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Thirty years ago, three trauma nurses started a program in Portland about gun safety. While I never heard the important talk, my understanding is that it spoke to the difference between an entrance wound from a gun shot injury and an exit wound. In the movies, they always show a finger tip sized gunshot entry wound. It's true, entry wounds can look like that. What the movies don't show is the corresponding exit wounds. These exit wounds can be the size of a basketball. The tissue damage between the entry and exit is indescribable. The nurses showed it with a watermelon and the effect was jaw-dropping. As a retired trauma surgeon, I encourage you to pass any legislation that helps with gun safety.