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Activist Arrested After Submitting Gun Ban Complaint to City of Leon Valley

Police charged Jack Miller with a 3rd Degree Felony and seized camera and computer equipment from his home.

LEON VALLEY, TX—A video released on YouTube Monday morning shows police confronting local civil rights activist Jack Miller at Leon Valley City Hall when Miller filed a complaint about anti-gun signs that he claimed were illegal.

On May 31, 2018, Jack Miller visited Leon Valley City Hall to submit a complaint about signs posted inside the doors that prohibit concealed and open carry of handguns. According to the [Texas Attorney General website](#), “individuals who observe violations must first file a complaint with the government that appears to be in violation.”

“The only way to know if governments will infringe on the rights of gun owners is to test them, so I openly carried a fake gun made of rubber to see if I would be excluded,” Miller said. “Police instructed me to leave but did not search me or inspect the piece of rubber in my holster. I make sure to never break the law.”

In the video, Leon Valley police are heard telling Miller “everything will be fine” and “there is no problem.”

Later that night, police led by Leon Valley Police Chief Joseph Salvaggio raided Miller's home, arrested him, and seized all of his cameras and computer equipment, including his internet modem. Miller was charged with a 3rd Degree Felony, Places Weapons Prohibited. Leon Valley issued a criminal trespass warning against Miller, banning him from Leon Valley's public property.

“The police know that without my camera equipment, I am unable to document government activities and expose bad behavior,” said Miller. “It's abusive censorship and infringement of protected 1st Amendment rights, comparable to seizing a newspaper's printing press or a broadcast station's microphone.”

An [online petition posted on DefendJack.com](#) calls for Governor Greg Abbott, Leon Valley Mayor Chris Riley, and Salvaggio to drop the criminal charges against Miller and fire “government employees who abuse citizen activists.”

The entrance to Leon Valley City Hall is marked with a large stylized “Leon Valley” sign above the door. A plaque outside the door dedicates the “Leon Valley Municipal Facility.” The entrance is not portrayed to be a court. In previous Leon Valley documentation and press coverage, the building is called “City Hall.”

In the Affidavit for Arrest Warrant, Leon Valley police called the building “City of Leon Valley Municipal Court facility,” “Leon Valley municipal court,” “municipal court offices,” “City of Leon Valley municipal court building,” “Leon Valley Municipal Court,” “Municipal Court building,” “court and court administration facility,” and “Leon Valley Municipal 6400 El Verde Leon Valley.”

“Reasonable people know it is Leon Valley City Hall and not a court facility,” said Miller. “All weapons are banned in a court, so a sign about licensed handguns has nothing to do with whether or not a threshold is a court.”

Miller submitted a complaint to the Texas Attorney General about the Leon Valley City Hall anti-gun signs on Friday, June 8, 2018. Miller was released from jail on a \$10,000 bond.

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Jack Miller served for a decade in law enforcement, licensed in the State of Texas. On his Facebook profile, there are numerous public profile pictures memorializing fallen peace officers.

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