

U.S. judge overturns California's assault weapons ban, comparing AR-15s to Swiss Army knives

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Sacramento, June 8 (RHC)-- In the United States, a federal judge has overturned California's long-standing ban on assault weapons, declaring it an unconstitutional "failed experiment."

U.S. District Judge Roger Benitez, a George W. Bush appointee, wrote in his ruling: “Like the Swiss Army Knife, the popular AR-15 rifle is a perfect combination of home defense weapon and homeland defense equipment.” The judge stayed his ruling for 30 days, giving California Attorney General Rob Bonta time to appeal.

Bonta wrote: “There is no sound basis in law, fact, or common sense for equating assault rifles with Swiss army knives — especially on Gun Violence Awareness Day and after the recent shootings in our own California communities. We need to take action to end gun violence now.”

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