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An interview with Tom Brennan by Shelly De Vito

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# Guns & Murder

**Shelly:** Listen to this interview with Tom Brennan, in which he discusses why he's decided to take a pledge to avoid witnessing fake murder.

**Tom:** What I'm doing is taking a look at myself over the course of the next 365 days; it's a one-year project, and I'm going to be making it 365 days without witnessing a simulated murder, or, as I call it, a fake murder, and it's something that came up in response to a recent tragedy... I live and work in New York City and... and Newtown, Connecticut is very close, and I think the fact that it was children is what really, you know, pushed me and my wife, honestly, just over the edge, it has put us in a new type of reality, where we cannot really handle children being in peril, whether it's even in the news, or in stories in the media, really in any circumstance, it hits us so close to our own lives and our own experience of the world that we are very traumatised, and so when the tragedy in Sandy Hook took place, it really impacted us on a very fundamental level.