



Gun Shops And Customers Claim Credit Card Firms “Restrict” Firearm Purchases

Description

Gun rights advocates warned that a new change to the credit card industry to add a firearm and ammunition-specific Merchant Category Code (MCC) for gun stores wasn't about tracking guns necessarily, but could lead to the denial of lawful firearms purchases by law-abiding citizens.

In September, Visa, Mastercard, and American Express all said they would adopt the MCC code to categorize sales at gun shops; months later, several social media posts of alleged gun stores and customers claim they experienced card issues.

Twitter account “Battlecock Tactical” tweeted, “Federal Firearms License [gun shop] in a Facebook group shared this. Looks like the doomers accurately called how that new firearms merchant code would go down.”

Battlecock Tactical's images show what appears to be a retail POS system at an FFL that reads \$913.70 transaction was “declined.” The error code on the merchant's computer read:

“Transaction declined: Charge declined RESTRICTED CARD Customer bank does not allow this card to be used at this type of merchant.”

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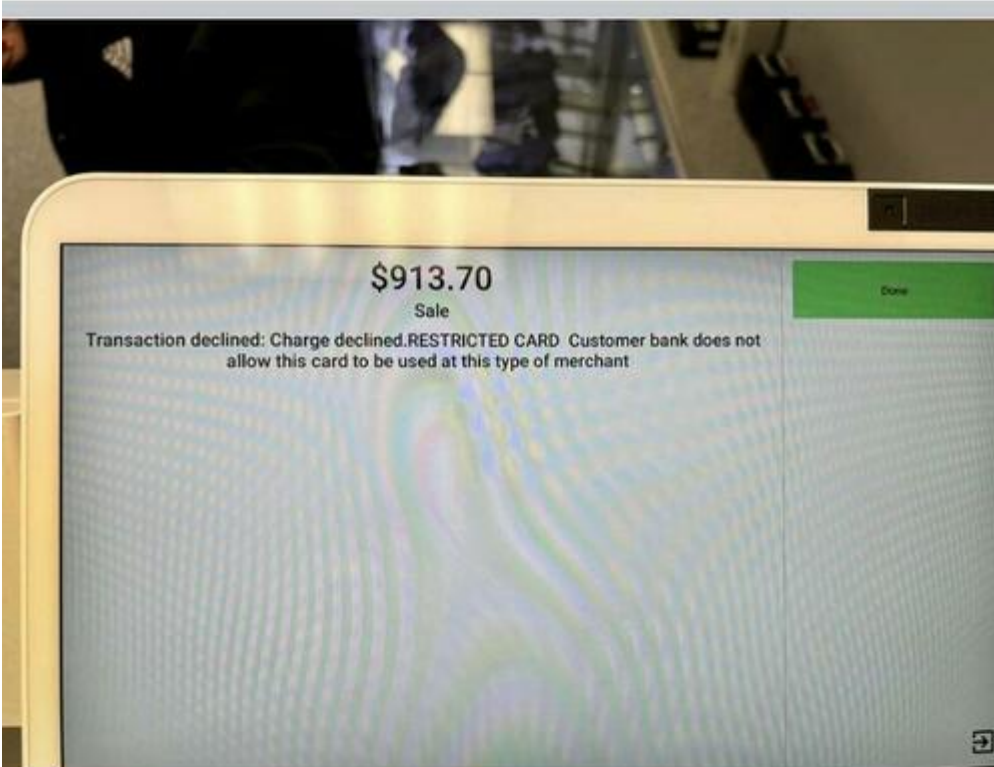
Customer went straight to bank and closed acct.

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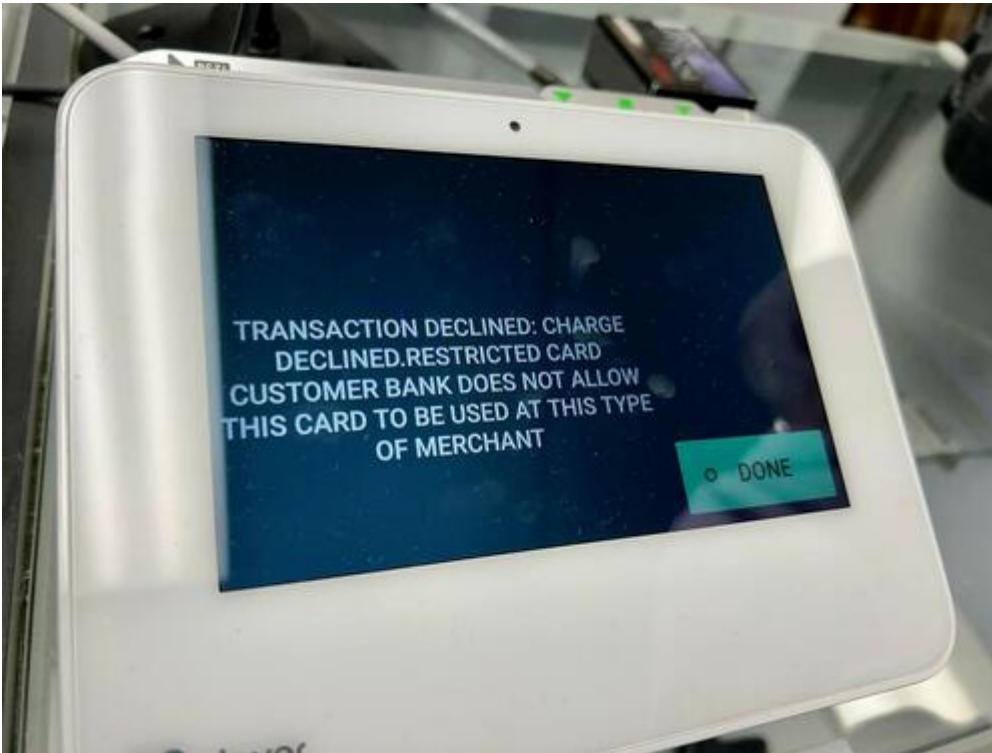


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Another picture from the customer's view had the same error message.



Battlecock Tactical's tweet had what appears to be another FFL by the handle "3dprintfreedom.com" who replied:

Holy shit. This might explain the random card issues we've been having.

— 3dprintfreedom.com (@YouMayCall_Me_V) [December 8, 2022](#)

Someone with the handle "AnarchyCoiner" tweeted:

"I had this happen with my PayPal credit card. I tried to use it to buy ammo at my local FFL and it was denied."

Another person said:

"Tried to buy a psa dagger slide a bit ago and had the same issue ordering from their website with my debit card – credit card let me order tho."

And perhaps the gun advocates were right from the get-go...

As credit card companies were rolling out the new code in mid-September, National Shooting Sports Foundation lawyer Lawrence Keane explained:

"It was never about gathering data to aide law enforcement. It is, and always has been, a concerted effort to pressure credit card companies to deny lawful purchases of firearms and

put every single gun purchaser on a watchlist.”

Could these be some of the first examples of backdoor anti-gun policies enforced through big corporations?

Meanwhile, an alleged former FFL holder had this to say:

As a former FFL I would strongly encourage FFL's, dealers, retailers and consumers to start looking into Bitcoin. I'm a big fan after doing a lot of research. Transactions are peer to peer and do NOT go through a 3rd party (bank or processor). I think it's the future of payments.

— Jason Armstrong (@jasondataviz) [December 8, 2022](#)

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