DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU!

On August 9, 2002, Lashon Browning, 30, of 2739 W. Maypole, was arrested by Chicago Police officers after his vehicle was stopped for a traffic violation on Chicago Avenue near Kedzie. Browning had a loaded semi-automatic pistol and ammunition in the car when it was stopped. Evidence presented during Browning's trial showed that during the last 15 years, Browning had only been out of prison for a total of 6 months. Browning is an admitted member of the Traveling Vice Lords street gang.

Recently, Browning was sentenced to 20 years in Federal prison, with no opportunity for parole.

If you carry a gun, you'll do really hard time a long way from home.

Project Safe Neighborhoods is a collaborative effort among the Chicago Police Department, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the Illinois Department of Corrections to reduce gun violence in Chicago's neighborhoods.