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COURT SHOOTS DOWN CALIFORNIA'S "ONE-GUN-A-MONTH" LAW AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

In a recent legal decision, a federal appellate court struck down California's "one-gun-a-month" law, ruling it unconstitutional under the Second Amendment. The law, which barred most individuals from purchasing more than one firearm in a 30-day period, was challenged in the case of *Nguyen v. Bonta*.

The plaintiffs (*including prospective gun buyers, licensed firearm dealers, and Second Amendment advocacy groups*) argued that the law infringed upon the constitutional right to keep and bear arms.

The trial court agreed, concluding that the law violated the Second Amendment. The State of California appealed the decision, but the appellate court affirmed the decision: the restriction was unconstitutional.

Key Takeaways:

The appellate court emphasized two key points:

1. Second Amendment Rights Upheld:

The court made clear that the right to own multiple firearms is protected under the Constitution. Arbitrary delays on lawful purchase are not supported by legal precedent.

2. No Historical Support: The court found no relevant historical precedent for laws restricting how often someone can purchase a firearm. Such a regulation, it rules, does not align with the nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation.

3. Implications for Law Enforcement:

While this ruling does not change background check procedures or existing prohibited person laws, it does underscore the importance of applying firearms regulations within constitutional boundaries.

This case reinforces a broader legal trend: courts are applying more rigorous scrutiny to modern gun control laws. For gun owners, it affirms their right to responsibly acquire firearms without unnecessary state-imposed delays.

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