

Maryland Handgun Roster Board
Thirteenth Annual Report on the
Status of Personalized Handgun Technology

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The Maryland Handgun Roster Board is legislatively mandated to report annually on the status of personalized handgun technology. This requirement was part of the Responsible Gun Safety Act of 2000, and is now in the Public Safety Article, §5-132(d,) Annotated Code of Maryland.

In the past, the Board heard a presentation from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT), which had worked with MetalStorm Inc. to develop personalized handgun technology. However, MetalStorm is no longer actively working on an electronic weapon. Even though NJIT has received multiple grant awards from the State of New Jersey and the National Institute of Justice to develop this technology, the latest press release from NJIT regarding the personalized handgun technology project was dated January, 2006.

Since the last Smart Gun Report to the Maryland General Assembly, the New Jersey Institute of Technology has made progress on a design upgrade that uses **conformal electronics**. However, at this juncture a weapon is not yet available for test and evaluation.

According to a National Institute of Justice (NIJ) Report published in June 2013 there are currently no personalized firearms available commercially in the United States today. Additionally, the report notes two companies: Armatix of Germany and the Kodiak Company of Utah who hope to have a product available sometime in 2014. As of this time, there is no record of a police department, government agency or individual having purchased any personalized handguns.

The Handgun Roster Board continues to note that although the technology to produce personalized handguns does exist, at least for demonstration purposes, it is still not available in a commercially available 'handgun package'.

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