

Mom of boy who planned school shooting arrested.
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Are we so worried about our children's happiness that we'll do anything to keep them happy perhaps without thinking of the consequences of our actions?

The mother of a boy, who planned a school shooting, was arrested and subsequently charged with unlawful transfer of a firearm, possession of a firearm by a minor, corruption of a minor, endangering the welfare of a child, and two counts of reckless endangerment.

The *Salt Lake Tribune* articles states that the parents knew their son Dillon had an interest in firearms and felt purchasing the firearms would make him happy.

Dillon who felt bullied while attending middle school had voluntarily left school and had been homeschooled for the past year.

Dillon was arrested two days before his mother. His stash of weapons included 30 air powered guns, knives, swords, a 9 mm rifle, seven explosive devices, one of which was operable, a bomb making book, videos of the 1999 Columbine school shooting, and violence filled literature written in the boy's own hand. The boy told authorities he also had two .22 caliber weapons stored at the home of a friend. His MySpace blogs hinted at his aspirations of mimicking the Columbine shooters. He had also tried to recruit another boy to assist him in carrying out his plans.

The County District Attorney was quoted as stating that "by virtue of her indulgence, she enabled him to get in this position" (A11).