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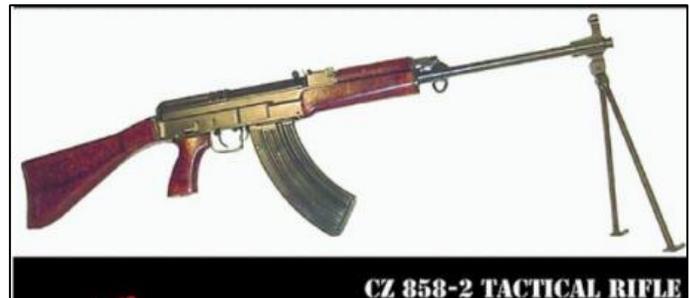
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## Mass shooters who illegally modified their legal magazines

➡ Justin Bourque used a legal semi-automatic M305 rifle to shoot three RCMP officers in Moncton in June 2014. This weapon is a Chinese semiautomatic version of the American military's M14, a favorite of military weapons collectors. Bourque legally possessed this weapon as well as two magazines originally designed for 20 rounds and sold with a pin to hold no more than 5 cartridges, in keeping with Canadian law. That the pin was illegally removed by Bourque so that the magazines could hold 20 cartridges.



➡ Richard Bain had in his possession ten legal CZ-858, one of which he used in the attack against Premier Pauline Marois in September 2012. He used an illegally modified 30-round magazine. If the weapon had not jammed while trying to shoot a police officer, things would have turned out much worse (one person was killed, stagehand Denis Blanchette). According to an academic expert, the Czech CZ-858 is similar to the AK-47, with only a few differences: the CZ is more powerful but known to be less reliable.



➡ In January 2017 Alexandre Bissonnette had a Czech semi-automatic Small Arms VZ58 Sportster rifle. He was equipped with two illegally modified 30-cartridge magazines containing 29 cartridges. He also had a Glock pistol and five 10-bullet magazines. According to the media reports, he legally owned at least six guns. By a stroke of luck, the VZ58 jammed on the first shot, preventing him from using it further. He subsequently used his handgun, virtually emptying all magazines (48 bullets) and, leaving behind six dead, five wounded and dozens of worshippers including children traumatized for life, left less than two minutes after he entered the Mosque.



➡ In August 2018, Matthew Raymond Vincent shot two civilians and two police officers with a legally owned non-restricted semi-automatic Russian SKS rifle. On the morning of the shooting, he illegally modified the magazine of his rifle so it could hold more bullets. One officer was killed when he was shot 5 times including once through his bullet-proof vest. Another bullet ended up in another apartment: through door, multiple walls & bedrooms and into a cupboard.

