

1 GVP7 Tracy Alvarez

2 D: So please state your name.

3 T: My name is Tracy Alvarez.

4 D: And Tracy have you experienced gun violence in any form or...

5 T: Yes, I have. Multiple times, actually our alley was shot up and the indicators are still in our  
6 garage. So, we found over 24 bullet holes and they were all at like, the garbage can level. So, if I  
7 was to be coming out of the garage, I would've been hit.

8 D: What are indicators?

9 T: Indicators are when the police count the bullet holes, they put little numbers to count how  
10 many bullet holes they've, they found.

11 D: Whoa. And was that during the day or night or...

12 T: It was about 2:30-3:00 in the morning and that's what time I usually leave for the gym, but  
13 that morning I decided not to. So, I was pretty lucky.

14 D: Oh wow. And because of that experience did, was you fearful to leave the house, were you  
15 fearful to go in your alley? What, what did that experience do to you?

16 T: Now, what we did is we have surveillance cameras and I can access those on my phone. So,  
17 before I leave my—I get into the garage, I look at the cameras on my phone to make sure that the  
18 alley's clear.

19 D: Smart. And also, you're involved in your community uh, I believe that you're a block club  
20 captain or—

21 T: Yes, I am a block watch captain for the south side um, for six district. So, but, my block  
22 watches are open to anyone because, like I said, uh, I live in Milwaukee, so I just don't represent  
23 the south side, I want all our communities to be safe.

24 D: Amen. And what would you say to legislatures and why it's important to support responsible  
25 gun ownership or gun legislation.

26 T: I think it's important because, like, like I said, we live in all of Milwaukee. So, all of our  
27 communities need to be addressed. This isn't just South Side, North Side, East Side thing, this is  
28 a whole community thing.

29 D: I—I think that was well said. Uh, what would you say to others who have experienced uh,  
30 gun violence in their neighborhoods. Uh, do you have any suggestions for them?

31 T: I think we just need to support each other, um, be respectful of each other, back each other up,  
32 um, communicate, watch out for each other, email each other, text each other, have meetings--  
33 support each other.

34 D: That was well said. Is there anything you'd like to add?

35 T: Hmm, no.

36 D: Thank you.

37 T: Thank you.

38 D: That was good.

39 T: Thank you. (laughter)