
US Police Chiefs Seek to Stop Terrorist Weapons Purchases - Senator Feinstein

WASHINGTON, December 18 (Sputnik) - Police officials across the United States want the US Congress to pass legislation that will stop terrorists targeting the country from buying weapons, US Senator Dianne Feinstein said in a release. "Law enforcement personnel know full well the dire threat posed by known and suspected terrorists with easy access to weapons," Feinstein stated on Thursday. "Law enforcement and military personnel are often targeted by terrorist suspects." Feinstein's bill that is supported by the various police chiefs seeks to add a 10th category of prohibited weapons buyers: those identified by US Attorney General Loretta Lynch to be known or suspected terrorists. The bill also gives the US Attorney General the power to deny US courts access to classified information that could compromise national security. Former Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis said that he supports Feinstein's legislation. "The legislation provides an important tool in our efforts to defeat terrorism by permitting the Attorney General to deny 'transfer of firearms to the issuance of firearms and explosives licenses to known or suspected dangerous terrorists'," Davis concluded. The debate about gun control has been renewed after Tashfeen Malik and her husband Syed Rizwan Farook shot and killed 14 people in San Bernardino, California on December 2. Malik entered the United States on a fiancée visa and married Farook prior to the couple undertaking the attack.