

# Shotty Statements

Responses to commonly used statements from ShotSpotter, Inc. 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.”**

– Ralph Clark, CEO, ShotSpotter

Chicago Committee on Public Safety, November 12, 2021

NOT PROVEN OR VALIDATED



### 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.”**

– Regan Davis, Senior Vice President, Customer Success and Field Engineering, ShotSpotter

Houston Public Safety and Homeland Security Committee, November 18, 2021

THIS IS HISTORICALLY FALSE



### 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.”**

– Ralph Clark, CEO, ShotSpotter

BBC Newsnight: *ShotSpotter: What is gunshot detection technology and is it effective?*

NO INDEPENDENT ANALYSIS/TESTING



### 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.

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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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