Electrical
Sub Type:	ePermit - Accessory Structure
Work Type:	New
Description:	

Property Information	
PID:	023225240019
Address:	6025 177th La NW

### Completed Inspections

Inspection Type	Date	Result	Inspector	Comments
Final	10/1/2021	Pass	Andrew Sloth	
Rough In	10/23/2020	Pass	Andrew Sloth	Service

### Scheduled Inspections

Inspection Type	Date	Time	Inspector
No records to display.			



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## Permit RA045333 Inspections & Scheduling

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Permit Information	
Permit #:	RA045333
Permit Type:	Building
Sub Type:	Zoning
Work Type:	New
Description:	Driveway

Property Information	
PID:	023225240019
Address:	6025 177th La NW

### Completed Inspections



Inspection Type

Date

Result

Inspector

Comments

No records to display.

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Inspection Type

Date

Time

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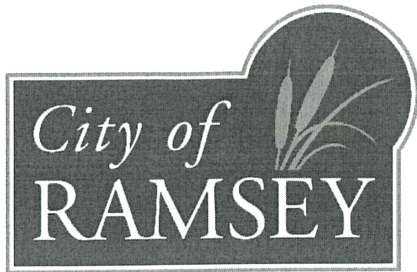
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Permit Type:	Building
Sub Type:	ePermit - Accessory Structure Over 200 sq. ft.
Work Type:	New
Description:	

<b>Property Information</b>	
PID:	023225240019
Address:	6025 177th La NW

### Completed Inspections

Inspection Type	Date	Result	Inspector	Comments
Final	9/24/2021	Not Ready	Dave Rankin	
Framing/Sheathing /Rim Joist	9/24/2021	Orders Issued	Dave Rankin	Structure is completely finished inside and outside. No framing inspection scheduled previously.
Footing	6/26/2020	Pass	Jesse Szykulski	All footings are 22" min. diameter at base.

### Scheduled Inspections



# Home Occupation Permit Guide

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*A guide for land use applications in the City of Ramsey*

*Created January, 2012*

*Revised March, 2016*

## Home Occupation Permit Basics

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Address:

### Home Occupation Supplemental Questionnaire

Does the home occupation owner live in the home on the property? Yes  -or- No

Does the home occupation owner rent or own the property? Yes  -or- No

Will any part of the occupation be conducted in the home? Yes  -or- No

If so, what activities will be conducted in the home and in which room(s)?


What is the gross living area of the home? \_\_\_\_\_

How much of that area will be used for the occupation? \_\_\_\_\_

Will an attached garage or any detached accessory building or garage be used for the occupation? Yes ( ) -or- No ( )

If so, explain:


Will there be at least 400 square feet of garage space reserved for indoor residential parking and storage related to the residential use on the property? Yes  -or- No

Will any structural additions or alterations to home or garages be required for this occupation?  
Yes  -or- No

If so, explain:


Will you employ persons that do not live in the home on the property? Yes  -or- No

If yes, how many non-resident employees will work on the site? \_\_\_\_\_

How many non-resident employees will work off-site? \_\_\_\_\_

Will it be necessary employees working off-site to come to the home? \_\_\_\_\_

If so, explain:


Will customers or clients come to the property? Yes  -or- No

How many vehicle trips per day do you anticipate entering and leaving the property in a typical 24 hour period? (this includes employees, customers, deliveries, etc.)?

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Will any vehicles, other than your private car(s), be used in connection with the home occupation? Yes ( ) -or- No ( )

If so, provide number, size and type of vehicles:


Do you intend to store supplies and/or materials on the site? Yes  -or- No

Please describe items to be stored and where?


Are any of the home occupation processes or materials subject to review and permitting by Anoka County Environmental Services? Yes  -or- No

If so, explain and/or provide necessary documents.


Homeowner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Homeowner's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Brief Description of Home Occupation:

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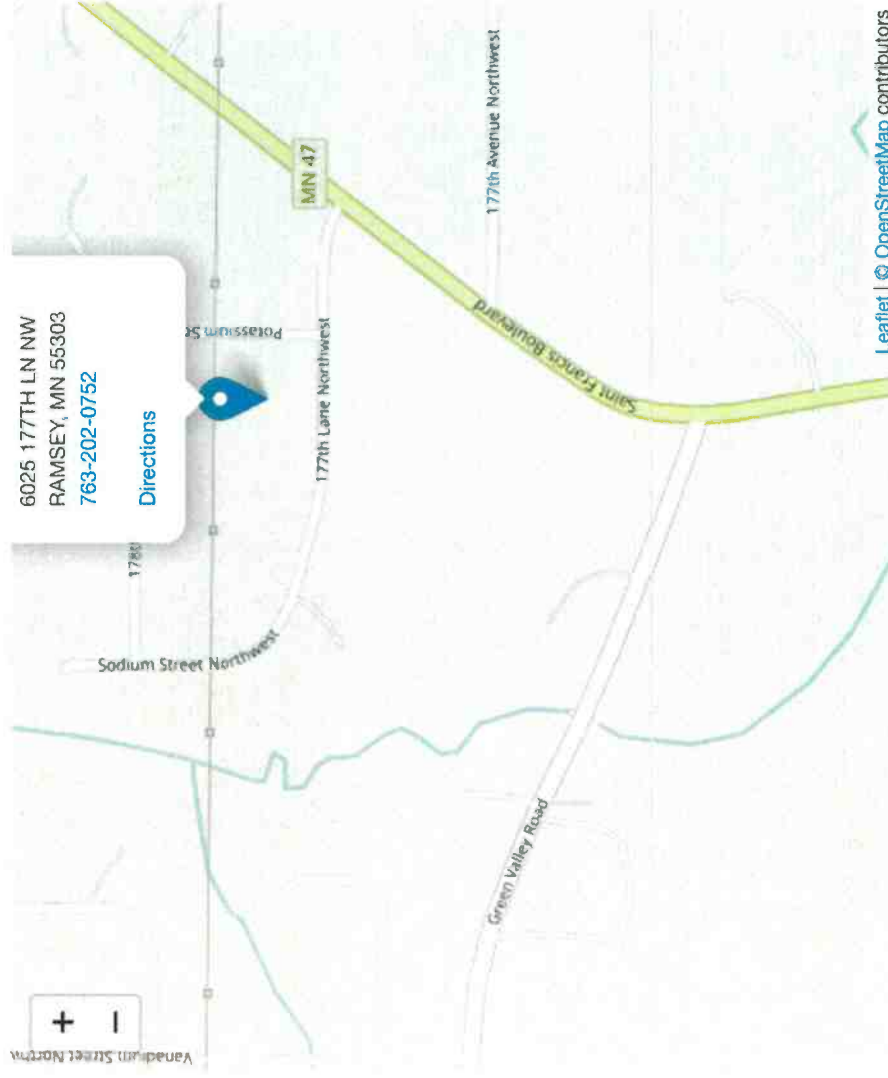
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Note: FFL Scope has provided you the following links to identify Federal Firearms License numbers both expired and current. This does not relieve you of the requirement to obtain a copy of the FFL from the licensee you are shipping a firearm to before you transfer the firearm. 27 CFR 478.94 Please be aware that you should retain the FFL copies provided and that these can be retained electronically.



### FFL Information

3-41-003-01-2A-05650

Type 01

Expires 1/1/2022

Phone 763-202-0752

LOA Issued 12/29/2021

LOA Expiration 6/28/2022

[eZ Check](#)



Peace Keepers, Inc.

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Typically replies within a day

Send message

peacekeepers2a@gmail.com

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Lucas Aho

If I have Derek's last name on my pistol, is it really my pistol? Haha.

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Author

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You can order one through here as well... but it would be awkward to have a deployment gun lol

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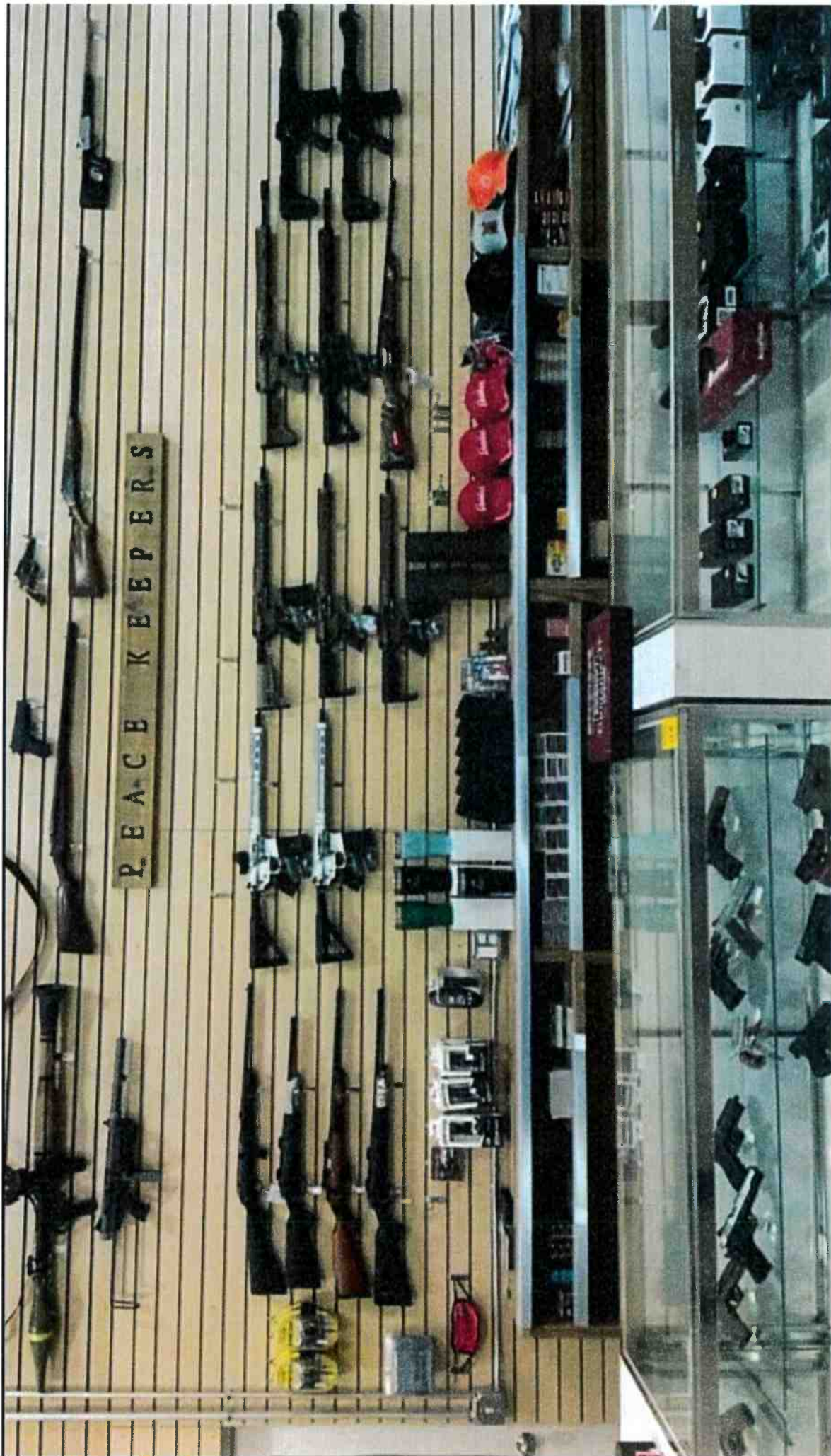
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Peace Keepers, Inc.

February 3 at 11:39 AM

Operation Spartan Shield M&Ps are in for engraving now! We'll text you





# 30 ROUND MAGAZINE

5.56/.223

FOR USE WITH AR15 & SIMILAR PLATFORMS



50% STRONGER



3X MORE IMPACT RESISTANT

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EXPANDED



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5.56 MM NATO

30 ROUNDS PER MAGAZINE

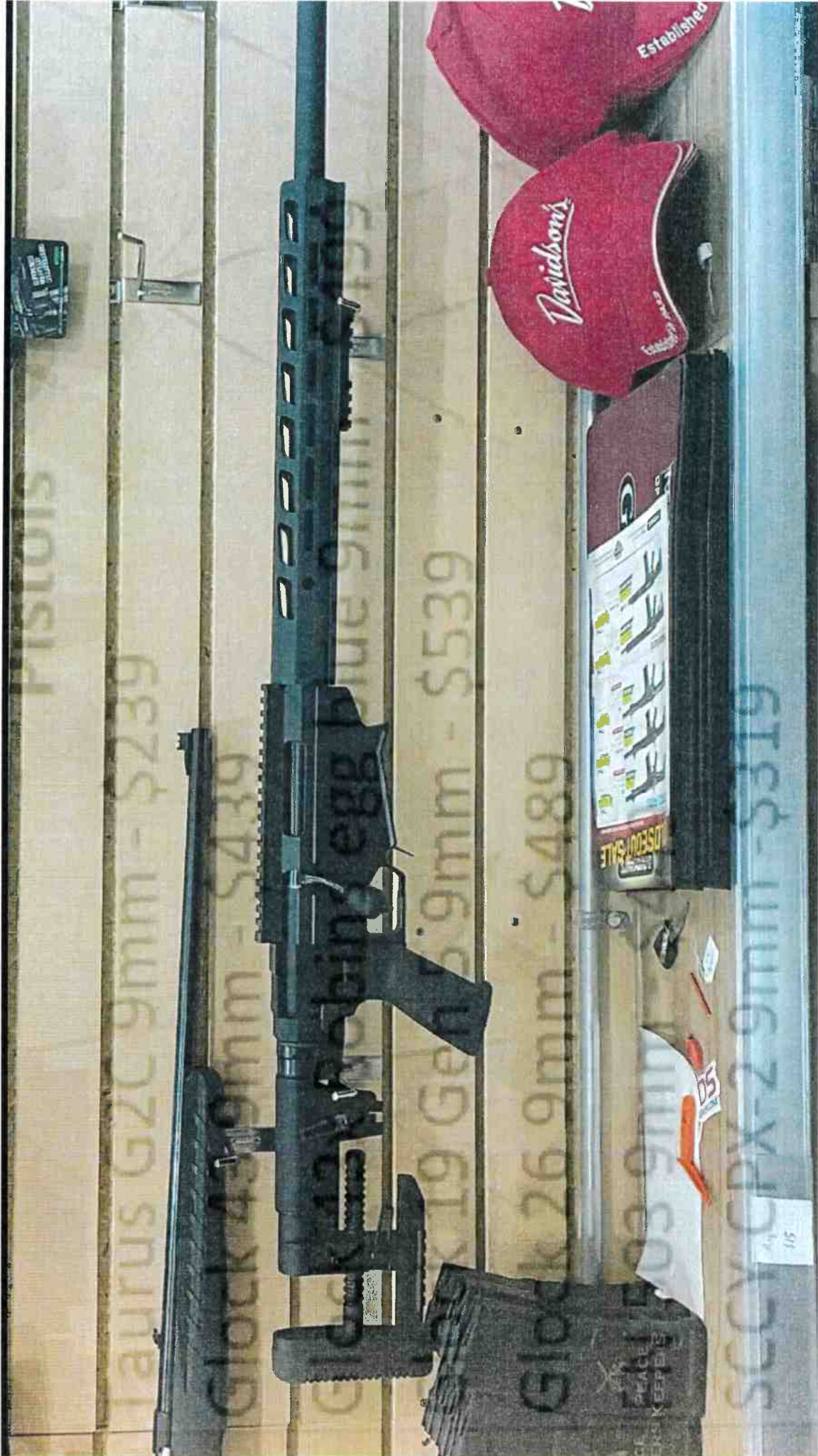












PISTOLS

Laurus G2C 9mm - \$239

Glock 43 9mm - \$439

Glock 19 Gen 5 9mm - \$539

Glock 26 9mm - \$489

SECYCPX-2 9mm - \$319

LOSS LEADER

Davidson's

Established

105

Glock 43 9mm - \$439

Glock 43x Robins egg blue 9mm - \$499

Glock 19 Gen 5 9mm - \$539

Glock 26 9mm - \$489

FN 503 9mm - \$449

SCCY CPX-2 9mm - \$319

Smith Wesson MP Shield Plus 9mm - \$489

Mossberg MC2C 9mm - \$389

Glock 26 9mm - \$489

FN 503 9mm - \$449

SCCY CPX-2 9mm - \$319

Smith Wesson MP Shield Plus 9mm - \$489

Mossberg MC2C 9mm - \$389

Ruger GP100 357mag - \$659

Ruger SP101 357mag - \$619

Glock 26 9mm - \$489

FN 503 9mm - \$449

SCCY CPX-2 9mm - \$319

Smith Wesson MP Shield Plus 9mm - \$489

Mossberg MC2C 9mm - \$389

Ruger GP100 357mag - \$659

Ruger SP101 357mag - \$619

Springfield Armory XDM Elite 9mm - \$609

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Black Rain Ordnance Spec-15 300blackout - \$1199

Black Rain Ordnance Spec-15 5.56 - \$1199

Smith Wesson MP15-22 22lr - \$469

Smith Wesson MP15 Sport II 5.56 - \$749

Ruger American 22LR - \$309

Ruger Precision Rifle 6.5 PRC - \$1299

Rossi Lever 22LR - \$269

Gforce Arms tac shotgun 12ga - \$259

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Rossi Lever 22LR - \$269

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Gforce Arms shotgun 12ga - \$269

Stevens 320 20ga - \$239

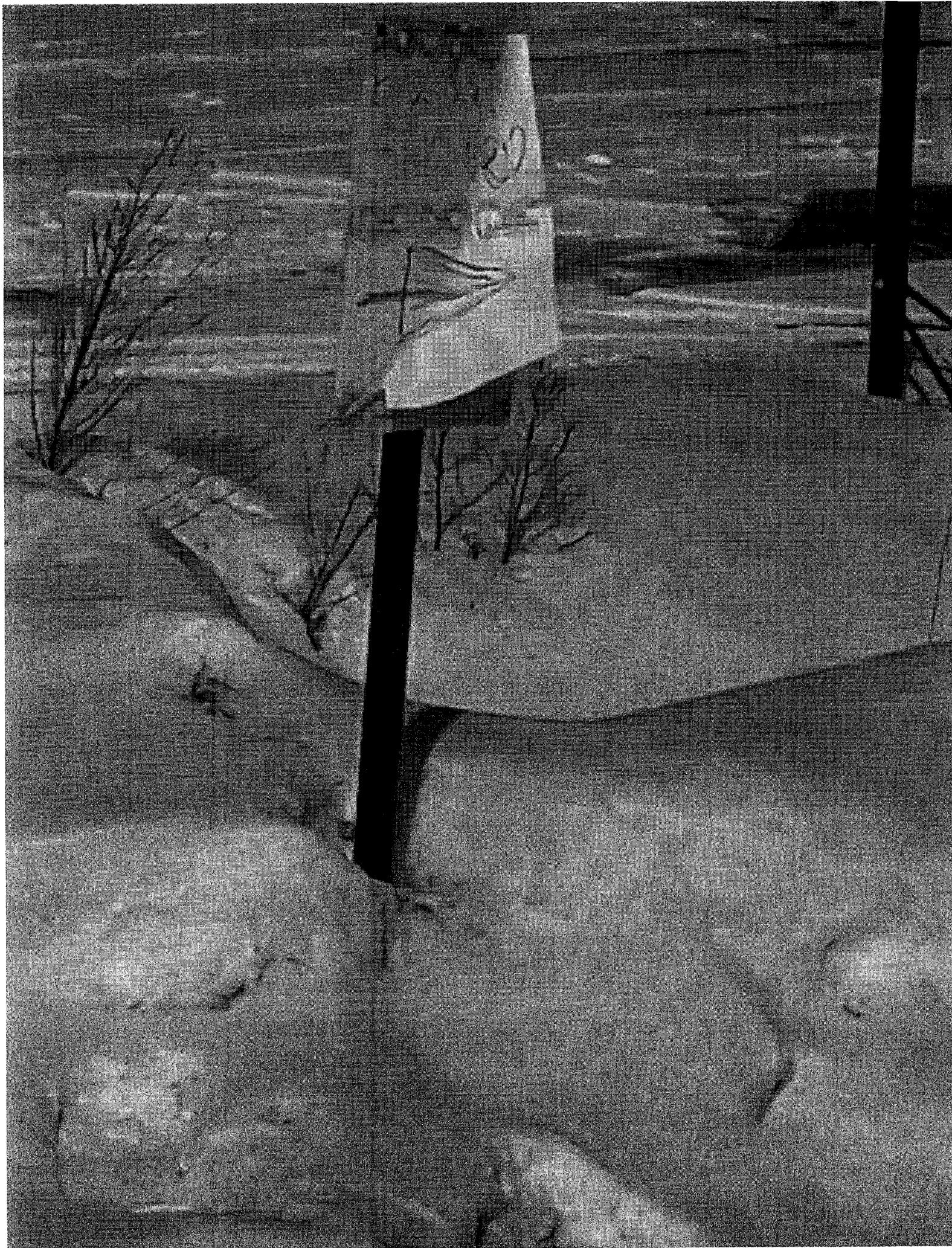
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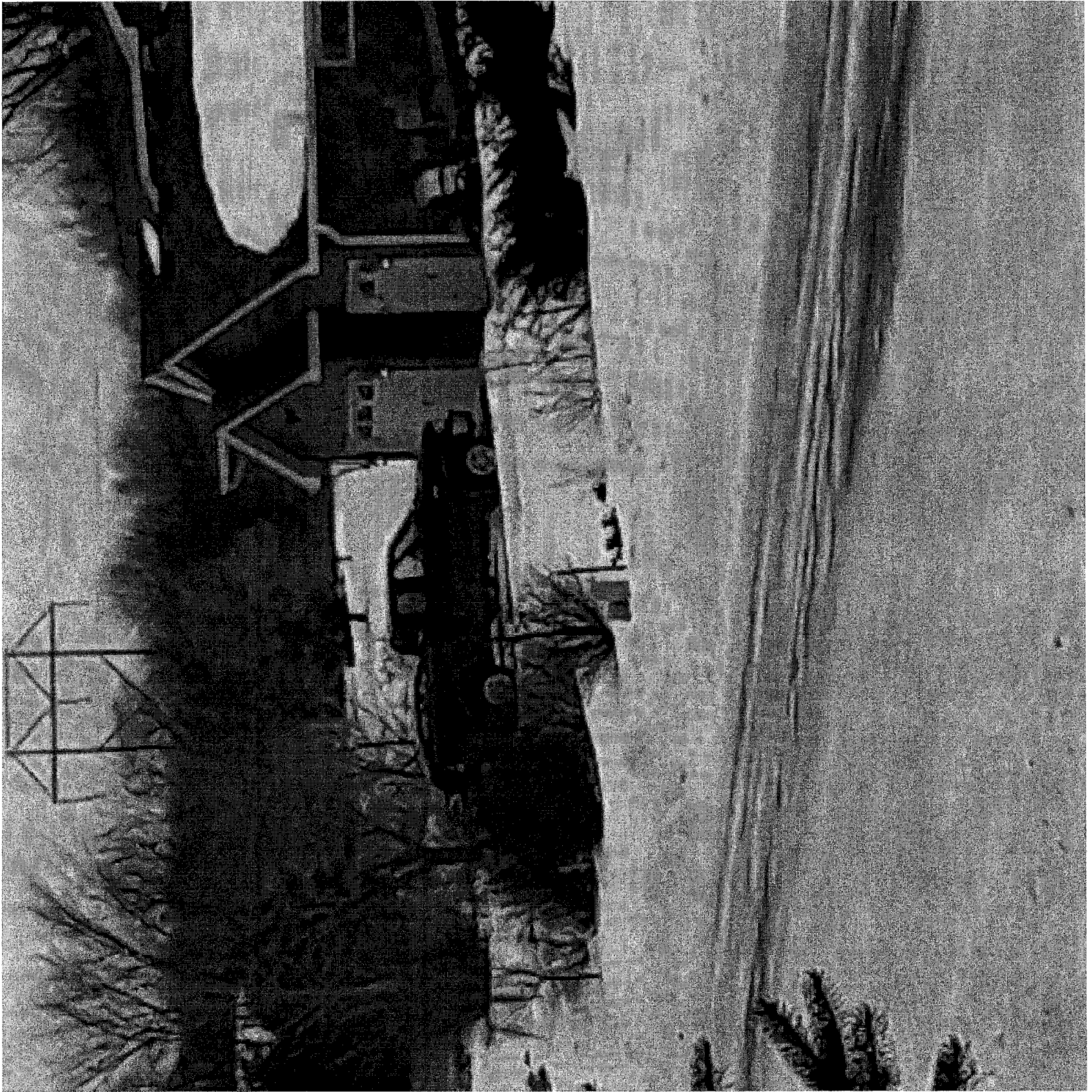
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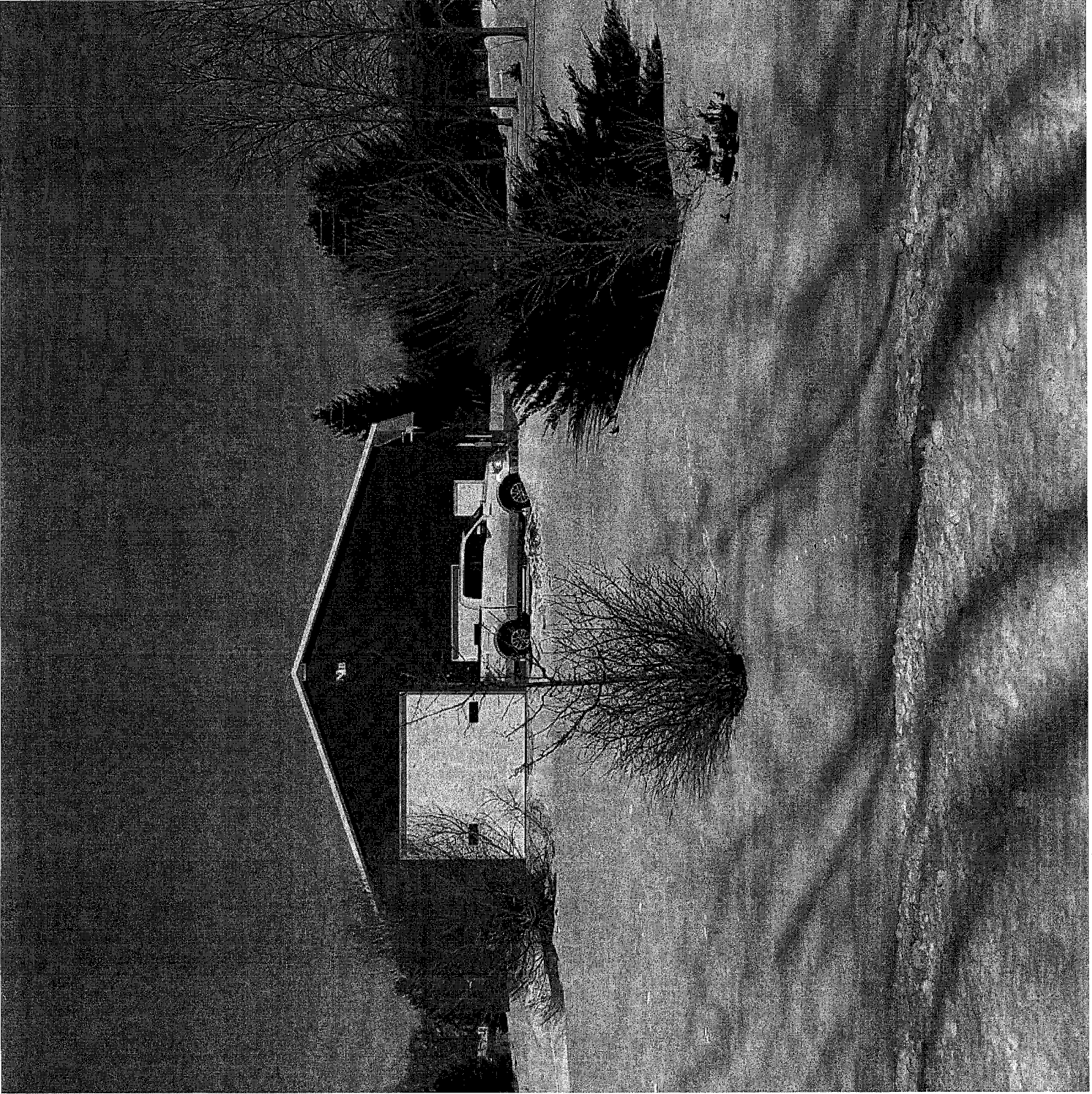
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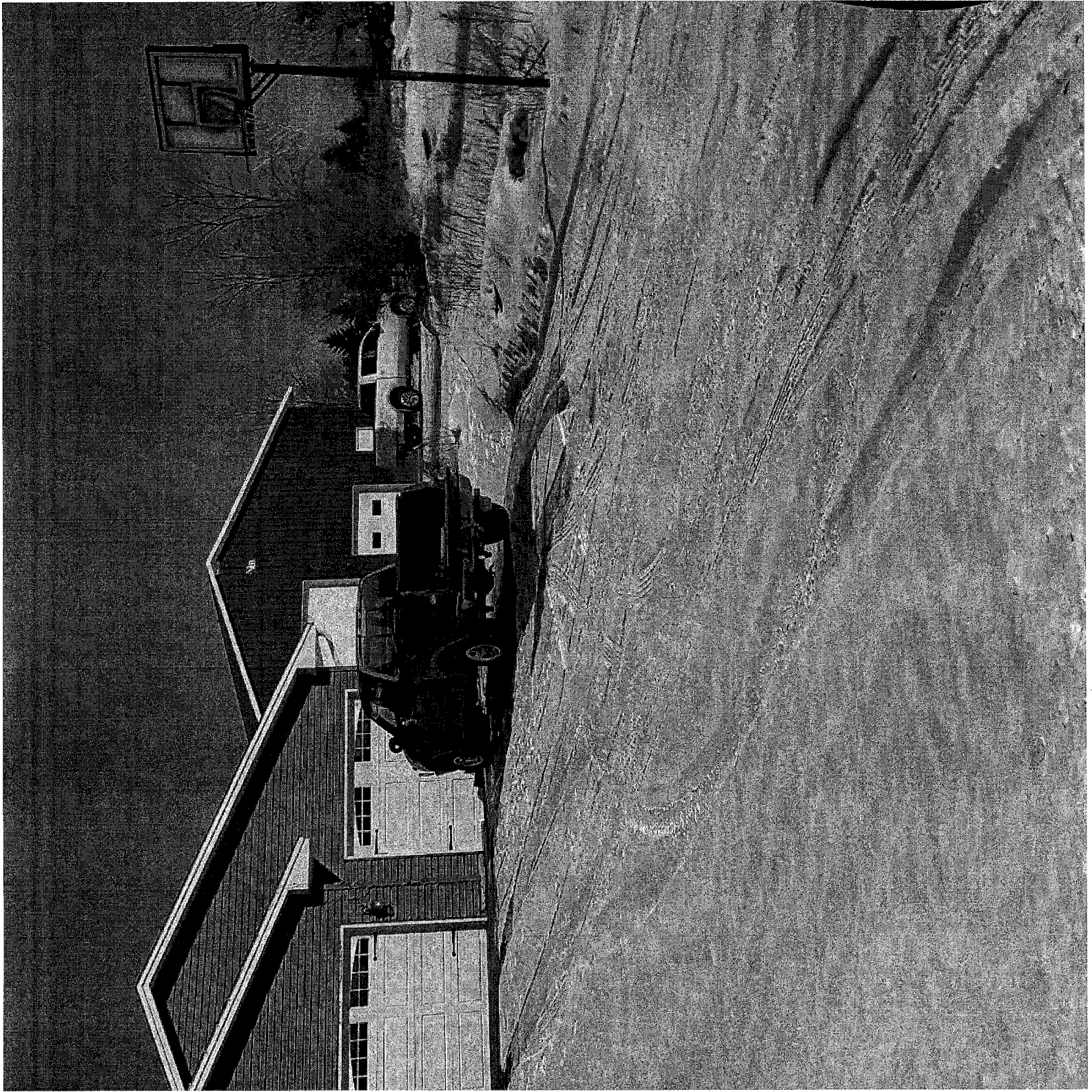
Atheris A-15 223 wylde 20" barrel - \$889

Smith Wesson MP12 12ga - \$1059











## HOP Level I Permit declarations from 9/09/19 states:

### Whereas Item # Believed Original HOP Level I Violations

- 1 Required to reside at property  
Mr. Trout drives a white pickup and a white car ARRIVES Through day at Pole Barn ONLY, never to occupancy  
Leaves end of day and doesn't return  
NOTE: A young woman with red car resides; I didn't see a rental license on file  
A black truck in residence driveway has been positioned and not moved in recent 3 weeks only  
A Driver's License and Vehicle Registration would verify the (4) vehicles in question
- 2, 3 Requirements not ensured. Appears to be a continued failure of ensuring City requirements  
Business has continually been conducted out of pole barn NOT the home since 9/9/19 as required  
Guns in store are not trigger or safe locked on wall
- 7 Mr. Trout added structural alterations
- 8 Friend, not residing also helps out, as per his submitted HOP Level II application and his videos online
- 9 Has an open retail store, as shown in videos and statements on website  
Vehicles have been coming to the business, with guns being transferred in/out of vehicles and/or pole barn  
plain sight visibility, while children are playing and walking around the neighborhood to see
- 14 Videos show lot of long guns, pistols, and ammo NOT in locked gun safes or trigger locked  
Photos illustrate no gun lock, plain sight, easily accessible to grab  
<https://www.facebook.com/PeaceKeepersMN/>

## The City's approved HOP Level I Permit from 9/09/19 states:

### Condition #

- 1 Online ONLY in RESIDENCE ONLY  
Doesn't online sales mean, he is the shipper and items need to be picked up at registered dealer location
- 3 Required to eight hour business day, and two round trips. Hours on website list 5-8pm and both weekend day hours
- 4 Any changes to original HOP, states to REAPPLY
- 5, 6 Has NOT requested a Sign  
Upon City posting sign in yard, Mr. Trout covered his business sign with a Bridal Shower paper taped to sign  
Actual sign shows Peacekeeper guns with logo stating visitors here at end of pole barn driveway  
On 2/18/22 the actual sign was removed from ground post
- 8, 9 Mr. Trout does NOT reside; wouldn't this also apply with any Military leave/deployment?
- 10 Requested expansion permit ONLY AFTER notification by City Code Officer (Bria Raines) of Resident Complaints via Feb 2022
- 11 Water supply/on-site sewage are not in building/No Permit
- 12 FFL Dealer License shows EXPIRED: 1/1/2022
- 15 Final Inspection still not done – original building permit was for 6 mos, over 1 ½ yr of no final interior inspection
- 16 Videos show large assortment of long guns, pistols, and ammo NOT in locked gun safe and/or trigger locked  
AR15's and ammunition easily accessible in unsecured bin to grab
- 18 Gun discharge has been heard by residents on several occasions
- 20 Not meeting conditions states immediate HOP revocation

**From:** [Eric Renna](#)  
**To:** [Chris Anderson](#); [Brian Hagen](#); [Brian McCann](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Peace Keepers  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 2, 2022 3:05:21 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hello Chris,

We are writing this letter in regards to having on-going concerns about the standards of the current Level 1 HOP as well as multiple stipulations of the Level 2 HOP (Peace Keepers LLC) that are not being followed and codes are being violated. We strongly believe the Level 2 HOP should be denied and the Level 1 HOP approval should be revoked. They are not currently meeting the conditions of Level 1 and the proposed Level 2 HOP.

We have noticed multiple vehicles parked at the pole barn and have attached numerous photos of vehicles coming and going on a regular basis three to five days a week. In the last two months there have been up to three vehicles parked outside the pole barn at the same time as seen in the attached photos. That same day at least two other cars or visitors came to the pole barn making it a total of five in one day. These things have been observed when driving past the residence several times daily on our way to and from work, school, and running errands. The information and photographic evidence submitted in this email represent only one and a half weeks of observation (February 18th-28th, 2022). We have continued to see a similar amount of traffic coming to and from the residence and most often the pole barn itself and even observed a white car parked at the pole barn just this morning March 2nd, 2022 at 9:08am.

We are also concerned by the seeming lack of interest in enforcing the conditions of the Level 1 HOP. We and one other neighbor have called the police department to express our concerns on Feb 18th 2022. We read the letter from the Chief of Police Jeff Katers stating that he has no concerns about the Level 1 HOP application from the owner. In the letter from Police Chief Jeff Katers it also says "It might be in the business owner's interest to just let the neighbors know about the business, but can also see the security concerns of doing so." This sounds like he has no concerns about a gun store with multiple guns and ammo on the property being in a small neighborhood with children that only has one way in and out but more about the neighbors themselves posing security threats to the applicant if the neighbors are informed by the applicant selling firearms and ammunition. There has been blatant disregard by the residents to follow code and permit expectations.

Respectfully, we do wonder at what point with the current violations will the city council step in? I have also attached highlighted sections stating the city's ability to revoke the current Level 1 HOP and to deny new application for Level 2 HOP and would like to get some feedback on the specifics of this standard if possible. Our hope is also that the city council could revisit the current standards to have retail sales of firearms and ammunition as a home occupation in addition to getting more follow up on these very serious concerns, as well code violations. We appreciate your time, patience and understanding in this situation. Please let us know if you have any additional questions for us. We look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,  
Eric and Laura Renna

-  [2 cars in 2-24-22 walking in barn.jpg](#)
-  [2 different cars 2-15-22.jpg](#)
-  [2 to 3 cars 2-18-22.jpg](#)
-  [3 cars 2-15-22.jpg](#)
-  [Car parked in house driveway and walked to pole...](#)

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 2 cars 2-28-22.jpg

On Mon, Feb 28, 2022, 3:33 PM Chris Anderson <[CAAnderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:CAAnderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us)> wrote:

Eric,

Please feel free to send them to Brian Hagen (copied on this email), Brian McCann (copied, understanding he is out of the office this week), and myself. Thank you.



**From:** Eric Renna <[peache9893@gmail.com](mailto:peache9893@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 28, 2022 3:32 PM  
**To:** Chris Anderson <[CAAnderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:CAAnderson@ci.ramsey.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Peace Keepers

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From: **Eric Renna** <[peache9893@gmail.com](mailto:peache9893@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Feb 28, 2022, 3:29 PM  
Subject: Peace Keepers  
To: <[BMcCann@ci.ramsey.mn.us](mailto:BMcCann@ci.ramsey.mn.us)>

Brian,

I am wondering who we send pictures to @ the city counsel about Vehicles @ the pole barn location. As we have seen vehicles on site but also it looks like the original permit on only 2 business trips per day. There have been more than once there have been more than 2 cars in a day.

Thank you for your time.

Eric Renna

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after a complaint was received regarding the business expansion. The Applicant has an administratively approved HOP from 2019, which indicates the following aspects of the business:

- Online-only sale of firearms; and
- Business trips may not exceed two (2) round trips per day; and
- Expansion of the Home Occupation will require the Applicant to reapply for the permit; and
- Firearms must be secured or attended to at all times; and
- All firearm testing must be done off-site; and
- Complaints received about the business can be brought to the City Council for possible revocation of the permit; and
- Not meeting any of the conditions can result in immediate permit revocation.

### **Current/Proposed Expansion (Level II required)**

The Applicant is currently operating the Home Occupation in this manner, but is now seeking formal approval to amend the HOP to include the actions listed below:

- Expanding from online-only sales to in-person sales; and
- Selling ammunition and accessories; and
- Hosting Permit to Carry classes; and
- Utilizing a single Ramsey-resident employee; and
- Increasing the area of business operations by an additional 200 square feet by moving the business from the dwelling unit to a soon to be completed pole barn.

### **Accessory Structure**

The Subject Property currently has a building permit for the accessory structure that has not been finalized. The Applicant is proposing to utilize this structure for their business operations. A final inspection will need to pass with the City's Building Division before the structure would be approved for operations related to the Home Occupation. City Code Section 117-351 (Home Occupations) states that home occupations are permitted in detached accessory buildings as long as there is at least 400 square feet of accessory building space reserved/maintained for the primary residential garage. There is an attached garage on the Subject Property that satisfies this requirement.

### **Exterior Evidence/Vehicle Trips**

2 cars 2-15-22



**2 different cars 2-15-22**



**3 cars 2-15-22**



**2 to 3 cars 2-18-22**



2 cars 2-24-22



**2 cars in 2-24-22 walking in barn**



1 different truck 2.25.22



2008 EQUIPMENT  
EYES TAM C/OA 854-700  
HMM 8501 20400  
CUTTY  
1802400-923  
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2 cars 2-28-22



Car parked in house driveway and walked to pole barn

