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Shadow Reign - January 25, 2019, 10:38 pm

I need some help or advice regarding the subject of "imitation firearms" and conceal carrying a BB pistol.

I reside in California, and as many know, it is near impossible to obtain a CCW. I was thinking of a way around this fact.

I recently purchased two BB pistols, one which is a replica of a Beretta, and another which is a Colt Commander.

The town I live in is notorious for consistent muggings, attacks and lots of tweakers who want nothing more than to steal your shit while you're minding your own business walking down the street.

You may say a BB gun is nothing like a real gun, it's not going to deter anyone, and I will hit you back with a:

BB Gun or not, these do look incredibly convincing from the weight to the looks to even the blowback. While it may not kill someone, you take a couple BB's to the face, it's going to deter you, I don't care how stronk you think you are (unless you're on meth or something) so say what you will.

My only concern is carrying this in my backpack or on my person. If for whatever reason I did have to use it, I have the lawful right to brandish or discharge it at my discretion as long as my life or someone else's life was in danger. However, if for whatever reason I was stopped by the police, and did everything accordingly such as notifying them I have it on my person and such, would they be able to charge me with a concealed weapon or anything similar.

I've tried reading more about it on various sites but everything seems to say something different so I'm really not sure and was curious if someone on here is knowledgable in this field and could shed some light on it.

swavy - January 25, 2019, 10:55 pm

I'm not familiar with any of this stuff so take my input lightly but I seriously doubt you can get charged with some sort of weapon shit for having a BB gun in your bag. If they say anything just say you and the boys are going to get loaded and see who can shove it further down their throat.

Prepper - January 26, 2019, 12:42 am

You are talking about California you might want to ask an actual lawyer there.

But generally speaking as long as you do not brandish it you should have no problem. But if for some reason the police do stop you and intend to search you it is very important you explain with your hands in sight that you have a BB gun on you not a firearm.

But HF is not the place to ask I highly doubt there is someone in California law enforcement or a lawyer familiar with laws there on HF.

Moxxi - January 26, 2019, 1:20 am

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Obsoletionist - January 26, 2019, 2:06 am

IMO get a weighted baseball cap. It's as sturdy as a blackjack, and will give someone a good whollop. I was in security guard. It's still illegal to carry but less obvious.

Bill Gates - January 26, 2019, 2:11 am

(Jan 26, 2019 02:20 AM)M?xxi Wrote: [CITE](#) youre a dumbass if you point a bb gun at someone, you might think its gonna "scare" them until some gang member just pulls out their real gun and caps your ass

Pretty much the first guy he pulls this on who has an actual real gun will shoot him dead.....worst idea ever OP, just don't carry anything like this.

Nuworld - January 26, 2019, 3:32 am

There have been multiple shooting here in Ohio involving BB guns.

In most cases the one caring the BB gun never made it home that day.

Example: Four years ago.

[12-year-old Tamir Rice was shot by Cleveland police](#)

IMO: Don't do it!

Elysium - January 26, 2019, 4:51 am

Penal Code 12556

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© A third or subsequent violation of this section is punishable as a misdemeanor.

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Long story short, it is legal to conceal carry a BB gun however you can be charged if you display it in a public place. I'd also be sure to notify any police officer that you are carrying a BB gun if you were to be pulled over or detained. Additionally as everybody else is saying so far, it might not be the best idea. As somebody who holds multiple CCW permits, I can imagine multiple situations

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He may be a future Darwin Award winner.....in fact I'm betting the first dude he pulls that on that's trying to mug him, will nominate him for the award and possibly give the award to him.

Bossk - January 26, 2019, 6:30 am

you absolute fucking reatarde. you're gonna get insta killed if u pull up a bb gun when being mugged

iNviZ - January 26, 2019, 7:48 am

Don't carry a bb gun bro and don't conceal it. Good way to get shot by a real gun.