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Dennis,

Thanks for your participation in today's meeting. Having you there was very helpful. On question - is it really the law in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit that a straw purchase is not illegal unless the true purchaser of the firearm is a prohibited person? That doesn't seem right to me. Even if the true purchaser wasn't prohibited, couldn't you still charge a lie on the Form 4473 (in particular, to Question 11(a))?

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