



## **Press Release**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> Degree: Too Many Guns** **Tuesday 14 November at 8pm**

American Gun is a powerful new Hollywood movie currently on circuit in South Africa. The film depicts how the proliferation of guns in America affects and shapes the every day lives of its citizens. Although its focus is on individual American stories, it forces us to look at our own gun problem.

South Africa has one of the highest violent crime rates in the world. And according to the latest police statistics at least fifty people are killed in this country every day, many of them with guns.

But Pro-gun lobbyist hold the view that the pool of guns in South Africa is becoming smaller, making it harder for criminals to access firearms. A total of 104 000 illegal arms were surrendered during a 2005 government arms amnesty.

This was however a drop in the ocean compared to the number of arms still believed to be in circulation. Those against guns say that unlicensed, stolen and illegal guns are responsible for most gun crimes committed in the country.

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