

Transcription: Top Five CCW Mistakes – EJ Owens

Jeff: As you know, we live in dangerous times. Now more than ever it's critical that the good guys of our society, the sheepdogs, take personal responsibility for our own self-protection, at home and out in public. That's why I'm such a strong advocate for responsible concealed carry with a firearm.

But staying safe with a firearm requires more than just the Desert Eagle .50 caliber handgun and a few trips down to the range. In fact, right now if you carry concealed you may be making some common mistakes that could jeopardize your life, or the life of someone you love, and you don't even know it. What might these mistakes be? Well, that's what we're about to find out.

Hello, everyone. This is Jeff Anderson, Editor for *Modern Combat and Survival Magazine* and Executive Director of the *New World Patriot Alliance* with another podcast to help you better prepare for any threat you may face in your role as a protector and a patriot. With us today, once again, to help us uncover the most common concealed carry mistakes you might be making and their fixes, is my friend, and actually my number one resource for really cool gun names, the one and only EJ Owens. EJ, welcome back to the program man.

EJ: Hey. It's great to be back. This is an awesome show and I appreciate you having me on it.

Jeff: I always love to have you on, just for my own selfish purposes of getting some really cool tips and everything. Listen guys, if you haven't heard any of our other podcasts with EJ, or any of our other broadcasts or anything, EJ is a professional firearms trainer, author and consultant whose company, Legally Concealed, trains responsibly armed citizens in advanced firearm tactics for personal protection.

Having received multiple firearm instructor certifications from the NRA, and even from legendary expert John Farnham, EJ's training isn't just based on theory. He's a former U.S. Army officer and military contractor who knows what it's like to carry a weapon every day for personal protection and how to use it for your own defense.

In fact, EJ's training was really put to the test even outside of the war zone, when he was shopping at a local store and was able to successfully thwart an armed robbery with his Glock. That incident, as well as all of his specialized training and combat experience, led him to develop some of the most advanced concealed carry and other tactical video courses available anywhere. You can learn more at EJ's website at www.ConcealedCarryWeaponTactics.com.

Great, EJ. I know a lot of people are out there. There's a lot of myths and misinformation out there when it comes to concealed carry. I know you do a lot of

training with civilians, military, law enforcement. You train with so many people. And especially the people who are coming to you, they carry concealed, they've got a permit. But everybody kind of falls into the same myths, I think, a lot of times.

So my challenge to you was to come up with what were your top five things that you notice in training these people that tend to be the biggest mistakes that people are making, that could even potentially jeopardize their life. Then what's the easiest fix to overcome that.

So really this is kind of an easy broadcast for me. I can really just sit back and let you go through these. But this is one-by-one. So let me know. What is the first concealed carry mistake that you notice in training people, and what is the fix for it?

EJ: The first one is, and it is the most common, and I hate to say that because it's really unnecessary, but it's the improper motivation for carrying a gun. It's the wrong motivation for carrying. When you look at why people carry a gun, what I would say, what you would say, is, hey, I know bad things and bad people exist out there, and I want to take the necessary precautions to stop evil should it come knocking on my doorstep.

But there are a lot of people out there who carry a gun because it is very empowering. It's a power trip for them. Or they say, "If you mess with me, now I can right that wrong. I can one-up you because I've got this life and death switch hanging off my hip." And that is so far from the truth of why we should be carrying a gun.

Now that I carry a gun in the civilian world, I don't go looking for trouble. Matter of fact, I try to avoid it as absolutely much as possible as I can. Even to the point where I don't want to get into a pushing match, a shoving match with anybody because I have a gun on my hip. Luck favors the bold. And honestly, Jeff, I don't know how bold I'm going to be the next time it happens. What happens if that gun comes out of my holster in the middle of a shoving match? What happens if the guy tries to grab it, and he gets it, in a shoving match? Now it's already elevated. As a responsible gun owner, I try to avoid as much confrontation as possible.

Now, here's the caveat. If confrontation shoves me in a corner or threatens the life of me, my family, my loved ones, then that's why I have the gun. But I don't have it as a power trip. It's not there to make me feel better. Maybe some people were pushed into lockers as kids and now they want to feel like they've got something that they can stand up for themselves with. That gun is just a tool. You, your mindset, that's the real weapon. Because even if I didn't have this gun there are a multitude of other ways that I could defend myself if I just look around, if I just have the right mindset to survive.

So I think it's the wrong motivation for carrying a gun is what I see, because there are a lot of people who will do these Freudian slips. They'll be like, "Yeah, well I'll tell you right now, I'll whip out my Master Blaster 5000 and I'll smoke him." Will you? That sounds

awesome. So you have no problem shooting that guy. Right? Then you obviously have no problem being handcuffed, taken to jail, making the phone call to your loved ones of why you're in jail, being put all over the news and purported as being a murderer before you've ever stood one second in trial. There's not even an investigation that's being completed yet, before you're already tried and convicted in the court of public opinion. So unless you want to walk down those steps unnecessarily, I wouldn't go looking for trouble.

So if I had to use my gun, then you know what, I'm prepared for all that's going to ensue after it. But you've got to survive. Unfortunately in today's environment there's a lot of negativity towards gun owners. It's really ignorance that causes that. But the court of public opinion will have you backing up a moving truck, and possibly changing your name, just so you can get a job. You were right to do what you did. You had to do what you did. You're still alive, only because you did what you did.

So this is not something that I take lightly, and joking around with it and making these outlandish statements like, "Well, I'll tell you right now. I'd just shoot him. One shot." Okay. Well, you know that one shot is going to change your life. If you live, your life will be changed forever. So understand why you carry a gun and all that comes with it. Then we can move on to some other stuff. But that's the number one that I see right now, is that proper motivation and mindset for why you carry a gun.

Jeff: **Yeah. That makes total sense. Even for people that I think don't even—if they're carrying it there for their own self-confidence, because they need it somehow to boost up their confidence, those people, if they see it for that reason, they're also more likely to pull it out and brandish the weapon as an intimidation piece. Which that right there can be a felony, and you can lose your firearm at that point, even if you don't even pull the trigger ever again. So that makes total sense. That would be a big problem.**

EJ: Hey look, if you need self-confidence you need to put down the Ho Hos and you need to go to the gym, get a haircut, trim your fingernails, brush your teeth and maybe go buy you a new shirt. But a gun ain't doing it for you. You should never even see that gun on you if you're doing it right. So having it for your own self-confidence—and I can't believe we're talking about this, but it is so predominant in the gun carrying world—is the wrong reason to have a gun. I'm just speaking it like it is. We can say some softball stuff. I could say, "Well blah, blah, blah, blah." I could put some gun magazine stuff magazine in there for you. But I'm just keeping it real with you.

Jeff: **You wouldn't be on this show if you were going to throw me softball stuff. I expect more of you, sir. So EJ, in your training with concealed carry operators, what is mistake number two on your top five list and the fix for it?**

EJ: I would say not having current and/or complete handgun training. They'll go get their CCW permit. In Tennessee it's eight hours of mind-numbingly boring excuse for a class where the state can just say, look, we told you so. But you didn't learn anything. They do

the concealed carry permit like they graduated from college with a degree, and now they're off and ready to battle the evil that's out there. And that's so far from the truth.

Now, from those people who go take their CCW class and they get it, honestly, that's just like graduating from high school. It's kind of expected. You don't really get a whole fanfare and applause for that. Some of them, a larger portion of those people, will go and get a class. They'll take a class. Hey, I've got nothing I'm doing on a Saturday right now. Let's just go up there to the range and take this class. Then that's it. Hey, I shot my hundred and some odd rounds at the indoor range and it was great, and all 30 of us high-fived each other at our small holes and paper targets. But in reality, that was probably more of a fundamentals class than it was a true 'how do you survive a gunfight' class.

So there's a whole pipeline of training that goes on. It doesn't have to be accomplished overnight. It doesn't have to be accomplished in one day, or even a year. But you've got to understand that there is so much more to it. So when you look at—there's that saying out there, an expert requires a minimum of 10,000 hours of practice in performing that task before we can truly be considered an expert. Let's cut that in half. Where's 3,000 to 5,000 hours? Nobody putting in that kind of stuff. Most people aren't shooting 3,000 to 5,000 rounds, in pretty much their whole gun's lifetime.

At the end of the day, when you look at what training you've had. The gunfight could require you to run. It could require you to pick yourself back up off the ground. It could require you to use one hand. It could require that you hold someone you love, a small child, in one hand, while you defend your life and theirs with the other. And so much more. I'm sure at that one or two training classes that the majority of people take, they didn't turn the lights off. And they didn't make you whip out a flashlight, if you even had one.

So when we look at when are most people vulnerable. If you took a poll, unscientific of course, most people would say, "Well, at night at home," or something like that. Exactly. "Oh. Yeah. Yeah. I kind of knew that." No. No. No. The key word that you just said, bud, is nighttime. So how well are your night sights? How well do they illuminate the room? Because just because you spend an extra 80 bucks on 'tritium radioactive night sights' that have cool packaging, that doesn't necessarily mean you're ready to fight at night. Do you know how to work a flashlight? Do you know how to move under the cover of darkness? Do you know when to use it?

I just say all that to say that when you're looking at people who get training and they have a CCW, that's kind of where we see it stop. Then we get some people who will get some training and then they kind of work it in. But you've got to understand, there's a pipeline. Because you did a class two years ago, that doesn't really mean anything. There's a saying in baseball that says the homeruns of yesterday help you in no way today.

So when you look at current training, things are changing. We're finding better ways to do things. If nothing else, a more ergonomical way of doing things to decrease time, to increase effectiveness of your shot placement, or understanding more about the kinesthetic motion that's involved in the actual shooting. Because never more than right now has studying gun fighting been so prominent. The military is studying it. Law enforcement is studying it.

And there are a lot of civilian organizations that are really, really studying it, I hate to even say it, but more or less akin to an art form, versus a task-based approach. Step to that line. Ready on the right. Ready on the left. No. Scenario-driven, force-on-force, feeling what the body does under stress and adrenaline rush. What is your thought process like? Are you a true fight or are you a flight? What's your natural inclination when pushed with your hot button? What is your hot button? What made you draw the gun out? And so on and so forth.

So current and complete handgun training. When I say complete it's kind of like a misnomer, because I would say it's never really going to be truly complete. But when we look at the totality—and what I mean by complete, I mean the totality of facets of training. So you have your skills-based training, which is standing on a line learning how to shoot, sight alignment, trigger control, reset, all that good stuff. You've got to have that. Then we've got to add movement of the body into it, and what does that do to our sight picture and what does that do to our shot groups.

Then we're moving into light conditions. So low light and no light, multiple targets, multiple targets low light, no light. Then defense of others. So where I can only use one hand, because maybe I'm holding a child or holding a loved one behind me. Or maybe I'm trying to move someone who's slightly injured or slower, or is confused and doesn't know where they're going. I'm trying to get them out of the way. And so on and so forth. Then we move up to force-on-force training. Having some experience in all of those genres of training is really important. Then staying fresh.

Jeff: **If people see that as their foundational training, that concealed carry class, all we've done is just give somebody the ability to go out there with a gun and be untrained in public. Which is a danger to everybody, frankly. So as much as we love good guys with guns out there, it's trained good guys with guns that are really the ones that end up becoming the heroes and saving their lives and those they love.**

We've been talking with EJ Owens of ConcealedCarryWeaponTactics.com about the top five concealed carry mistakes and how to fix them. We've got a lot more coming up, but first check out this special message.

We're back with EJ Owens of ConcealedCarryWeaponTactics.com, digging into the top five most common mistakes that you could be making right now with your concealed carry protection plan and how to fix those mistakes. We've only hit two of the five so far, so let's go ahead and jump back in now.

EJ, when we're talking about the biggest mistakes that concealed carry people are out there making, that's a danger to themselves or whoever else—we've gone through two now, so what is number three on your top five list for the biggest mistakes that people that carry concealed make and then what's the best fix for it?

EJ: Not really understanding their state's or county, town, city type—not understanding all those laws that are associated with carrying a gun. Where the legal problem happens is vocabulary. A legal word may have a much broader context or application, may have a much narrower, than how we normally use that word in our everyday walk. So when we look at what does your state allow you to do, there's your broad spectrum gun regulation. Now we get into the county that you live in, and then the city. And then inside the city we have different federal buildings. We have schools and churches. Those are the big ones.

But then what does your state say about a private business who says—they post that 'No guns allowed' poster at their front entrance? Is it a misdemeanor? Is it a felony? Is it merely a trespassing charge? Or if they ask you to leave because they saw it on you, and you leave, it's nothing.

So understanding how the states, counties and municipalities treat infractions of the law. Not just I know what I can do. That's great. But it's more important to know what you can't do. And then on top of it, what's the legal repercussion, if you're cited for and convicted with it?

Here's another thing. On just about every job application—I should say career application, because there's a big difference between a job and a career—but on a career application there's probably going to be that question that says, have you ever been arrested? It doesn't say, were you found guilty in a court of law? It says, have you ever been arrested? If so, explain.

So you get out there and whip out your Master Blaster 3000, and you're in the right. But the cop rolls up and says, "You know what, it's kind of some hairy stuff, I'm not quite sure, you know what, you're all going to the jail." Puts you in handcuffs and there you go. Well, you can be fine at your Saturday afternoon get together when you get out of jail, "See, I told them everybody, I was right." Great. But how does that affect your job now because you were arrested?

Jeff: Especially when you look at today's news. Even if you were in the right, and you have to put that down there when you have to explain it, and it's like, well I was arrested for brandishing a firearm or whatever, but it wasn't found—we have so many active shooter situations and everything now that when they look at, well, do we really want to take the chance on somebody who was arrested—even if he was found not guilty, do we want to hire somebody that had anything to do with a weapons charge at all?

EJ: It's funny because if someone says, "Yeah, I was arrested. But it really wasn't founded, they didn't do anything, they dropped the charges," or whatever, like that, I was going to say, man did they pull an OJ? Did they get off on a technicality and that's why he's still here, and this is really a crazed person? That's the predisposition that society gives you when you hear those key words. And unfortunately, that's what employers do. That's what friends do. Because you don't know.

You may have been arrested. And again, it's really something that was totally not your fault, it was a complete misunderstanding, you were totally in the right, you should have never been arrested, blah, blah, blah. But then little Janey next door can't play with your kid because her momma believes that you're a gun-toting fool just hell-bent on destroying mankind and watching the world burn.

You can't change other people's perceptions. Now, in a lot of cases I would say, especially my case, hey don't worry about other people's perception. But that usually has something to do with they don't like your tennis shoes. When society says, you know what, we're going to ostracize you, that's a problem. That's a bigger problem than what we could fix here, but you need to know what those laws are so that you don't get yourself trapped into something that's so trivial legally, but it becomes a major life-changing issue for you and your house.

Jeff: What is the best way to do that? Is it a Google search, or is it better to talk to a local law enforcement official or something like that, and build that tie? What's the best way to find out for where you live, where you go out, where you work, or whatever, for you to find out those technicalities that you need to know?

EJ: This is not the answer most people want to hear. Because they want to hear, hey, go to my website and you can see the local laws on my cool map that I've got and the reciprocity stuff. No. If you really want to get down to it, you need to probably go see a criminal defense attorney in your county or your city, usually they do free consults, and ask them those questions. "Hey, I'm a gun owner. What can I do? By the way, can I have your card in case I get that one phone call. Because I'll call him and he can call my wife." That's kind of where I would go. Not saying that you should ever need an attorney. But gosh, if you do it would be nice to have that dude on speed dial. Even if he don't remember you, you've got somebody you can call.

Jeff: Even just on the flipside of this. For everybody that's out there that's listening. This is a great mistake to bring out there, because there is so much confusion. Most people don't go out there and really look for this information. But it can even just be on the flipside. I know here in Texas, we see a lot of signs out there. They look like 'No guns allowed' signs, but really they're just 'No open carry' signs. So you might think, well gosh, there's another place I can't bring my firearm.

I believe in being armed wherever you possibly can, because bad guys don't necessarily—they don't go into your rolodex and into your iPhone calendar to tell you when they're going to attack. So you never know when it's going to happen.

So if you're going out there and you don't understand the terminology and the technicalities of where you can and can't go, or where you can go, then you might be disarming yourself when you don't really need to. So that's just another flipside of it too.

EJ: Hey, Jeff, too. We're not talking a semester in college to find this information out. It's not an exhaustive effort to find out. You may be an hour. And if you wanted to, you probably could space that hour out over a week. So it is definitely something you should do, but I don't want it to sound like it's so exhaustive that I could never get it done. I've got to go to law school first to understand it. No. Where do you live? Click up that little Google box of yours and type in 'criminal defense attorney' and see where the closest one is. Because on my Google box it will say 'nearest one, 3.2 miles away'. Great. Let's go, car, and roll up in there. Say, "Hey, when can I set an appointment," or, "Is he busy right now", "Can I get your card?" Then you're off to the races.

Jeff: **You know what else is interesting about that? First of all, I've never really heard anybody put it the way that you're putting it right now. But the really thing that's really interesting about this is that, in why a criminal defense attorney is such a good resource, is that you might find out from that criminal defense attorney that, "Yeah, you know what, yes you can do this. But I'll tell you right now that the local law enforcement, that's one of their hot buttons. They don't like people doing that. When you get pulled over, they want you to do it this way. I've had to defend people, and I was able to defend them, but they still got arrested, because even though they were doing it okay the local law enforcement doesn't like it this way."**

So you're kind of getting the inside shortcut tips from somebody that has actually had to go out there and defend people. That's just another reason why it's such a really great tip.

EJ: Think about this, Jeff. Think about this. Your sheriff, did he rise up the ranks and then he was the next promoted in line? Or was he elected? Oh. Okay. Because see, if he's elected then there is other influences. So whatever the mayor of said county is making their hot topic you might see the sheriff say, "Hey, Mr. Mayor. We're going to take care of that too. You know what, we may not be able to do one through ten, but I can definitely do one through eight. We can let the community know that we're out here enforcing this other stuff." And you know what, you may get caught up in that.

Again, it's a technicality. But their hot buttons, especially from the sheriff's department, could directly stem from the directives coming out of the mayor's office. And too, you've got to look at your police commissioner. What's his stand? Not what does the FOP say, but what does the police commissioner say? Because politics bends to the will of the people for the most part, but you may have a vigilante mayor who's like, you know what, I'm the opposite party of what the constituents are, and somehow I made it in and I'm going to let you guys know some things. It's worth [inaudible 00:28:00].

Jeff: Yeah. Good point, especially during these times. That absolutely makes sense. EJ, so what is number four on your top five list of concealed carry mistakes and the fix?

EJ: Not carrying your gun all the time. I've got guys that will say, "Yeah. I carry when I go to that bad part of town," or, "I carry if I go out at night." All right. Cool. By the way, when you carry at night is there anything special about your gun? Do you use nighttime bullets? Do you have sights on your gun? Do you have illuminating night sights? Which all those are just jokes, right? Just bad jokes. My point is—no. Because they don't carry a flashlight. That's my point. You're going at night, you carry a flashlight.

If you're only going to carry at night, you're the owl concealed carrier, then you probably ought to carry a flashlight. But not carrying regularly. Here's the thing. It's not just that I carry regular, as in I have a scheduled time that I do it. No. It's carrying regularly means, more importantly, you become used to carrying a gun, because it's an unnatural feeling. You feel like you've got a big lighthouse on your hip and that everyone's staring at you. You feel like you just shoved an empire state building down there at the four o'clock position and it feels weird.

Carrying regularly helps break in that holster to form-fit your body. It gets your body used to the can't that you're going to carry a gun, because if you're rubbing yourself raw with it straight up and down you may want to try the .45. You may want to move it back a belt loop or so, you may want to move it forward, based on how much love you've got hanging around there. But you're not going to know that until you start carrying regularly.

Two, what you can and can't wear. Because there are some things, unfortunately, that you can't wear. It's all body type-dependent. But it's you're wearing some type of chiffon shirt and it's really, really thin and it gets hung up on the butt of the gun, you're constantly going to be tugging on that thing. But maybe you've got the body profile that your chest is a little bit wider than your waist, and therefore the shirt hangs a lot better and so it doesn't print at all. As a matter of fact, is printing even illegal in your state? I don't know. Maybe we ought to go back to tip number three and check that out.

So not carrying regularly, you don't understand all the nuances that go with carrying a gun. You know what? Maybe that smoke wagon you bought may not be the right one. Maybe you ought to go to a single-stack or lay off the Twinkies, because the double-stack is going to stick out wider from your body. Right? Well, now I've got to look at what holster I bought, because if I'm wearing inside the waistband, and I've got one of those bad to the bone \$197,000 Kydex holster jokers, that have the red rivets in it because that makes it more sexy when people can't see it through my pants, then does that add width to the gun on top of a double-stack?

You're not going to know all that. You're just living the Instagram dream right now, buying that stuff that looks good that you try to put it on and you're like, it's too heavy. Maybe it is too heavy. Maybe because you probably shouldn't carry a .45 caliber that

holds 37 bullets in it. So looking at not carrying regularly tends to be the biggest issue that could fix a lot of other issues, if they would just do it.

Two, how do you know what you don't know? You don't know. So you're just speculating. Why don't you put it on and wear it for a little while, and then you can start to make some sound judgments. Because when I ask students, why do you not do this, "Well, I just figured..." Hold up. Figured? Oh. So this is theory-based. Okay. Well, I've got a lot of theories too. And we could swap theories, but that's not what this class is about. I want to hear what your experience is, because experience drives truth. Theory drives fantasy.

Jeff: **The other thing about what you're saying is people that think concealed carry is outside the home. So people come home. They're back in their castle. The moat's there. The drawbridge is up. The crocodiles are out there ready to take on whatever gangbangers want to come through the front door. So they don't get used to carrying regularly. Regularly, meaning in your home. Home invaders aren't going to attack when you—they're not going to knock on the door and say, "Landshark, gang members, ready to come in."**

So if you get home and it's like, oh, I can finally take this uncomfortable thing off my belt, get it out from underneath my gut, and I'll stick it up in my safe or my bedside drawer for the nighttime home invasion, because that's only when home invasions come in. That's the other thing. It really is a lifestyle thing. Right? It's not just a really cool thing to carry outside and feel confident and puff your chest out. It really is a lifestyle. Concealed carry is a lifestyle.

EJ: Yeah. When I come in I don't take my wallet and watch off and lay it down and go, "Oh my gosh. I don't have to wear this big, heavy watch anymore. This big bulging wallet of mine, I should spend some more money so it won't be so big." Then I lay it down here on the table like, "Oh, thank God. I don't have to carry that thing anymore." When you drive that equivalency it doesn't sound right when I talk about a watch, wallet, keys, cell phone. But people will say it about a gun. That's because it's like they haven't carried enough, or they have the wrong holster, they have the wrong gun. That's a completely other mistake. If you'd have said six I'd have said, okay, here's the sixth mistake, and that's buying a gun that's way to daggone big for them.

I guarantee you, first-time gun buyers would buy a bazooka and try to find a sling for it if they could. Because the thought is if I have more fire power, then I won't have to use it as much in the gunfight because it will stop it, and therefore it kind of compensates for my lack of training.

Jeff: **Good point. So big finale here. Big finale. Of concealed carry mistakes, on the top five list what is number five for top concealed carry mistakes and the big fix?**

EJ: It's not even a mistake. It's something that's never done. And that is, you don't use your murder-death-kill bullets at the range. You won't shoot your concealed carry ammo.

What's funny is guys will go out and buy, let's say nine millimeter just for easy math. You buy 500, a thousand rounds of 9mm, 115 grain and full metal jacket. You're out there just waylaying and you're awesome. High-fiving each other. You've got great Instagram photos coming out of you doing your thing.

Then your game time ammo is 124 grain, hollow point. There's a difference in the bullets. Hold them up next to each other. Full metal jacket, 115 grain. Then look at a 124 grain, or even a 147 grain, hollow point self-defense ammo. The tips don't look the same, the ends of the bullet. How do you know that that feeds really well when you're running your gun hard? You should once a quarter probably shoot that ammo, so you understand what the real recoil is, especially if you're changing grains. How do you know what that gun is going to do?

There are some guns out there that are finicky. If you take a 1911. You've got to go through that 500 round break in period on just about every 1911. Why? So that the gun, and the bullets going over that feed ramp, can get that feed ramp just tuned enough before the bullets will go in really well. Any little burrs on the slide. Because it's an all metal frame. Right? So you've got to work that in.

Now you go and change ammo and you go to a hollow point. Do you have stoppages? Do you have a failure to feed? It is quite common with 1911s to have failure to feeds shortly after the break in point. Obviously, before the break in point. But shortly after the break in point, when you switch to hollow point, your life is on the line. This is it. If you mess up, you may not be walking upright and fogging a mirror tomorrow.

You want to take that chance because what? A couple boxes of your concealed carry ammo is more expensive? If you were laying on the gurney heading to the morgue and I was an angel, and I raised my big wings in the sky and I said, "Hey, buddy. If you will give me \$37.95 you can reverse all this," you'd be like, "Oh man. I've got 40 bucks. I'll give you a hundred." Okay. What's the cost differences in buying a couple extra boxes of your concealed carry ammo, and shooting it and training on it?

Jeff: Now I've got this visual of you with wings and you're an angel. It's not a pretty sight. I don't see that ever happening, but it's all good stuff man. Really great tips. Listen everybody out there, I'm sure when you listen to these five things that more than one of them you probably identify with. You're probably either making this mistake right now, or there's some questions there that are left open that you need to find the answers to. It really is up to you to find the answers. I see a lot of the same things here with people that I train with, and even in myself too. So there were a couple of things that you brought up, as far as things to check on. Like, "Hmm. Yeah, I should probably check on that."

So listen, it happens to everybody out there. And that's not a bad thing. That just means, like EJ said in the beginning of our broadcast, is that this is a continuous thing. It's never complete training. It's ongoing training. It's ongoing training. Are you really collecting those tactics for your arsenal to be able to, not just own the

weapon, because owning a weapon isn't enough. It's the tactics that you put behind it that are going to make it the most useful for you. So these are just some of the big mistakes that people make and the fixes. But there's a lot more, obviously, that goes behind it.

I highly recommend going and checking out EJ's website. There's a whole bunch of different video courses that he has on this, and it's really coming from experience. I've been a big fan. I have all the stuff that he's been putting out. It's really good stuff. Definitely go check it out. It's over at www.ConcealedCarryWeaponTactics.com. Go check it out.

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