

**Subject:** FWD: CARRYING WEAPONS  
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Mr. Eaton,  
I wanted to make sure I was right when I answered your e-mail so I contacted Mr. Steve Runge who is the City Prosecutor. I hope this will answer you concerns.  
Thanks,  
Capt. R. Coulton

----- Original Message -----  
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ROSS:

I have never found any prohibition against carrying a firearm in the open, so long as it is not carried in violation of some other statute, such as Having Weapons Under Disability, Using Weapons While Intoxicated, etc. While some officers have expressed the thought that carrying a firearm in a holster out in the open would be Inducing Panic or Disorderly Conduct, a close look at those statutes would indicate otherwise.

Therefore, I am of the opinion at this time that there are no current prohibitions against the carrying of a firearm in such a manner that it is not concealed, so long as no other prohibition is violated. If you have another viewpoint, please let me know.

STEVE

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