Can the mentally ill easily get guns?

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Talking points
1. What do these cartoons say about the mass shooting at the Navy Yard?
2. Why was the shooter able to legally buy a gun despite earlier shooting incidents and a history of mental problems?
3. If someone fails a store background check, can they still purchase a gun? How?
4. What are the arguments for and against tougher background checks for guns?
5. Is it easier to get a gun than mental health care?

Between the lines
"We have significant and thorough disqualifications for mental health reasons ... We try not to favor prior restraint..." -Virginia, Gov. Bob McDonnell

Additional resources
More by Steve Benson
http://www.cagle.com/2013/09/gun-o-rama/

More by Nick Anderson
http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/AnderN

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