



The TGSCOM gun dealership at 1449 S. Broadway, Green Bay, has received citations for firearms violations, according to inspection records. But the owner denies past violations. H. Marc Larson/Press-Gazette

Green Bay gun dealer cited for violations

TGSCOM owner denies past ATF citations

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A Green Bay gun dealer linked to three mass shootings outside Wisconsin has been cited for numerous firearms violations, according to federal inspection records.

But the exact nature of the violations at the Green Bay business — and how they were resolved — has been redacted from records recently released by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

TGSCOM Inc., an Internet dealership based at 1449 S. Broadway, was cited by ATF inspectors in 2007 and again in 2009, both times for multiple violations.

One report indicates that TGSCOM failed to verify customers' ages and that the dealership was lax in check-

ing the destinations of firearms shipped out of town.

In a recent interview with the Green Bay Press-Gazette, business owner Eric Thompson denied having past ATF violations despite the records generated by the violations and said he works hard to comply with federal regulators.

"I deal with them on a regular basis," he said. "We are in weekly communication with them, and do everything we can."

He declined to comment further.

TGSCOM, which sells firearms and other merchandise through several websites, sold one of the weapons that a gunman used in 2007 to kill 32 people at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Va.

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TGSCOM WEBSITES

ATF records show that the dealership has marketed its products on the Internet through 60 different websites, including:

www.gunsatcost.com
www.handgundirect.com
www.handgunheaven.com
www.riflenut.com