

## Footer: Disclaimer

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This website and accompanying social media campaign was created to give young people who live in Hennepin County and are concerned about the level of gun violence on our streets and across our country a place to share their options. We welcome and encourage respectful dialogue and community interaction. However, comments that violate the terms below may be removed.

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  - o include racism, hatred, slander, threats, obscenity, violence, vulgarity,
  - o could compromise an open case or investigation,
  - o spam or advertise,
  - o have personal information about another person or that violate a person's privacy,
  - o include copyrighted material that belongs to another person,
  - o contain links to inappropriate websites.
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Change the Story collects and uses your personal information to operate the Change the Story microsite and deliver the services you have requested. Change the Story also uses your personally identifiable information to inform you of other products or services available from Hennepin County Attorney and its affiliates. Change the Story and Hennepin County Attorney may also contact you via surveys to conduct research about your opinion of current services or of potential new services that may be offered.

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Change the Story keeps track of the Web sites and pages our customers visit within Change the Story, in order to determine what Change the Story services are the most popular. This data is used to deliver customized content and advertising within Change the Story to customers whose behavior indicates that they are interested in a particular subject area.

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### Contact Information

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