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To: Devin Hughes
Cc: ; Simon, Thomas (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP); Houry, Debra E. (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD);
Subject: RE: Response to CDC meeting with GVP representatives regarding Defensive Gun Use.

Devon,

Thanks so much for following-up, and my apologies for not getting back to you sooner. We are planning to update the fact sheet in early 2022 after the release of some new data. We will also make some edits to the content we discussed that I think will address the concerns you and other partners have raised. As soon as that update is complete, I will send you the link. Thanks for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Beth

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Hi Beth,

I wanted to follow-up once more on our conversation about defensive gun use and see if there is anything more we can provide.

Best,
Devin

On Fri, Oct 22, 2021 at 12:09 PM Devin Hughes <> wrote:
Hi Beth,

Just wanted to follow-up to see if there is anything further we can provide.

Best,
Devin

On Mon, Sep 27, 2021 at 8:41 AM Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < > wrote:
Thanks, Mark. Apologies for my late response. We appreciate you raising this issue with us, these suggestions, and the follow-up information. We have shared your concerns with our senior scientists for their consideration, and will be in touch later this fall to follow-up.

Sincerely,

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From: < >
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I would like to thank you for inviting me to provide input in this important conversation of the data behind Defensive Gun Use and taking the time to hear from those who are boots on the ground in Gun Violence Prevention. After the call I reviewed both the original documents that got everyone to the numbers being used to the origin of the collection of white papers.

One thing that popped out was that, even though it was not such, the numbers, specifically the 2.5 Million DGUs per year is considered CDC Gospel... it is in no uncertain terms a "CDC Study". And while that very small study by Gary Kleck has been debunked repeatedly by everyone from all sides of this issue [even Kleck] it still remains canon by gun rights folks and their supporting politicians and is used as a blunt instrument against gun safety regulations every time there is a state or federal level hearing. Put simply, in the time that study has been published as "a CDC Study" gun violence prevention policy has ground to a halt, in no small part because of the misinformation that small study provided.

As I pointed out yesterday, we know GVA data is "light" regarding DGUs because there is a propensity to just not report incidents that don't have someone shot or killed. So we end up with an unknown denominator in trying to calculate exactly how many there may be.