

U.S. President's Push for Gun Laws Ups Firearm Sales



Washington, October 5 (RHC)-- U.S. President Barack Obama's latest push for tougher gun laws, in the wake of last week's deadly shooting at an Oregon Community College, has radically increased arms sales in the United States, according to a report.

The Financial Times reported Sunday that the business had picked up since Thursday's mass shooting. "Once the public hears the president on the news say we need more gun controls, it tends to drive sales," the Times quoted Larry Hyatt, owner of a gun shop in North Carolina as saying.

A gunman, identified as Chris Harper Mercer, opened fire inside a classroom at the college and killed ten people and injured seven others. The deadly shooting has once again advanced calls for background checks from gun control advocates.

Obama blasted the Republican Congress for refusing to change the country's gun laws in response to a series of mass shootings across the states. The similar spike in arms sales was reported in the wake of 2012's Aurora cinema shootings, the Tucson gun massacre in 2011 and the Virginia Tech shooting in 2007, according to the report.

According to the Pew Research Center, people supporting the right to bear arms were found to be dominantly white men, more likely to be politically conservative, Republican and who have not graduated

from university.

Every year, more than 30,000 people are shot and killed in the United States. The U.S. averages 87 gun deaths each day as a function of gun violence, with an average of 183 injured, according to the University of Chicago Crime Lab and the Centers for Disease Control.

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