

personal supervision of a person who has attained the age of twenty years is guilty of an offense.

(4) A parent or guardian who knowingly allows a person under the age of eighteen years to carry or use a firearm without the supervision as outlined in 106.1 is guilty of an offense.

Comment:

(1) We submit the proposals we have outlined satisfy both the requirements of fitness and competence as much as can be before the fact. The question of competence is quite easy to satisfy - however, the question of fitness is quite another matter. The matter of past criminal activity is quite easy to check out but even though we suggest it as a condition, we recognize that matters relating to mental health are in fact private and can only be obtained with the consent of the individual or by court order. We know of no easy solution to this problem and can offer none at this time. We do feel however, that the governments proposals as set out in Bill C-83 are not the answer either.

Much comment has been made in and out of committee on the importance of fitness over competence and the fact that Lee Harvey Oswald was certainly competent. But was he fit? Also comment is often made that the tragic incidents that took place in Brampton and Ottawa would not have happened had the provisions of Bill C-83 been in force.

To the best of our knowledge, Lee Harvey Oswald, prior to the time he killed Jack Kennedy would have easily met all the require-