

Insider Trading and Financial Anomalies Surrounding the Las Vegas Attack



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Note: This is an update to my article of 10/7/17. Nothing has been removed or edited from the original article. This updated article includes additional financial/trading anomalies I have uncovered since posting the original piece.

Included in this updated article:

1) Additional trading research on OSIS (OSI Systems), the global leader in baggage, shipping and people detection systems (airports and now MUCH more, like hotels/casinos). Like the other 4 co's that I have found, OSIS also began to rise on 9/11/17 (remember this date as you will see it in each company) and it rose on large share/option volume increases. The shares of OSIS would rise as much as 16% from its 9/11/17 lows to just after the attack.

2) OLN (Olin Corp) makes Winchester ammunition. Beginning on 9/11/17 their shares began to rise on a large increase in volume and a HUGE increase in call option purchases (so far I've found more than 6000 calls were purchased in OIH the week prior to the attack with someone making a ton of money in these calls). The shares of OLN would soar as much as 23% from their 9/11/17 lows to just after the attack.

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Note: With this report, I make no claim to specific knowledge of any wrongdoing or improprieties. Instead, this report includes trading patterns, news releases and/or public record SEC filings.

We will examine the share price movements of two gun manufacturers (American Outdoor Brands and Sturm Ruger) and the share price movement of MGM (which owns Mandalay Bay). We will also examine additional financial events surrounding MGM, including what can only be

referred to as massive levels of insider selling in the shares of MGM, by the CEO/Chairman and MGM officers/directors. As you'll see, more than \$200 million in MGM shares were sold in the weeks leading up to the attack.

Background. Interesting Trading Patterns in AOBC, RGR and MGM.

Over the course of my 32 years in the investment industry I have constructed a proprietary investing model that I refer to as the "VRA Trading & Investing System". In short, its design is to track money flows in the stock market and detect sector and stock analysis/movements that then alert me as to when/where money is flowing in the markets.

For example, prior to the 2016 Presidential Elections, the VRA System noticed that the share price of gun manufacturers had begun to decline rapidly. This was one of our first financial clues that Trump might beat Clinton (Trump's strong support of 2A). As you can see below, American Outdoor Brands (AOBC, formerly Smith & Wesson), hit a high of \$31/share in August of 2016. As the bottom began to fall out, it would ultimately drop 55% in price, before hitting its low price of just over \$13 on 9/11/17.

The market is referred to as a "discounting mechanism" and as such, it often predicts future events. It certainly did so in the case of the election and the share price of AOBC.



We see the same trading pattern in gun manufacturer Sturm Ruger (RGR). RGR traded as high as \$73 in March of 2016 before ultimately dropping 37%, when it too bottomed within one trading day of AOBC hitting its lows (9/8/17). Again, my system noted the rapid decline in gun stocks, which led me to believe that Trump may in fact win the election. Remember this point;

both AOBC and RGR hit their lows at the same time, just over two weeks prior to the Las Vegas shooting.



Something Changed in September

Let's now examine the trading patterns of AOBC and RGR in detail, just over two weeks "prior" to the attack. As you can see, AOBC bottomed on 9/11/17 at \$13.30 before the spike higher began. From 9/11 to just after the attack, AOBC rose 23% in price. It did so on a noticeable increase in buy-side trading volumes.



Below, we see the same chart and reaction in the shares of Sturm Ruger (RGR). From its 9/8/17 lows, RGR bottomed at \$46.24 and then spiked to \$55.90 just after the attack, for a move higher of 21%.



After falling in price from early-mid 2016 to their early September 2017 lows, the two largest publicly traded gun manufacturers bottomed, then spiked higher, at almost exactly the same time. In addition, buy-side volume increases rose sharply as well. And, while not covered in this report (more work is needed), we also saw a spike in call option purchases in both AOBC and RGR, in the days/weeks leading up to the attack.

This final chart shows the share price of MGM (owner of Mandalay Bay) in the days leading up to the attack to present. MGM shares declined more than 10%, from 9/7/17 to recent lows. This decline occurred as some \$200 million in insider selling was taking place.



Bottom line: Beginning in early-mid September to this report, gun manufactures AOBC and RGR rose in price 23% and 21% (on higher trading volumes), while the shares of MGM fell in price by 11% (as \$200 million in insider selling occurred).

MGM: Heavy Levels of Insider Selling

As the SEC insider transaction reports below detail, from 9/5/17 to 9/12/17, approximately 6 million shares of MGM were sold by officers and/or directors of the company, totaling approximately \$200 million in proceeds to sellers. Included in this group is the selling of approximately 450,000 shares by MGM CEO and Chairman James Murren (a seller of size since late July) and who appears to have sold more than 85% of all holdings. We also see that MGM Board member Grounds William Warwick sold 176 million shares of his MGM stock on 9/6/17.

HORNBUCKLE WILLIAM Officer		Sale	Direct		Sep 12, 2017	50,000
BALDWIN ROBERT Officer		Sale at \$33.13 per share.	Direct	1,629,300	Sep 10, 2017	49,179
BALDWIN ROBERT Officer		Disposition (Non Open Market) at \$33.33 per share.	Direct	2,110,488	Sep 10, 2017	63,321
BALDWIN ROBERT Officer		Option Exercise at \$0 per share.	Direct		Sep 10, 2017	112,500
MURREN JAMES Officer		Sale at \$33.23 per share.	Indirect	1,142,779	Sep 7, 2017	34,390
MCMANUS JOHN Officer		Sale at \$33.70 per share.	Direct	177,700	Sep 7, 2017	5,273
D'ARRIGO DANIEL Officer		Sale at \$34.12 per share.	Direct	1,034,450	Sep 6, 2017	30,318
D'ARRIGO DANIEL Officer		Option Exercise at \$0 per share.	Direct		Sep 6, 2017	75,000
GROUNDS WILLIAM WARWICK Director		Disposition (Non Open Market) at \$34.01 per share.	Indirect	176,852,000	Sep 6, 2017	5,200,000
D'ARRIGO DANIEL Officer		Disposition (Non Open Market) at \$33.99 per share.	Direct	1,518,741	Sep 6, 2017	44,682
MURREN JAMES Officer		Sale at \$34.19 per share.	Indirect	8,881,194	Sep 6, 2017	259,760
SELWOOD ROBERT Officer		Disposition (Non Open Market) at \$33.80 per share.	Direct	2,017,014	Sep 5, 2017	59,675
MCKINNEY-JAMES ROSE Director		Option Exercise at \$0 per share.	Direct		Sep 5, 2017	5,000
SELWOOD ROBERT Officer		Option Exercise at \$0 per share.	Direct		Sep 5, 2017	100,000
MCKINNEY-JAMES ROSE Director		Sale at \$33.83 per share.	Direct	104,771	Sep 5, 2017	3,097
SANDERS COREY IAN Officer		Disposition (Non Open Market) at \$33.66 per share.	Direct	708,677	Sep 5, 2017	21,054
SANDERS COREY IAN Officer		Option Exercise at \$0 per share.	Direct		Sep 5, 2017	37,500
SELWOOD ROBERT Officer		Sale at \$33.86 per share.	Direct	1,365,404	Sep 5, 2017	40,325
MCKINNEY-JAMES ROSE Director		Disposition (Non Open Market) at \$33.83 per share.	Direct	64,378	Sep 5, 2017	1,903

We have no indication that MGM insiders sold these 6 million shares due to any advance knowledge of the 10/1 attack. I am not making that claim. I am simply pointing out facts that cannot be in question.

But I will make a few observations:

1) If MGM/Mandalay Bay were to lose law suits associated with this attack, the downside risks to MGM share price may be extensive.

2) We also know that MGM CEO James Murren was appointed to the Homeland Security National Infrastructure Advisory Council by President Obama in December 2013. This fact could make for some interesting depositions, as it relates to exactly what type of advanced security systems Mandalay Bay had in place, leading up to and on the night of 10/1/17.

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Obama appoints MGM’s Murren to national council



STEVE MARCUS

Jim Murren, chairman and CEO of MGM Resorts International, participates in a panel discussion during National Clean Energy Summit 5.0 on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2012, at Bellagio.

By Sun Staff (contact)

Thursday, Dec. 19, 2013 | 4:48 p.m.

The CEO of MGM Resorts is joining the Obama administration to serve on the National Infrastructure Advisory Council.

The White House announced the appointment of James J. Murren to the advisory council in a news release issued this afternoon.

Murren has been chairman and chief executive officer of MGM Resorts International since 2008. He has been a member of the board of directors since joining MGM Resorts International in 1998 and president since 1999. Murren is currently vice chair of the American Gaming Association and is a member of the board of trustees of Brookings Institution.

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3) I am also aware of the fact that MGM put options activity spiked as well (needs more work), beginning at the same time gun stocks were rising and MGM was falling in price.

4) For those curious about the trading in other major Las Vegas Hotel casino stocks, during this same time frame, this also needs more work. However, I can report that at the same time MGM’s share price was falling, the share prices of Las Vegas Sands (LVS) and Wynn Resorts (WYNN) were actually rising.

There’s more...like the recent trading pattern in OSIS, which makes “detection systems” of all kinds (similar to their subsidiary “Rapiscan”, which makes the TSA body scanners that were put in place following 9/11). Many are wondering how long it might be before we are forced to walk through similar devices, as we enter hotels/casinos.

In my original piece I only mentioned OSI Systems (OSIS) and their trading pattern around the Las Vegas attack. I’m updating this to include the chart from the same time frame and additional comments.

Below is the chart of OSIS. From the lows of 9/11/17 to after the attack, the shares of OSIS have jumped 16%. In addition (more work is being done here), call option volume also spiked higher, 2 weeks before the attack.

I have also confirmed that OSIS is working on plans to place their baggage/people detection systems in hotels/casinos around the world. Deepak Chopra is the CEO and Founder of OSIS.

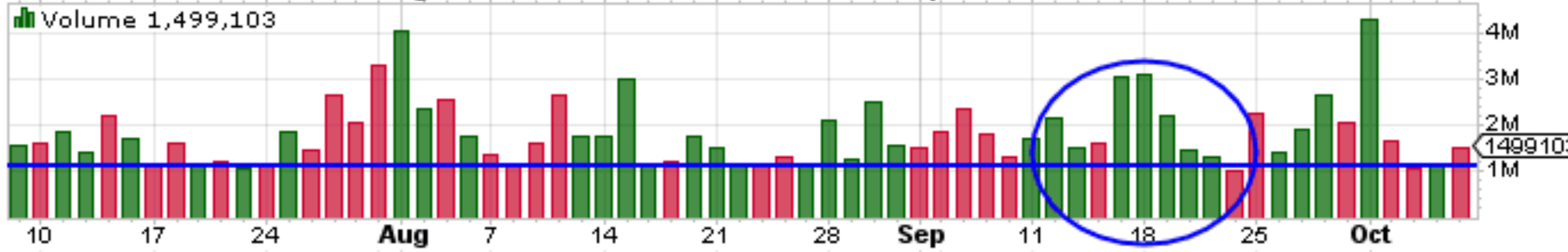


Here's another interesting piece to the puzzle. Olin Corp (OIH) makes Winchester ammunition (among other things). Beginning on 9/11/17 their shares began to rise on a large increase in volume and a HUGE increase in call option purchases (so far I've found more than 6000 calls were purchased in OIH the week prior to the attack. Someone is making a ton of money in these calls). The shares of OLN would soar as much as 23% from their 9/11/17 lows to just after the attack.


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Open 36.42 High 36.83 Low 36.30 Close 36.61 Volume 1.5M Chg -0.07 (-0.19%)

OLN (Daily) 36.61




I am also including the anonymous 4 chan post (below) that everyone is talking about. As I see it, these are (among) the 5 publicly traded companies that the planner of the Las Vegas attack would want to target. It is most interesting that each of these stocks began their moves on 9/11/17, just one day after the 4chan post. This is what we know after less than 1 week after the attack. What might we know in another week?

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look i feel bad for some of you on this website. so i'll let you in on a little secret. if you live in las vegas or henderson stay inside tomorrow. don't go anywhere where there are large groups of people. also if you see three blacks vans parked next to each other immediately leave the area. you're welcome
-john

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it's called the "high incident project". they want to make the american public think that places with extremely high security aren't safe. they are trying to create more regulations. you will see laws proposed within the next few years to put up more metal detectors and other security devices. media and politicians will be saying places with lots of police need even more police. i can't guarantee anything will happen tomorrow but las vegas is on their minds.
-john

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if their plan is successful state of nevada will pass a law in the future making all casinos have mandatory metal detectors and backscatter machines. soon after a federal law will be passed to put these machines in universities, high schools, federal buildings, you name it. osi systems and chertoff are the main producers of these machines. sometime around 2020 chertoff and osi will merge into a single company. after they merge the owners will sell off all their stock and make billions in profit. mr chertoff has been in contact with sheldon adelson. mr adelson will become a huge sponsor of these machines and he will be the first to put them in his casinos when the law passes. this is my last message for now. don't expect me to return anytime soon
-john

Closing:

In closing, let me repeat; I make no claims or assertions that anyone mentioned in this piece has done anything nefarious. They likely did not.

The question I might ask is, "Did someone else profit from the heinous acts of 10/1/17? Possibly the planners?"

Like many of you, I am interested and I am asking questions. I also remember that during 9/11/01, reports surfaced widely in the financial media that "many, many millions" in profits were made off of the purchase of put options in the shares of United Airlines and American Airlines, the two airliners that operated the four aircraft that were hijacked on 9/11 (among other well-documented reports of large put option purchases in numerous companies that had the most exposure to a shocked US economy).

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I will continue to follow this story. Should you have information that might assist in my research, you can reach me at kip@vraletter.com.

I am a proud American. I want the best for our country. Wherever the truth leads us, that is where we must go. Follow the money.

Kip Herriage

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