Shotty Statements

Responses to commonly used statements from SoundThinking and its executives.

RESPONSES TO FACT-CHECKED CLAIMS

Misleading Claims on Missed Gunfire

"What complicates the gun violence issue further is the fact that a full 80–90% of gunfire incidents go unreported via traditional 911 calls for service. This fact has been independently documented and researched and reported on by the esteemed Brookings Institution."

NOT PROVEN OR VALIDATED

– Ralph Clark, CEO, SoundThinking
   Chicago Committee on Public Safety, November 12, 2021

THE TRUTH IS...

The Brookings Institution study did not validate ShotSpotter's ability to differentiate between loud noises. Instead, it used ShotSpotter's self-reported alert numbers to compare against 911 calls for service. **NOTE:** Gunshots separated by 9 seconds or more are counted as separate ShotSpotter alerts. Two gunshots 9 seconds apart would likely be perceived by a witness as one incident — they would call 911 once. ShotSpotter will use these two alerts (vs. one 911 call) to inflate their statistics of gunfire that goes unreported via 911.

Secretly Recording Other Sounds

"We only record impulsive bang, boom, pops, so we're not recording voices and other sounds such as that."

THIS IS HISTORICALLY FALSE

– Regan Davis, Senior Vice President, Customer Success and Field Engineering, SoundThinking
   Houston Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, November 18, 2021

THE TRUTH IS...

ShotSpotter sensors, which are in unknown locations, are always recording. Prosecutors have submitted audio of voices picked up from ShotSpotter recordings on at least two occasions.

"97% Accuracy" is Marketing, Not Science

"It's certainly a fact that there hasn't been an academic peer-review of the service, but I would push back in saying it hasn't been analyzed. It's been analyzed for twenty years across 100+ customers that are using it every single day."

NO INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS/TESTING

– Ralph Clark, CEO, SoundThinking
   BBC Newsnight: *ShotSpotter: What is gunshot detection technology and is it effective?*

THE TRUTH IS...

ShotSpotter has never been independently validated/tested for its ability to accurately distinguish among various loud noises. Rather than test its technology, ShotSpotter starts with the assumption that 100% of its published alerts to police are gunfire and only reduces this number as officers self-report false positives (of the few departments that report, false positive rates have been as high as **48%**). Legislators are willing to spend millions of taxpayer dollars on unproven tools to appear as if they are addressing gun violence.

#CancelShotSpotter

ShotSpotter does not significantly reduce violent crime and it has been unable to fulfill its legal, contractual obligations to its customers.

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