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December 22, 2015

Via Certified Mail - Return Receipt Requested Via E-mail (guns@apextactical.com, info@brownells.com, dpcustomworks@gmail.com, blowndeadline@yahoo.com, damon.young@gmail.com)

Apex Tactical Specialities, Inc. 2055 11th St. Los Osos, CA 93402

Brownells Inc. 200 South Front Street Montezuma, IA 50171

DP Custom Works LLC 915 Sikes Mill Rd. Monroe, NC 28110

Blowndeadline Custom 21918 Harper Ave. St. Clair Shores, MI 48080

SSVi LLC 1798 Lexington Idaho Falls, ID 83404

Re: Unauthorized Modifications to M&P Pistol and Unauthorized Use of Smith & Wesson's Trademarks

#### To Whom it May Concern:

We are intellectual property counsel for Smith and Wesson Corp. ("Smith & Wesson"). We are writing to you concerning the unlawful modification of Smith & Wesson's products and unauthorized use of Smith & Wesson's federally protected trademarks by Apex Tactical Specialties, Inc.'s ("Apex"), Brownells Inc. ("Brownells"), DP Custom Works LLC ("DP"), Blowndeadline Custom ("Blowndeadline"), and SSVi LLC ("SSVi") (collectively, "you").

Founded in 1852, Smith & Wesson was one of the first firearm manufacturers in the United States and continues to be a leader in the firearm industry to this day. For over 160 years, Smith & Wesson has continuously provided high quality products and services to the consuming public. Upon their

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introduction in 2005, Smith & Wesson's M&P® semi-automatic pistols were immediately recognized as bold new entrants into the polymer-frame pistol category. M&P® pistols remain extremely popular with the consuming public and have become standard issue to police forces in the

United States and to military forces around the globe. The S&W® mark and the ® Logo

(collectively, the "S&W® Marks"), as well as the M&P® mark and the Collectively, the "M&P® Marks") are famous and well-known in the United States as demonstrated by their use in connection with the M&P® semi-automatic pistols as well as many other products manufactured or licensed by Smith & Wesson. The renown of these marks is demonstrated by the countless news articles, product reviews, movies, and television shows that have featured the company's products, the substantial sales of products bearing these marks, the popularity of Smith & Wesson's products bearing these marks, and the widespread recognition of these marks by the consuming public of the United States.

Smith & Wesson is the owner of numerous federal trademark registrations for its world-renowned and famous marks. These registrations include numerous incontestable registrations for its SMITH & WESSON® and S&W® Marks, as well as federal registrations for its M&P® Marks. Copies of the pertinent registration details from the official records of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office are attached to this correspondence as Exhibit A.

It has recently come to Smith & Wesson's attention that you have developed and are promoting for sale an "M&P Dream Gun," (the "Infringing Product"). To create this product, you have modified an authentic Smith & Wesson M&P® 9mm pistol by, *inter alia*, changing the grip texture and shape, machining the slide, and adding numerous accessories and replacement parts, while retaining the S&W® Logo on the product. The December 18, 2015 Apex press release announcing this product and explaining Apex's intent to exhibit the Infringing Product at the January 2016 SHOT Show exhibition is attached to this correspondence as Exhibit B. The numerous alterations made to the original design of Smith & Wesson's firearms constitute not only unauthorized modifications to Smith & Wesson's proprietary designs and misuse of Smith & Wesson's trademarks, but present significant safety and quality concerns. Indeed, these modifications void the Smith & Wesson factory warranty on these products. Your advertisement and display of the Infringing Product to promote your gunsmithing services, and other products and services, constitutes misuse of Smith & Wesson's trademarks and must cease.

Pictures of the Infringing Product bearing unauthorized modifications are shown below.



A company or individual may not purchase original, authentic products, make modifications to the products' essential elements, and then market the products under the original names and bearing the original trademarks. See, e.g., Rolex Watch, U.S.A., Inc. v. Michel Co., 179 F.3d 704, 710 (9th Cir. 1999) (enjoining seller from retaining the ROLEX trademark on genuine Rolex watches altered aftermarket by, for example, the addition of diamonds to the watch dial, because the alterations "result[ed] in a new product"); Rolex Watch U.S.A., Inc. v. Meece, 158 F.3d 816 (5th Cir. 1998) (upholding injunction prohibiting the sale of altered Rolex watches under the original trademarks due to modifications of the integral parts of the watches); Bulova Watch Co. v. Allerton Co., 328 F.2d 20, 23-24 (7th Cir. 1964) (enjoining the use of the BULOVA trademark on modified watches sold by the defendant because the re-casing of authentic Bulova watches by the defendant resulted in a "new construction" and a "different product" that was "no longer a Bulova watch" and was therefore likely to deceive the public as to the watches' origin). This is precisely what you have done here without the authorization of Smith & Wesson.

The marketing and promotion of your remanufactured Smith & Wesson-branded firearms, whether for the purpose of promoting your respective gunsmith services and other products and services, or for the purpose of selling the Infringing Product, constitutes trademark infringement under the federal Lanham Act, 15 U.S.C. §1114(a), 15 U.S.C. §1125(a) and state unfair competition laws. Consumers are likely to be misled into thinking that the Infringing Product originates from Smith & Wesson, is otherwise endorsed, approved by or sponsored by Smith & Wesson. Separately, consumers are likely to believe that the Infringing Product is covered by the Smith & Wesson factory warranty, when it is not. Additional confusion may also occur at a later time if the Infringing Product is sold to secondary purchasers as "used", and upon seeing the famous Smith & Wesson marks, those secondary purchasers believe that Smith & Wesson is the source of the firearm they

purchased, or that Smith & Wesson endorses or sponsors the product, which is not true. Such confusion is the essence of trademark infringement in violation of the federal Lanham Act. <u>See Cartier v. Aaron Faber, Inc.</u>, 396 F. Supp.2d 356, 361 (S.D.N.Y. 2005) ("What the injunction does proscribe is [defendants] actively marketing new and used Cartier watches that [defendants] caused to be altered in such a way as to deceive the general public as to the origins of the watch's craftsmanship.").

These intellectual property and safety and quality concerns are extremely serious and demand your immediate attention. Accordingly, we demand that you:

- 1. Confirm in writing that neither you nor any third party will display the Infringing Product, or any similar product, at the 2016 SHOT Show or make any other commercial display or promotion of such Infringing Product;
- 2. Cease the sale of any firearm modified by you or any other third party that bears any Smith & Wesson trademark, including, but not limited to the S&W® Marks or the M&P® Marks; and
- 3. Turn over to Smith & Wesson your inventory of the Infringing Product, or any Smith & Wesson product modified by you in the first instance that bears any mark owned by Smith & Wesson.

If we do not hear from you by **January 5, 2015**, Smith & Wesson will pursue its rights and remedies to the fullest extent permitted by law without further notice to you.

In the meantime, you should also be aware that the destruction of evidence can have extremely serious consequences, and we caution you not to take any action that might involve the destruction or alteration of digital files, images, or records, including computer records and business records concerning this matter.

The foregoing is without prejudice to our client's rights and nothing contained herein shall be deemed a waiver of any such rights, all of which are hereby expressly reserved.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Hara K. Jacobs,

Hara K. Jacobs

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# SMITH & WESSON

Word Mark SMITH & WESSON

Goods and Services IC 013. US 002 009. G & S: REVOLVERS, PISTOLS [ AUTOMATIC PISTOLS, RIFLES AND GUNS

AND AMMUNITION ]. FIRST USE: 18570000. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 18570000

**Standard Characters** 

Claimed

Mark Drawing Code (4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Serial Number 71069626 Filing Date April 5, 1913

Current Basis 1A
Original Filing Basis 1A

Change In

Registration CHANGE IN REGISTRATION HAS OCCURRED

Registration Number 0095164

**Registration Date** February 3, 1914

Owner (REGISTRANT) SMITH & WESSON VOLUNTARY ASSOCIATION MASSACHUSETTS NO. 55

STOCKBRIDGE STREET SPRINGFIELD MASSACHUSETTS

(LAST LISTED OWNER) SMITH & WESSON CORP. CORPORATION ASSIGNEE OF DELAWARE

2100 ROOSEVELT AVENUE SPRINGFIELD MASSACHUSETTS 011022208

Assignment

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Attorney of Record Hara K. Jacobs

Prior Registrations 0023056

Type of Mark TRADEMARK
Register PRINCIPAL

Affidavit Text SECT 12C. SECT 15. SECTION 8(10-YR) 20140125.

**Renewal** 6TH RENEWAL 20140125

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### SMITH & WESSON

Word Mark SMITH & WESSON

Goods and Services IC 013. US 002 009. G & S: Firearms, namely, pistols and rifles. FIRST USE: 18520000. FIRST

USE IN COMMERCE: 18520000

**Standard Characters** 

Claimed

Mark Drawing Code (4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Serial Number 85200371

Filing Date December 17, 2010

Current Basis 1A
Original Filing Basis 1A

Published for

Opposition August 14, 2012

Registration Number 4232135

**Registration Date** October 30, 2012

Owner (REGISTRANT) Smith & Wesson Corp CORPORATION DELAWARE 2100 Roosevelt Avenue

Springfield MASSACHUSETTS 01102

Attorney of Record Hara K. Jacobs

**Prior Registrations** 0095164;1704640;3697138;AND OTHERS

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### SMITH & WESSON

Word Mark SMITH & WESSON

Goods and Services IC 013. US 002 009. G & S: Firearms, namely, revolvers. FIRST USE: 18570000. FIRST USE IN

COMMERCE: 18570000

**Standard Characters** 

Claimed

Mark Drawing Code (4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Serial Number 85200372

Filing Date December 17, 2010

Current Basis 1A
Original Filing Basis 1A

Published for

Opposition March 8, 2011

Registration Number 3966501
Registration Date May 24, 2011

Owner (REGISTRANT) Smith & Wesson Corp. CORPORATION DELAWARE 2100 Roosevelt Avenue

Springfield MASSACHUSETTS 01102

Attorney of Record Hara K. Jacobs
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### SMITH & WESSON

**Word Mark** SMITH & WESSON

Goods and IC 003. US 001 004 006 050 051 052. G & S: Gun cleaning solutions, solvents and preparations. FIRST

Services USE: 20060509. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20060509

Standard Characters Claimed

**Mark Drawing** (4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK Code

**Trademark** 

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**Search Facility** NOTATION-SYMBOLS Notation Symbols such as Non-Latin characters, punctuation and mathematical

Classification signs, zodiac signs, prescription marks

**Serial Number** 78727792

Filing Date October 6, 2005

**Current Basis** 1A **Original Filing** 1B

**Basis** 

**Published for** April 11, 2006 Opposition

Registration 3677893 Number

Registration September 1, 2009 **Date** 

Owner (REGISTRANT) Smith & Wesson Corp. CORPORATION DELAWARE 2100 Roosevelt Avenue Springfield

MASSACHUSETTS 01102

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Attorney of Record Hara K. Jacobs

Prior Registrations

0095164;1069977;1704640;AND OTHERS

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**Word Mark** SMITH & WESSON

Goods and IC 009. US 021 026. G & S: sunglasses. FIRST USE: 19890801. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE:

Services 19890801

IC 013. US 002 009. G & S: holsters and gun cases. FIRST USE: 19740107. FIRST USE IN

COMMERCE: 19740107

IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: clothing; namely, belts, [ ties, ] T-shirts, and sweatshirts. FIRST USE:

19800101. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19800101

**Mark Drawing** 

Code

(1) TYPED DRAWING

Serial Number 74151163

March 25, 1991 Filing Date

**Current Basis** 1A

**Original Filing** 

1A **Basis** 

**Published for** 

Opposition

Registration

Number

1704640

May 12, 1992

Registration Date August 4, 1992

Owner (REGISTRANT) SMITH & WESSON CORP. CORPORATION DELAWARE 2100 Roosevelt Avenue

Springfield MASSACHUSETTS 01104

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Attorney of Record

Hara K. Jacobs

**Prior** Registrations

0095164;1000546;1069977;1098623;1125756;1334088;1511511;AND OTHERS

Type of Mark TRADEMARK Register **PRINCIPAL** 

**Affidavit Text** SECT 15. SECT 8 (6-YR). SECTION 8(10-YR) 20120801.

Renewal 2ND RENEWAL 20120801

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## ped Drawing

**Word Mark** SMITH & WESSON

Goods and Services

IC 041. US 107. G & S: EDUCATION SERVICES-NAMELY, INSTRUCTION IN USE OF FIREARMS, NON-LETHAL WEAPONS, BREATH-TESTING EQUIPMENT, NIGHT SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT, AND

TRAINING FOR SECURITYGUARD PERSONNEL; AND FIREARM INSTRUCTORS. FIRST USE:

19700400. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19700400

**Mark Drawing** 

Code

(1) TYPED DRAWING

Serial Number

73105315

**Filing Date** November 3, 1976

**Current Basis** 

**Original Filing** 

**Basis** 

1A

Registration Number

1069977

Registration

July 19, 1977 Date

Owner

(REGISTRANT) BANGOR PUNTA OPERATIONS, INC. CORPORATION NEW YORK 1 GREENWICH

PLAZA GREENWICH CONNECTICUT 06830

(LAST LISTED OWNER) SMITH & WESSON CORP. CORPORATION ASSIGNEE OF DELAWARE 2100

ROOSEVELT AVENUE SPRINGFIELD MASSACHUSETTS 011022208

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Attorney of Record

Hara K. Jacobs

Prior Registrations

0095164;1000546

Type of Mark

SERVICE MARK

Register

**PRINCIPAL** 

**Affidavit Text** 

SECT 15. SECT 8 (6-YR). SECTION 8(10-YR) 20070823.

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**Word Mark** 

S & W

Goods and Services

IC 006. US 013. G & S: handcuffs. FIRST USE: 19810310. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19810310

IC 009. US 026. G & S: sunglasses and ear covers for hearing protection. FIRST USE: 19890801. FIRST

USE IN COMMERCE: 19890801

IC 013. US 009. G & S: firearms; namely, handguns, revolvers, pistols, gun cases, holsters and pouches

for ammunition and shooting accessories. FIRST USE: 18780129. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE:

18780129

IC 018. US 003. G & S: travel bags. FIRST USE: 19890101. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19890101

IC 025. US 022 039. G & S: [ ties, ] vests, jackets, T-shirts, and sweatshirts [ sweaters ]. FIRST USE:

19800101. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19800101

IC 026. US 040. G & S: decorative cloth patches. FIRST USE: 19800101. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE:

19800101

Mark Drawing

Code

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

Design Search

01.01.09 - Stars, two; Two stars

**Code** 01.01.12 - Stars - multiple stars with four points

26.01.02 - Circles, plain single line; Plain single line circles

Serial Number 74094310

Filing Date August 31, 1990

Current Basis 1A

**Original Filing** 

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Published for

**Basis** 

Opposition July 28, 1992

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Registration 1724977 Number

Registration Date October 20, 1992

(REGISTRANT) SMITH & WESSON CORP. CORPORATION DELAWARE 2100 Roosevelt Avenue Owner

Springfield MASSACHUSETTS 01104

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**Prior** 

0093766;0093767;1073794;1125757;1127835;AND OTHERS Registrations

Type of Mark **TRADEMARK PRINCIPAL** Register

SECT 15. SECT 8 (6-YR). SECTION 8(10-YR) 20121105. **Affidavit Text** 

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**Word Mark** SW

Goods and Services

IC 003. US 001 004 006 050 051 052. G & S: Gun cleaning solutions, solvents and preparations. FIRST

USE: 20060509. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20060509

Mark Drawing

Code

(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

Design Search

01.01.09 - Stars, two; Two stars

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01.01.12 - Stars - multiple stars with four points

26.01.02 - Circles, plain single line; Plain single line circles

26.17.25 - Other lines, bands or bars

**Trademark** Search Facility LETS-2 SW Two letters or combinations of multiples of two letters

SHAPES-ASTRO Astronomical shapes consisting of celestial bodies, globes and geographical maps Classification

Code

SHAPES-BAR-BANDS Designs with bar, bands or lines

SHAPES-CIRCLE Circle figures or designs including semi-circles and incomplete circles SHAPES-MISC Miscellaneous shaped designs

**Serial Number** 78727817

**Filing Date** October 6, 2005

1A **Current Basis Original Filing** 

Basis

1B

**Published for** Opposition

April 11, 2006

Registration Number

3677894

Registration

September 1, 2009 **Date** 

Owner (REGISTRANT) Smith & Wesson Corp. CORPORATION DELAWARE 2100 Roosevelt Avenue Springfield

MASSACHUSETTS 01102

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**Prior** Registrations

0093766;1073794;1125757;AND OTHERS

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Type of Mark TRADEMARK Register **PRINCIPAL** 

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Word Mark S & W

Goods and Services

IC 013. US 009. G & S: holsters. FIRST USE: 19900701. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19900701

(CANCELLED) IC 018. US 001 002 003 022 041. G & S: [ leather products; namely, wallets ]. FIRST

USE: 19920501. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19920501

(CANCELLED) IC 021. US 002 013 023 029 030 033 040 050. G & S: [ glassware; namely, drinking

glasses and mugs ]. FIRST USE: 19900830. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19900830

IC 025. US 039. G & S: belts, made of leather, fabric or synthetic materials. FIRST USE: 19900501.

FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19900501

(CANCELLED) IC 026. US 037 039 040 042 050. G & S: [ belt buckles not made of precious metal ].

FIRST USE: 19890101. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19890101

**Mark Drawing** 

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01.01.12 - Stars - multiple stars with four points

26.01.01 - Circles as carriers or as single line borders

Serial Number

74094386

Filing Date

August 27, 1990

Current Basis
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Published for Opposition

September 3, 1991

Change In Registration

CHANGE IN REGISTRATION HAS OCCURRED

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Registration 1757500 Number

Registration Date March 9, 1993

(REGISTRANT) SMITH & WESSON CORP. CORPORATION DELAWARE 2100 Roosevelt Avenue Owner

Springfield MASSACHUSETTS 01104

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**Prior** 

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Type of Mark **TRADEMARK PRINCIPAL** Register

SECT 15. PARTIAL SECT 8 (6-YR). SECTION 8(10-YR) 20130221. **Affidavit Text** 

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**Word Mark** SW

Goods and Services

IC 041. US 107. G & S: EDUCATIONAL SERVICES-NAMELY, INSTRUCTION IN USE OF FIREARMS, NON-LETHAL WEAPONS, BREATH-TESTING EQUIPMENT, NIGHT SURVEILLANCE EQUIPMENT, AND

TRAINING FOR SECURITY GUARD PERSONNEL; AND FIREARM INSTRUCTORS. FIRST USE:

19700400. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 19700400

Mark Drawing

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(3) DESIGN PLUS WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS

**Design Search** 01.01.09 - Stars, two; Two stars

Code 01.01.12 - Stars - multiple stars with four points

26.01.01 - Circles as carriers or as single line borders

Serial Number 73105316

**Filing Date** November 3, 1976

**Current Basis** 1A **Original Filing** 

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Registration

Number

1073794

Registration

Date

September 20, 1977

Owner (REGISTRANT) BANGOR PUNTA OPERATIONS, INC. CORPORATION NEW YORK ONE GREENWICH

PLAZA GREENWICH CONNECTICUT 06830

(LAST LISTED OWNER) SMITH & WESSON CORP CORPORATION ASSINGEE OF DELAWARE 2100

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Attorney of Record

Hara K. Jacobs

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0093766;1000548

**Description of** 

THE MARK COMPRISES A STYLIZED VERSION OF THE LETTERS "S AND W." Mark

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**PRINCIPAL** Register

**Affidavit Text** SECT 15. SECT 8 (6-YR). SECTION 8(10-YR) 20070823.

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M&P

Word Mark M&P

Goods and Services IC 013. US 002 009. G & S: Firearms. FIRST USE: 20050124. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE:

20050124

**Standard Characters** 

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Mark Drawing Code (4) STANDARD CHARACTER MARK

Serial Number 85520139

Filing Date January 19, 2012

Current Basis 1A
Original Filing Basis 1A

Published for

Opposition June 5, 2012

**Registration Number** 4194679

**Registration Date** August 21, 2012

Owner (REGISTRANT) Smith & Wesson Corp. CORPORATION DELAWARE 2100 Roosevelt Avenue

Springfield MASSACHUSETTS 01102

Attorney of Record Hara K. Jacobs

**Prior Registrations** 3336344;3392903;3697138

Type of Mark TRADEMARK
Register PRINCIPAL

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### by Smith & Wesson

**Word Mark** 

M&P BY SMITH & WESSON

Goods and Services

IC 013. US 002 009. G & S: Handgun cases; firearm slings; rifle cases; gun rugs in the nature of gun cases; firearm tactical cases; gun socks in the nature of soft gun cases; range bags, namely, to carry firearms and

munition to gun ranges. FIRST USE: 20130101. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20130101

**Mark Drawing** 

Code

(5) WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS IN STYLIZED FORM

**Serial Number** 

86448615

Filing Date

November 7, 2014

**Current Basis** 

1A

**Original Filing** 

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**Published for** 

Opposition

August 4, 2015

Registration

Number

4835033

Registration

**Date** 

October 20, 2015

Owner

(REGISTRANT) Smith & Wesson Corp. CORPORATION DELAWARE 2100 Roosevelt Avenue Springfield

MASSACHUSETTS 01104

Attorney of

Record

Hara K. Jacobs

Prior Registrations

3697138;4194679;4605622;AND OTHERS

1 of 2 12/22/2015 10:42 AM Description of Mark

Color is not claimed as a feature of the mark. The mark consists of the capital letters "M" and "P" which are side by side and parallel with an ampersand symbol centered in the middle overlapping both letters which is

located above the words "by Smith & Wesson". The words "by Smith & Wesson" are in a smaller size and

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**Word Mark** 

M&P

Goods and

IC 028. US 022 023 038 050. G & S: Airsoft guns for recreational purposes. FIRST USE: 20060116.

Services

FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20060116

Mark Drawing

Code

(5) WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS IN STYLIZED FORM

Serial Number

86249497

**Filing Date** 

April 11, 2014

**Current Basis** 

1A

**Original Filing** 

1A

**Basis** 

Published for Opposition

July 1, 2014

Registration

4605625

Number

Registration Date September 16, 2014

Owner

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Springfield MASSACHUSETTS 01104

Attorney of Record

Hara K. Jacobs

**Prior** 

Mark

3336344;3697138;4194679

Registrations **Description of** 

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**Word Mark** 

M&P

Goods and Services

IC 013. US 002 009. G & S: BB guns; Pellet guns; Starter pistols. FIRST USE: 20080101. FIRST USE IN

COMMERCE: 20080401

Mark Drawing

Code

(5) WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS IN STYLIZED FORM

86249486 Serial Number **Filing Date** April 11, 2014

**Current Basis** 1A

**Original Filing** 

1A

**Basis** 

Published for

July 1, 2014 Opposition

Registration

Number

4605624

Registration Date September 16, 2014

Owner

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Attorney of

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Smith & Wesson MILITARY&POLICE

**Word Mark** 

SMITH & WESSON M&P MILITARY & POLICE

Goods and Services

IC 013. US 002 009. G & S: firearms. FIRST USE: 20060101. FIRST USE IN COMMERCE: 20060101

Mark Drawing Code

(5) WORDS, LETTERS, AND/OR NUMBERS IN STYLIZED FORM

**Trademark** 

LETS-2 MP Two letters or combinations of multiples of two letters

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NOTATION-SYMBOLS Notation Symbols such as Non-Latin characters, punctuation and mathematical

Classification

signs, zodiac signs, prescription marks

Code

SHAPES-MISC Miscellaneous shaped designs

**Serial Number** 

78677811 July 25, 2005

Filing Date **Current Basis** 

1A

**Original Filing** 

**Basis** 

1B

**Published for** Opposition

May 16, 2006

Registration

3697138

Number

Registration

**Date** 

October 13, 2009

Owner

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MASSACHUSETTS 01102

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**Prior** 

Registrations 0095164;1704640;AND OTHERS

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## Apex Teams With Top Custom Builders On Brownells Dream Gun

LOS OSOS, Calif. – Apex Tactical Specialties has teamed up with three of the most respected custom gun builders on a special Smith & Wesson M&P build for the Brownells Dream Guns® Project. The result of the collaboration, a one-of-a-kind M&P Pro 9mm, will be showcased in the Brownells booth (#13018) during the 2016 SHOT Show in Las Vegas.

The <u>Brownells Dream Guns® Project</u> was started in 2011 to help feature the wide range of parts and accessories available from Brownells that customers can use to upgrade and customize their own pistols, rifles and shotguns. To date over 100 Dream Guns® have been built and are available for review at Brownells.com.

"When Brownells asked us to participate in their Dream Guns Project by submitting a custom M&P fully equipped with Apex upgrades, we decided to take it a step further and turned to a trio of custom gun builders whose collaborations are some of the most recognized and coveted among custom firearms aficionados," explained Scott Folk, vice president of Apex.

"To give our M&P Dream Gun its one-of-a-kind look we asked Doug Presson of <u>DP Custom Works</u>, Mike Sigouin of <u>Blowndeadline Custom</u> and Damon Young of <u>SSVI</u> to contribute their expertise. These three have worked together on so many guns, and their work so highly regarded, that we knew they'd be the ideal partners for our Brownells build."

Apex's contribution to the build was a suite of key performance parts that have made Apex the go-to company for M&P upgrades. Included in this build are the company's newly released patent pending Apex Grade Gunsmith Fit Barrel, patented Flat-Faced Forward Set Sear & Trigger Kit, with the "Red Flatty" anodized trigger sold exclusively by Brownells, the Failure Resistant Extractor, patented Reset Assist Mechanism and Apex 10-8 Performance Polymer Base Pads.

Additionally, Apex outfitted the pistol with a Catalyst Extended Magazine Release from 21 Century Gunfighter and a sight package configured of an Ameriglo ProGlo green tritium with bright orange outline front sight and a 10-8 Performance U-Notch rear sight. Also contributing to the build was flashlight and weapon light manufacturer Inforce which supplied one of their popular APL 200 lumen pistol lights.

However, it's the work of DP Custom Works, Blowndeadline Custom and SSVI that gives the pistol its unique appearance. DP Custom







Works machined the slide, lightening it and adding side and top scales. The gray with red accents finish of the slide, frame and Inforce APL light is the result of the Cerakote work of Blowndeadline Custom. The finishing touch is the signature look of SSVI's 360° texturing, hard edge bordering, undercut and trigger guard texturing, as well as forward reference point texturing.

The upgraded and customized Apex M&P Dream Gun is valued at over \$2,700 and will be on display throughout the 2016 SHOT Show in the Brownells booth and is sure to garner a great deal of attention from show attendees.

#### Apex M&P Dream Gun Features:

- Apex Grade M&P 5.00" Gunsmith Fit Barrel
- Apex Red Flat-Faced Forward Set Sear & Trigger Kit (a Brownells Exclusive)
- Apex Reset Assist Mechanism
- Apex Failure Resistent Extractor
- Apex 10-8 Performance Polymer Base Pads
- Front Sight: Ameriglo ProGlo Green Tritium w/ Bright Orange Outline
- Rear Sight: 10-8 Performance U-Notch
- 21st Century Gunfighter Catalyst Extended Magazine Release
- Inforce APL 200 Lumen Pistol Light
- DP Custom Works Custom Machined Slide
- Blowndeadline Custom Titanium w/ Black Battleworn Cerakote Finish
- SSVI Basic Package Grip & Frame Texturing

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