

# Privately Manufactured Firearms (PMF)– Ghost Guns”



*Safety with Respect*



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## What is a Privately Manufactured Firearm

Privately manufactured firearms (PMF), also commonly known as “ghost gun” or “80% firearm,” are firearms that have been made from unfinished frames/receivers and that are absent manufacturer’s marks of identification.

In essence, PMFs are assembled with a variety of readily available parts, which are not subject to state or federal regulation, thereby circumventing record keeping, serialization, and background laws.

## Dangers of PMFs

### **PMF parts/components are unregulated**

- Allows for circumvention of background checks, cooling off period, record keeping
- PMFs make firearms accessible to prohibited persons (criminal record, court orders, mental illness)
- Lack of record keeping makes LE investigations more difficult
- Illegal purchase simplified
  - No need for straw purchase or travel to source states

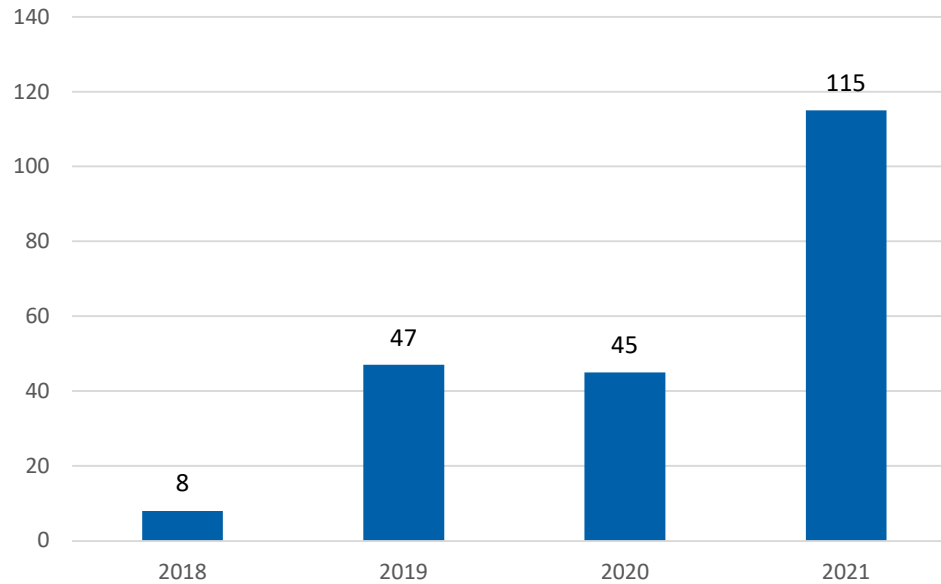
### **Safety Factors**

- Not made to proper quality control standards
- Prone to malfunction/unintended discharge



# PMF Recoveries

Year-to-Date - 06/30/2021



Year-End Totals	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>164</b>
Percent Increase		183%	194%	94%	69%
Total Firearms Seized	1229	1020	1275	933	983
PMF as % of FA Seized	0.49%	2%	4%	10%	17%

Thank you.

Any questions?