

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

Montgomery Blair Sibley,

Plaintiff,

Case No.: 19-CV-6517

vs.

**FIRST AMENDED VERIFIED COMPLAINT FOR  
DECLARATORY JUDGMENT AND PRELIMINARY  
AND PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

Chauncey J. Watches, solely in his official capacity as a N.Y. Penal Law §265.00(10) Licensing Officer, His Excellency Andrew Mark Cuomo, solely in his official capacity as the Chief Administrative Officer of the State of New York, James L. Allard, solely in his official capacity as Sheriff of Steuben County, New York, Brooks Baker, solely in his official capacity as District Attorney of Steuben County, and Keith M. Corlett, solely in his official capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police,

**ADVISORY JURY TRIAL REQUESTED**

Defendants.

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Plaintiff, Montgomery Blair Sibley (“Sibley”), sues Defendant, Chauncey J. Watches solely in his official capacity as a N.Y. Penal Law §265.00(10) Licensing Officer (“Defendant Licensing Officer”), His Excellency Andrew Mark Cuomo, solely in his official capacity as the Chief Administrative Officer of the State of New York (“Defendant Cuomo”), James L. Allard (“Defendant Sheriff”), solely in his official capacity as Sheriff of Steuben County, New York, Brooks Baker (“Defendant District Attorney”), solely in his official capacity as District Attorney of Steuben County, and Keith M. Corlett, (“Defendant Superintendent”) solely in his official

capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police, and, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1746, states that the factual matters stated herein are true under penalty of perjury, alleging as follows:

#### INTRODUCTION

By this suit, Sibley seeks:

- A Declaratory Judgment that New York's criminal ban on Sibley's handgun possession in his home and cane sword possession both in his home and in public on its face and as applied violates Sibley's: (i) Fundamental rights and (ii) Second Amendment to the Federal Constitution rights;
- Preliminary and Permanent Injunctive Relief enjoining Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and all persons in active concert or participation with them from enforcing N.Y. Penal Law § 265.01 against Sibley's handgun possession in his home and cane sword possession both in his home and in public;
- A Declaratory Judgment that New York's administrative handgun licensing procedure on its face and as applied in Steuben County, New York and as codified in N.Y. Penal Law §400.00 *et seq.* and N.Y. Admin. P. Act, §100 *et seq.* violates Sibley's rights protected by: (i) the First Amendment to the Federal Constitution, (ii) the Second Amendment to the Federal Constitution, (iii) The Fifth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, (iv) The Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, (v) the New York State Constitution, Article I, §8 and (vi) the tenets of N.Y. Administrative Law;
- A Declaratory Judgment that the judicial review system of New York's administrative handgun licensing procedure codified in N.Y. CPLR, Article 78 on its face and as applied violates Federal and New York Due Process guarantees as failing to provide meaningful judicial review from an administrative process affecting Fundamental and Constitutional rights.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. Jurisdiction of this Court is invoked pursuant to 28 U.S. Code §1331, §2201, §2202 and 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
2. Venue in this court is proper pursuant to 28 U.S. Code §1391 as a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims herein occurred in Steuben County, New York.

## PARTIES

3. Sibley, is *sui generis* and a “natural born Citizen” of the United States as he was born in Rochester, New York, the child of two United States citizens, Harper Sibley, Jr. and Beatrice Blair Sibley and has continuously resided in the United States since his birth. Sibley at all times relevant herein has resided in the city of Corning, Steuben County, New York. Sibley:

- A. Is twenty-one years of age or older (N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(a));
- B. Has not been convicted anywhere of a felony or a serious offense or is not the subject of an outstanding warrant of arrest issued upon the alleged commission of a felony or serious offense (N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(c));
- C. Is not a fugitive from justice (N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(d));
- D. Is not an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance as defined in section 21 U.S.C. §802 (N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(e));
- E. Is a U.S. Citizen who has not renounced his citizenship nor served in the Armed Forces (N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(f),(g) & (h));
- F. Has never suffered any mental illness (N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(i));
- G. Has not been involuntarily committed to a facility under the jurisdiction of an office of the department of mental hygiene nor has been civilly confined in a secure treatment facility (N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(j));
- H. Has not had a license revoked or who is not under a suspension or ineligibility order issued pursuant to the provisions of section 530.14 of the Criminal Procedure Law or section eight hundred forty-two-a of the Family Court Act (N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(k));
- I. Has not had a guardian appointed for him pursuant to any provision of state law, based on a determination that as a result of marked subnormal intelligence, mental illness, incapacity, condition or disease, he or she lacks the mental capacity to contract or manage his or her own affairs (N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(m)).

4. Defendant Chauncey J. Watches: (i) is a N.Y. Penal Law §265.00(10) Pistol/Revolver Licensing Officer for Steuben County, New York, (ii) is sued solely in that official capacity and (iii) whose public office address is: 3 E. Pulteney Square, Bath, Steuben County, N.Y. 14810.

5. Defendant His Excellency Andrew Mark Cuomo: (i) is the Governor of New York State, (ii) is sued solely in his official capacity as the Chief Administrative Officer of the

State of New York, (iii) is responsible for the administration of New York's customs, policies, practices and laws related to handgun licensing procedure as codified in N.Y. Penal Law §400.00 *et seq.* and/or N.Y. Admin. P. Act, §100 *et seq.* and (iv) whose public office address is: NYS State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224.

6. Defendant James L Allard: (i) is the Sheriff of Steuben County, New York, (ii) is sued solely in his official capacity as Sheriff of Steuben County, New York, (iii) is responsible for enforcing the State of New York's customs, policies, practices and laws related to the enforcement N.Y. Penal Law §265.00 *et seq.* and (iv) whose public office address is: 7007 Rumsey St. Ext., Bath, NY 14810.

7. Defendant Brooks Baker: (i) is the District Attorney of Steuben County, New York, (ii) is sued solely in his official capacity as District Attorney of Steuben County, New York, (iii) has a duty to conduct all prosecutions for crimes and offenses cognizable by the courts of Steuben County, including all crimes under N.Y. Penal Law § 265.00 *et seq.* and (iv) whose public office address is 3 E. Pulteney Square, Bath, Steuben County, N.Y. 14810.

8. Keith M. Corlett, (i) is the Superintendent of the New York State Police, (ii) is sued solely in his official capacity as Superintendent of the New York State Police, (iii) (iii) is responsible for enforcing the State of New York's customs, policies, practices and laws related to the enforcement N.Y. Penal Law §265.00 *et seq.* and (iv) whose public office address is New York State Police, 1220 Washington Ave., Albany, New York 12226.

#### **PREVIOUS LAWSUITS**

9. With the exception of a FOIL lawsuit against Defendant Licencing Officer dismissed in Steuben County Supreme Court, there are no previous lawsuits between the instant

parties or regarding the same facts involved in this case.

#### **GENERAL ALLEGATIONS**

10. Since the early **1970s**, Sibley has owned and possessed handguns receiving in the **1980s** licenses to carry concealed such handguns in both New York and Florida. In or about **2009**, Sibley moved to the District of Columbia where he continued to possess his handguns in his residence. Likewise, Sibley has possessed, in his home and when in public, since the early **1970s**, a cane sword having concealed within it a blade that may be used as a sword or stiletto for self-defense.

11. In **November 2017**, Sibley relocated to Corning, New York, transporting his handguns to his new residence. Additionally, in **November 2017**, Sibley was licensed by the N.Y. State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources, Special Licenses Unit as a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator, and issued License #2799. Sibley continues to hold that Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator License to this day.

12. In **April 2018**, Sibley obtained his N.Y. Hunter Education Certificate of Qualification.

13. On **July 18, 2018**, Sibley filed his State of New York Pistol/Revolver License Application (“Application”) with the Clerk of Steuben County. An un-executed copy of the redacted-for-privacy Application and Receipt is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”. Notably, Sibley, though not required, disclosed the make, model and serial number of the two handguns in his possession on the Application. Sibley’s Application was referred to the Defendant Licensing Officer for processing. The Application included Sibley’s fingerprints which triggered a series of background checks with the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the

Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the New York State Department of Mental Hygiene which, upon information and belief, all came back negative for any criminal or mental health history.

14. Five months later, on **December 28, 2018**, Sibley was interviewed in person by Steuben County Deputy Sheriff McCoy regarding his Application. A few days later, Deputy McCoy advised Sibley by telephone that he must either: (i) surrender his handguns to the Sheriff or a licensed firearms dealer or (ii) remove the handguns from New York pending determination of his Application. Deputy McCoy further advised that Sibley's possession of his handguns in his residence was a crime pursuant to N.Y. Penal Law §265 *et seq.* Accordingly, Sibley removed his handguns and cane sword from New York.

15. On or about **March 8, 2019**, Sibley legally purchased a shotgun from a Federal Firearms Licensee in New York after passing the requisite Federal NICS background check. That shotgun remains in Sibley's possession in his home.

16. On or about **May 16, 2019**, the Defendant Licensing Officer *ex parte* contacted Sibley's employer by telephone seeking information about Sibley's activities as a New York Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator.

17. On **May 29, 2019** – three hundred fifteen (315) days or 10 ½ months after Sibley filed his application – the Defendant Licensing Officer sent Sibley a letter denying to Sibley a Pistol/Revolver License. In that letter, the Defendant Licensing Officer stated in pertinent part:

- That the Defendant Licensing Officer had reviewed Sibley's application and "the investigation submitted by the Steuben County Sheriff's Department";
- "The basis for the denial results from concerns about your being sufficiently responsible to possess and care for a pistol";
- "[T]he Court is concerned that your history demonstrates that you place your own interest above the interests of society";

- “You do have the right to request a hearing with regard to the denial of your application.”

A copy of the Defendant Licensing Officer’s **May 29, 2019**, letter is attached hereto as Exhibit “B”.

18. On **June 14, 2019**, Sibley responded to the **May 29, 2019**, letter from the Defendant Licensing Officer stating in sum and substance:

- That he was requesting a hearing on the denial;
- Requesting copies of all written investigation reports and/or objections from any police authority or person reported to the Defendant Licensing Officer;
- Requesting the sum and substance of any orally-communicated information received by the Defendant Licensing Officer regarding Sibley’s application;
- Requesting copies of any legal or educational authorities or State Administrative Procedure Act, §102(14) Guidance Documents used to process Sibley’s application; and
- Advising that within thirty (30) days of receiving the above-information, Sibley would advise on the time needed to gather evidence to respond at the requested hearing.

A copy of Sibley’s **June 14, 2019**, letter is attached hereto as Exhibit “C”.

19. In response, on **August 15, 2019**, the Defendant Licensing Officer wrote Sibley stating:

- “Pursuant to your request I have scheduled a hearing on **July 31, 2019** at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom C at the Steuben County Courthouse, 3 E. Pulteney Square, Bath, New York”;
- “You should be prepared to proceed on that date with any evidence which you intend to present to the Court including testimony from you or any other witness concerning your application”; and
- “I have reviewed your requests for information and documents and find them to be without legal basis and therefore they are denied.”

A copy of the Defendant Licensing Officer's **August 15, 2019**, letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "D".

20. On **October 25, 2019**, the Defendant Licensing Officer wrote Sibley stating: "As you know your concealed pistol permit application was denied subject to an evidentiary hearing. In preparation for your January 10, 2020 hearing, please be advised that the court will address several relevant issues" and then went on to list seven (7) areas for "discussion. A copy of the Defendant Licensing Officer's **October 25, 2019**, letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "E".

21. On **November 12, 2019**, Sibley responded to the **October 25, 2019**, letter of the Defendant Licensing Officer. In his letter, Sibley objected to the lack of requisite "Notice" and then requested the documents that had been reviewed by the Court in order to arrive at its seven (7) area for "discussion". A copy of Sibley's **November 12, 2019**, letter is attached hereto as Exhibit "F". To date, the Defendant Licensing Officer has not responded to Sibley's **November 12, 2019**, letter.

**FIRST CLAIM  
DECLARATORY RELIEF**

22. Sibley re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 21 and incorporates them herein by reference.

23. The Second Amendment to the Federal Constitution states: "A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed."

24. As a fundamental right to self-defense and under the Second Amendment, Sibley has a right – not a privilege – to possess handguns and cane swords held and used for



self-defense in his home. Additionally, Sibley has a Fundamental right to possess his cane sword in public.

25. N.Y. Penal Law §265.01(1), states “Criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree: A person is guilty of criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree when: “He or she possesses any [pistol or] . . . cane sword.” N.Y. Penal Law §265.01(1), criminalizes possession of a handgun by Sibley in Sibley’s home and Sibley’s cane sword both in his home and in public.

WHEREFORE, Sibley respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Assume jurisdiction of this action;
- B. Declare that Sibley has, a Fundamental right and, under the Second Amendment, a Federal Constitutional right – not a privilege – to possess handguns held and used for self-defense in his home and a fundamental right to possess his cane sword both in his home and in public.
- C. Declare that Federal law preempts New York law regarding possessing a handgun and/or cane sword in the home.
- D. Declare therefore that N.Y. Penal Law §265.01(1) violates Sibley’s Fundamental and Second Amendment right to possess handguns held and used for self-defense in his home and Sibley’s Fundamental and Second Amendment right to possess a cane sword both in his home and in public.
- E. Retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce this Declaratory Decree if subsequently violated; and
- F. Enter such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

**SECOND CLAIM**  
**PRELIMINARY AND PERMANENT INJUNCTIVE RELIEF**

26. Sibley re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 21 and incorporates them herein by reference.

27. As a result of the relief granted in Sibley's First Claim, Sibley is entitled to Orders preliminarily and permanently enjoining Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, from enforcing N.Y. Penal Law §265.01 against Sibley for handguns held and used for self-defense in his home and Sibley's Fundamental and Second Amendment right to possess a cane sword both in his home and in public.

28. Sibley is in danger of suffering irreparable harm if he is unable to exercise his right of resistance and self-preservation in his home if and when it becomes necessary.

29. The State of New York will suffer no appreciable harm from the granting of this requested preliminary and permanent injunction as the injunctions only seeks that to which Sibley is indisputably entitled: The Fundamental and Second Amendment right of resistance and self-preservation in his home and in public.

WHEREFORE, Sibley respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Assume jurisdiction of this action;
- B. Issue it's Orders preliminarily and permanently enjoining Defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and all persons in active concert or participation with them, against Sibley for handguns held and used for self-defense in his home and Sibley's Fundamental and Second Amendment right to possess a cane sword both in his home and in public.

C.. Retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce its preliminary and/or permanent injunctions if subsequently violated by Defendants; and

D. Enter such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

**THIRD CLAIM  
DECLARATORY RELIEF**

30. Sibley re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 21 and incorporates them herein by reference.

31. N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1) – Licenses to carry, possess, repair and dispose of firearms, “Eligibility” states in pertinent part: “No [firearm] license shall be issued or renewed except for an applicant: . . . (b) of good moral character . . . (n) concerning whom no good cause exists for the denial of the license.”

32. Upon information and belief, and after a reasonable opportunity for discovery, Sibley will establish that: (i) the Defendant Licensing Officer denied Sibley’s Application upon the conclusion that Sibley lacked “good moral character” and (ii) the basis for that conclusion was solely Sibley’s litigation activities upon behalf of himself, his children and his clients.

33. N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(b) & (n) on their face and as applied disfavors and punishes Sibley upon Sibley’s ideas and viewpoints as expressed in his litigations and petitions and thus discriminates against Sibley in the denial of his Application thereby violating the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the Federal Constitution.

34. The handgun licencing aspects of N.Y. Penal Law §400.00 on their face and as applied are facially invalid and violate the free speech, petition and due process guarantees of the First and Fourteenth Amendments as the handgun licencing aspects of New York Penal Law §400.00 on their face and as interpreted and applied by judicial authorities, are void for

vagueness, facially overbroad, violates the equal protection and privileges or immunities guarantees and encourages and permits, as here, arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement.

WHEREFORE, Sibley respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Assume jurisdiction of this action;
- B. Declare that N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(b) & (n) on their face and/or as applied violate Sibley's rights to speech and petition guaranteed under the First and Fourteenth Amendments for the ideas and viewpoints as expressed in Sibley's litigations and petitions;
- C. Declare that N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(b) & (n) on their face and/or as applied are void-for-vagueness, facially overbroad, violate the equal protection and privileges or immunities guarantees of the First and Fourteenth Amendments and encourages and permits, as here, arbitrary and discriminatory enforcement.
- D. Retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce this Declaratory Decree if subsequently violated; and
- F. Enter such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

**FOURTH CLAIM  
DECLARATORY RELIEF**

35. Sibley re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 21 and incorporates them herein by reference.

36. N.Y. Penal Law §400.00 *et seq.* and/or N.Y. Admin. P. Act, §100 *et seq.* on their face and/or as applied permitted the Defendant Licensing Officer to deny Sibley's Application: (i) upon evidence the Defendant Licensing Officer *ex parte* received from the Steuben County Sheriff's Office which the Defendant Licensing Officer refused to disclose to Sibley, (ii) upon the Defendant Licensing Officer own *ex parte* communications with Sibley's employer, (iii)

before receiving Sibley's factual and legal contentions in opposition, (iv) by an Order which failed to articulate the factual and legal basis for the decision, (v) in violation of the six (6) month statutory time constraint for determining Sibley's Application contained in N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(4-a).

37. Additionally, N.Y. Penal Law §400.00 *et seq.* and/or N.Y. Admin. P. Act, §100 *et seq.* on their face and/or as applied allow an evidentiary hearing at which: (i) no statutory procedure is established, (ii) the N.Y. Admin. P. Act, §100 *et seq.* is ignored, (iii) Sibley is not permitted to subpoena any witnesses or documents and (iv) the Defendant Licencing Officer who will be called as a material witness is also the presiding magistrate at the evidentiary hearing.

38. As such, N.Y. Penal Law §400.00 *et seq.* and/or N.Y. Admin. P. Act, §100 *et seq.* on their face and/or as applied violate Sibley's due process rights protected by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Federal Constitution, the New York State Constitution, Article I, §6 and the tenets of New York Administrative Law.

WHEREFORE, Sibley respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Assume jurisdiction of this action;
- B. Declare that N.Y. Penal Law §400.00 *et seq.* and/or N.Y. Admin. P. Act, §100 *et seq.* on its face and/or as applied in Sibley's Application violated Sibley's due process rights protected by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, the New York State Constitution, Article I, §6 and the tenets of New York Administrative Law.
- C. Retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce this Declaratory Decree if subsequently violated; and
- D. Enter such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

**FIFTH CLAIM  
DECLARATORY RELIEF**

39. Sibley re-alleges paragraphs 1 through 21 and incorporates them herein by reference.

40. In New York, the administrative determination of Sibley's Application by the Defendant Licensing Office is not the last word: Sibley has an absolute right to challenge the legality of the Defendant Licensing Officer's determination of Sibley's Application before an independent judicial tribunal.

41. In New York, CPLR Article 78 is the only avenue available for relief from administrative determinations. In an Article 78 proceeding, only four questions may be raised. They are as follows:

- Whether the body or officer failed to perform a duty enjoined upon it by law;
- Whether the body or officer proceeded, is proceeding or is about to proceed, without or in excess of jurisdiction;
- Whether a determination made, in violation of lawful procedure, was affected by an error of law or was arbitrary and capricious or an abuse of discretion, including abuse of discretion as to the measure or mode of penalty or discipline imposed; or
- Whether a determination made, as a result of a hearing held, at which evidence was taken pursuant to direction by law, is on the entire record supported by substantial evidence.

42. The New York Secure Ammunition and Firearms Enforcement Act of 2013 allows the holders of handgun permits: "to request that their application information be made exempt from disclosure under state Freedom of Information Law."

43. An Article 78 judicial review of Sibley's Application would be meaningless, since such a decision regarding whether a determination is arbitrary or capricious *a priori* can only be

made by comparing Sibley's Application to: (i) objective standards or (ii) other determinations, neither of which are available in an Article 78 proceeding as there are neither objective standards contained in N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1)(b) & (n) nor are other determinations of Pistol/Revolver applications available to compare Sibley's Application against to insure equal application of N.Y. Penal Law §400.00(1).

44. Moreover, an Article 78 judicial review would be meaningless as Sibley has not been given: (i) the factual basis for the Defendant Licensing Officer's decision, (ii) the specific reason for denial of Sibley Application nor (iii) a meaningful opportunity to respond to those reasons.

WHEREFORE, Sibley respectfully requests that this Court:

- A. Assume jurisdiction of this action;
- B. Declare that a N.Y. CPLR Article 78 review of Sibley's Application on its face and/or as applied would violate Sibley's due process rights protected by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Federal Constitution, N.Y. State Constitution, Article I, §6 and the tenets of N.Y. Administrative Law.
- C. Retain jurisdiction of this matter to enforce this Declaratory Decree if subsequently violated; and
- D. Enter such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

**ADVISORY JURY TRIAL REQUESTED**

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

**MONTGOMERY BLAIR SIBLEY**  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**MONTGOMERY BLAIR SIBLEY**

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a true and accurate copy of the foregoing will be sent via the Court's CM/ECF filing system when docketed by the Clerk to Gary Levine, Assistant Attorney General, NYS Office of the Attorney General, 144 Exchange Boulevard, Suite 200, Rochester, NY 14614.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
**MONTGOMERY BLAIR SIBLEY**



INSTRUCTIONS: Print or type in black ink only

NYSID Number	PPB 3 (Rev. 06/17)	County of Issue Steuben
License Number	<b>STATE OF NEW YORK</b> <b>PISTOL /REVOLVER LICENSE APPLICATION</b>	Expiration Date
Date of Issue		

In accordance with the Federal Privacy Act of 1974, you are hereby notified that your Social Security Number is not mandated by law. It is required by the Pistol Permit Bureau as part of the standard for recording firearms. Failure to disclose your Social Security Number will result in your application from being recorded. If your Social Security Number will be released to any other agency, you will be notified.

Last Name S I B L E Y										Suffix		
First Name M O N T G O M E R Y										MI B	Date of Birth - MM DD YYYY	NY Driver's License (or NY Non-Driver ID) No.
Gender M	Social Security		Race W	Height ft 6 in 0	Weight 190	Eyes BLUE	Hair GRAY	Citizen of U.S.A. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				

Physical Address (Street number, street name, apartment number, city, state, zip code)  
189 CHEMUNG STREET, #3, CORNING, NY 14830

Mailing Address (If different from physical address)  
SAME

Primary Phone Number 607-301-0967	Secondary Phone Number	Email Address MBSIBLEY@GMAIL.COM
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Employed By MERIDIAN BIRD REMOVAL	Present Occupation NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL OPERATOR	Nature of Business NUISANCE WILDLIFE CONTROL
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Business Address (Street number, street name, apartment number, city, state, zip code)  
17 N Franklin St, Christiansburg, VA 24073

I hereby apply for a Pistol / Revolver License to: (Check only one)  Carry Concealed  \* Possess on Premises  \* Possess / Carry During Employment

(\* ) Premise Address or Employer Name and Address must be provided below:

Employer Name (If Carry During Employment) MERIDIAN BIRD REMOVAL	Address or Other Location (Street number, street name, apartment number, city, state, zip code) 17 N Franklin St, Christiansburg, VA 24073
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A license is required for the following reasons:  
PERSONAL SAFETY AND FOR USE IN EMPLOYMENT WHEN I MUST DISPATCH WILDLIFE

Give four character references who by their signature attest to your good moral character.

Last, First, MI	Street Address, (Street number, street name, apartment number, city, state, zip code)	Signature
Nicol, Kathleen	[REDACTED]	
Schonberg, Rita	[REDACTED]	
Siegel, John 607A	[REDACTED]	
Solomon, Paul	[REDACTED]	

Have you ever been arrested, summoned, charged or indicted anywhere for any offense, including DWI (except traffic infractions)?  YES  NO

If Yes, furnish the following information:

Arrest Date	Police Agency	Charge	Disposition Date	Disposition Court	Disposition

- Are you a fugitive from justice?  YES  NO
- Are you an unlawful user of or addicted to any controlled substance as defined in section 21 U.S.C. 802?  YES  NO
- Are you an alien illegally or unlawfully in the United States?  YES  NO
- Are you an alien admitted to the United States who does not qualify for the exceptions under 18 U.S.C. 922 (y)(2)?  YES  NO
- Have you been discharged from the Armed Forces under dishonorable conditions?  YES  NO
- Have you ever renounced your United States citizenship?  YES  NO
- Have you ever suffered any mental illness?  YES  NO
- Have you ever been involuntarily committed to a mental health facility?  YES  NO
- Have you ever had a pistol / revolver license revoked?  YES  NO
- Are you under any firearms suspension or ineligibility order issued pursuant to the provisions of section 530.14 of the criminal procedure law or section eight hundred forty-two-a of the family court act?  YES  NO
- Have you had a guardian appointed for you pursuant to any provision of state law, based on a determination that as a result of marked subnormal intelligence, mental illness, incapacity, condition or disease you lack the mental capacity to contract or manage your own affairs?  YES  NO
- Are you aware of any good cause for the denial of the license?  YES  NO
- Are you prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law, including having been convicted in any court of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence or being under indictment for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year?  YES  NO

If the answer to any of the questions above is YES, explain here:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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For applicants under twenty-one years of age only:

Have you been honorably discharged from the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force or Coast Guard, or the National Guard of the State of New York?

YES  NO

Photograph  
Of Applicant  
Taken Within 30 Days

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Full Face Only

Knowingly providing false information will be sufficient cause to deny this application and constitutes a crime punishable by fine, imprisonment, or both. I am aware that the following conditions affect any license which may be issued to me:

1. No license issued as a result of this application is valid in the City of New York.
2. Any license issued as a result of this application will be valid only for a pistol or revolver specifically described in the license properly issued by the licensing officer.
3. If I permanently change my address, notice of such change and my new address must be forwarded to the Superintendent of the State Police and in Nassau County and Suffolk County, to the licensing officer of that county, within 10 days of such change.
4. Any license issued as a result of this application is subject to revocation at any time by the licensing officer or any judge or justice of a court of record.

Jurat:

Signed and sworn to before me

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

at \_\_\_\_\_, New York

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Officer Administering Oath

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title of Officer

**APPLICATION NOT VALID UNLESS SWORN**

**Fingerprints submitted electronically by:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Date Submitted \_\_\_\_\_

**Investigation Report – All information provided by this applicant has been verified:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Investigating Officer

This application is ~~Approved~~ – Disapproved (Strike out one)

The following restriction(s) is (are) applicable to this license:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title and Signature of Licensing Officer

If Licensing Officer authorizes the possession of a pistol, revolver or single shot firearm(s) at the time of issue of original license, furnish the following information:

Manufacturer	Pistol / Revolver / Single Shot	Model	Frame Only	Caliber(s)	Serial Number	Property Of
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Duplicate of this application must be filed with the Superintendent of State Police within 10 days of issuance as required by Penal Law Section 400.00 SUBD.5.

This form is approved by Superintendent of the State Police as required by Penal Law section 400.00, SUBD. 3.

STEUBEN COUNTY CLERK  
JUDITH M. HUNTER

*Receipt*

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Receipt Date: 07/18/2018 09:43:11 AM  
RECEIPT # 20180069770

Recording Clerk: LM  
Cash Drawer: CASH5  
Rec'd Frm: MONTGOMERY SIBLEY  
Rec'd In Person

Misc Fees  
Pistol Permit - New \$10.00  
Pistol Permit Photo Fee \$10.00

Receipt Summary  
TOTAL RECEIPT: ----> \$20.00  
TOTAL RECEIVED: ----> \$20.00

CASH BACK: ----> \$0.00

PAYMENTS  
Cash -> \$20.00



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Hon. Chauncey J. Watches  
County and Family Court Judge

Vivian C. Strache, Esq.  
Court Attorney

May 29, 2019

Mr. Montgomery Sibley  
189 Chemung Street #3  
Corning, NY 14830

RE: NYS Pistol Permit Application

Dear Mr. Sibley:

Your application to obtain a pistol permit has been submitted to me for my consideration. I have reviewed your application and the investigation submitted by the Steuben County Sheriff's Department. The possession of a pistol permit license is a serious responsibility and a privilege. Therefore, the Court takes each application very seriously.

Your application for a pistol permit is denied. This decision is based upon concerns expressed in the Sheriff's investigation. The basis for the denial results from concerns about your being sufficiently responsible to possess and care for a pistol; the Court is concerned that your history demonstrates that you place your own interest above the interests of society

You do have the right to request a hearing with regard to the denial of your application. If you want a hearing you must submit a written request to the Pistol Permit Clerk within thirty (30) days of the date of this denial. The purpose of the hearing would be to allow you to testify and for you to present any other witness(es) that you believe could address the concerns mentioned in the foregoing and show that you should now be entitled to a pistol permit license. The County will also be able to present witnesses concerning the results of their investigation.

If after thirty (30) days, you fail to request a hearing, the denial will be deemed final.

Very truly yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chauncey J. Watches".

Chauncey J. Watches  
County Court Judge

CJW/rac

# Montgomery Blair Sibley

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189 Chemung Street  
Corning, N.Y. 14830  
607-301-0967  
mbsibley@gmail.com

June 14, 2019

USPS Tracking #: 9590940241208092937555  
Licensing Officer Chauncey J. Watches  
3 E. Pulteney Square  
Bath, N.Y. 14810

Re: *NYS Pistol Permit Application*

Greetings:

I am in receipt of that certain letter dated May 29, 2019, from you in your capacity as a New York Consolidated Laws, Penal Law §265.00(10) Licensing Officer to me. I have this day requested a hearing from the Steuben County Pistol Permit Clerk in regards to the denial of my Pistol Permit Application; a copy of that request is attached hereto. Please note my new telephone number above for any telephonic communications.

Prior to advising you regarding my desired scheduling and duration of the above-referenced hearing, I am requesting from you copies of all written investigation reports and/or objections from any police authority or person reported to you as the §265.00(10) Licensing Officer pursuant to NY CLS Penal §400.00(4). Additionally, please identify to me any orally communicated information you received regarding my application including, without limitation: (i) the name(s) and professional capacity of the reporting individual(s), (ii) the date and time of the report(s), (iii) the sum and substance of such report(s) and (iv) copies of any notes you made regarding the oral information you received in this regard. Finally, to the extent you consulted or were guided by any legal or educational authorities or State Administrative Procedure Act, §102(14) Guidance Documents or its like to process my application, please identify and provide copies of such documents.

Within thirty (30) days of receiving this information from you, I will advise you on: (i) the time I will need to gather my evidence in response to the information you have received pursuant to NY CLS Penal § 400.00(4), (ii) the subpoenas and/or depositions I will be requesting from you pursuant to NY CLS St Admin P Act, §304(2), (iii) the number of witnesses I expect to call at the hearing, and (iv) consequently, the time I will be requesting for the hearing.

Yours,



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Hon. Chauncey J. Watches  
County and Family Court Judge

Vivian C. Strache, Esq.  
Court Attorney

June 25, 2019

Montgomery Sibley  
189 Chemung Street #3  
Corning, NY 14830

RE: NYS Pistol Permit Application

Dear Mr. Sibley:

I am in receipt of your letter dated June 14, 2019 concerning the denial of your application to obtain a pistol permit. Pursuant to your request I have scheduled a hearing on July 31, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. in Courtroom C at the Steuben County Courthouse, 3 E. Pulteney Square, Bath, New York. You should be prepared to proceed on that date with any evidence which you intend to present to the Court including testimony from you or any other witness concerning your application.

I have reviewed your requests for information and documents and find them to be without legal basis and therefore they are denied.

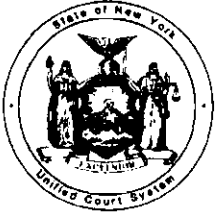
Very truly yours,

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Chauncey J. Watches  
Steuben County Court Judge

CJW/rac

cc: Steuben County Pistol Permit Clerk



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October 25, 2019

Montgomery Sibley  
189 Chemung Street  
Corning, New York 14830

Re: New York State Pistol Permit Application

Dear Mr. Sibley:

As you know your concealed pistol permit application was denied subject to an evidentiary hearing. In preparation for your January 10, 2020 hearing, please be advised that the court will address several relevant issues, including, but not limited to the following topics:

1. Discussion of your Florida civil contempt and incarceration;
2. Discussion of your history of vexatious litigation, including a list of all proceedings in which you have been sanctioned;
3. Discussion of your suspensions and other disciplinary action taken regarding your license to practice law in any and all jurisdictions and courts in which you previously practiced;
4. Discussion of your possession in New York State of two handguns and a cane sword without a valid permit;
5. Discussion of your need for a handgun in furtherance of your employment;
6. Discussion of the circumstances involving your prior pistol permits in Florida and New York;
7. Discussion of how your repeated and continuous failure to follow court orders in multiple courts and jurisdictions demonstrates good moral character.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chauncey J. Watches".

Chauncey J. Watches  
Steuben County Court Judge

CJW/rac

cc: Steuben County Attorney Office  
Steuben County Sheriff's Department  
Steuben County Pistol Permit Clerk

# Montgomery Blair Sibley

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189 Chemung Street  
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607-301-0967  
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November 12, 2019

Licensing Officer Chauncey J. Watches  
3 E. Pulteney Square  
Bath, N.Y. 14810

Re: *Montgomery Blair Sibley NYS Pistol Permit Application*

Greetings:

I am in receipt of that certain letter dated **October 25, 2019**, from you in your capacity as a NY Penal Law §265.00(10) Licensing Officer to me. In response:

First: It is Black Letter Law that I am entitled to “Notice” which this Court has yet to provide to me in the manner which is due given the seriousness of this proceeding. In *In re Gault*, 387 U.S. 1, 33-34 (1967) the Court made this clear: “Notice, to comply with due process requirements, must be given sufficiently in advance of scheduled court proceedings so that reasonable opportunity to prepare will be afforded, and it must **set forth the alleged misconduct with particularity**. *In re Gault*, 387 U.S. 1, 33-34 (1967)(Emphasis added). *Accord: Wolff v. McDonnell*, 418 U.S. 539, 564 (1974)(“Part of the function of notice is to give the charged party a chance to marshal the facts in his defense and to **clarify what the charges are, in fact.**”)(Emphasis added)

In that regard, adopting the numbering in your aforementioned letter:

#1: Please provide access to or copies of whatever materials you received regarding #1 so that I might be adequately prepared to address that complicated, family court matter which stretched over the better part of a decade and spawned well over two dozen trial and appellate matters. Otherwise, this hearing will take at least one (1) additional day to allow me to present the issues of my first divorce.

#2: Please provide access to or copies of whatever materials you received regarding #2 so that I might be adequately prepared to address the hundreds of lawsuits I have appeared as either party or counsel. Otherwise, this hearing will take at least one (1) additional day.

#3: Please provide access to or copies of whatever materials you received regarding #3 so that I might be adequately prepared to address the fifteen (15) jurisdictions in which I have



Licensing Officer Chauncey J. Watches  
November 12, 2019  
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been involved in “suspensions or disciplinary actions”. Otherwise, this hearing will take at least one (1) additional day.

#4: I will be pleased to address the issues in #4 with the understanding this is not a “discussion” but an adjudicatory proceeding under the N.Y. Administrative Procedures Act. If you are conducting this hearing under some other legal or anomalous authority, please promptly advise me of the same as such a fundamental misunderstanding by me due to lack of “notice” of the nature of this proceeding raises both procedural and substantive due process considerations. In particular, N.Y. St. Admin. P. Act, §306 has a lower standard for admissible evidence than a judicial proceeding. As such, I cannot adequately prepare for the hearing until I am given “notice” of which rules of evidence and procedure the hearing will be utilizing and the claimed authority for such rules.

#5: I will be pleased to address the issues in #5 per #4 *supra*.

#6: I will be pleased to address the issues in #6 per #4 *supra*.

#7: Without conceding that “good moral character” is a proper inquiry in this proceeding for, *inter alia*, the constraints placed by law upon this proceeding by CPL § 530.14, please provide access to or copies of whatever materials you received regarding #7 so that I might be adequately prepared to address this issue. Otherwise, this hearing will take at least one (1) additional day.

Second: Pursuant to the Black Letter Law that a judge is incompetent to testify in a proceeding over which he or she is presiding and by the attached Second Motion to Disqualify, I am once again moving to disqualify you as I intend to call you as a witness at the **January 10, 2020**, hearing.

I look forward to your prompt reply to the foregoing.

Yours,

cc: w/enclosures

Steuben County Attorney Office  
Steuben County Sheriff's Department  
Steuben County Pistol Permit Clerk