

**From:** Mercy, James (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP)  
**Sent:** Thu, 9 Sep 2021 15:34:42 +0000  
**To:** Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP)  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up

Yes, but don't schedule around me. If I can make it fine, if not fine.

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**From:** Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:33 AM  
**To:** Mercy, James (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up

Got it. Do you want to be on the call with Deb and Tom? I was trying to protect your time, but if you want to continue to maintain the relationship with Mark, I can loop you in.

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**From:** Mercy, James (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:25 AM  
**To:** Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up

Yes that's him (Mark Bryant), but we met him on an entirely different matter. To use the GVA data in our effort to predict firearm homicides in real time given the lag in our data. He was very agreeable.

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**From:** Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:22 AM  
**To:** Mercy, James (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up

Who met with the CEO? He's asked to be part of this upcoming meeting too. See the attached. I don't want to be duplicative.

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**From:** Mercy, James (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 11:16 AM  
**To:** Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up

A few of just met with the CEO of the gun violence archive yesterday – Mark Bryant. (b)(5)  
(b)(5) Here's what we say on our fact sheet below – I mean all we say on the fact sheet essentially is that you get different estimates of defensive gun use depending on the methods you use to measure it and then point to the National Academy report. Hard to argue against that. What do you think the concern is with this? Or is it something else?

Although definitions of defensive gun use vary, it is generally defined as the use of a firearm to protect and defend one's self, family, others, and/or property against crime or victimization.

Estimates of defensive gun use vary depending on the questions asked, populations studied, timeframe, and other factors related to the design of studies. The report [Priorities for Research to Reduce the Threat of Firearm-Related Violence](#) [external icon](#) indicates a range of 60,000 to 2.5 million defensive gun uses each year.

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**From:** Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:56 AM  
**To:** Mercy, James (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >; Solhtalab, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >  
**Subject:** RE: Follow-up

The criticism of our defensive gun use data on our fact sheet from Debin Hughes the founder of GVPEdia / Gun Violence Archive and Newtown Action Alliance. We're setting up a call with them, Deb and Tom Simon at Deb's request. -B.

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**From:** Mercy, James (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 9, 2021 10:52 AM  
**To:** Solhtalab, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/OD) < >  
**Cc:** Reimels, Elizabeth (CDC/DDNID/NCIPC/DVP) < >  
**Subject:** Follow-up

Hi Elizabeth,

I was asking you if you were following up with that person Deb had referred to us. Just wanted to make sure we weren't supposed to do that.

Beth – what meeting were you talking about that Deb asked is to follow up on?

Jim

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