



Exercising the Right

Satanic Intruder Shot by Homeowner

AmmoLand.com reported on June 11 about a terrifying home invasion that occurred in Taylor, Texas. The Taylor Police Department received a 911 call just before midnight from the occupants of the home about a man trying to force his way into the house while wielding a knife. Police raced to the scene, but the suspect had already entered the house. Thankfully, the homeowner was armed and able to defend himself and his family. The man shot the suspect, later identified as 23-year-old Austin Sumpter, hitting him in his hip. The wounded suspect collapsed on the front porch, where the responding officers found him when they arrived on the scene.

Sumpter was treated for his injury and then charged with burglary of a habitation with the intent to commit a felony. Police investigators discovered that the sheath Sumpter was using to store the knife had “Hail Satan” inscribed on it.

Ammoland lauded the homeowner’s brave actions, and cited this story as a perfect example of why armed self-defense is mandatory for everyone. “The case underscores the significance of the Second Amendment and the right of individuals to defend themselves against imminent threats. It also serves as a reminder of the need for homeowners to remain vigilant and prepared to defend their homes and loved ones with swift and deadly force. The ability to defend one’s home is not just a legal right but a crucial aspect of personal safety. This incident is a clear example of why many Americans advocate for the right to bear arms. The swift and decisive action of the homeowner not only neutralized the satanic threat but also highlighted the importance of self-defense in ensuring personal and public safety.”

MMA Star Shoots Man in Self-defense

AZFamily.com reported out of Phoenix on June 16 about a fight over a parking spot that escalated into a shooting. Phoenix Police say the incident occurred around 9:20 p.m. when 32-year-old Alejandro Samplina got into an argument with a man who was later identified as a former combat-sports athlete.

Witnesses at the scene told police officers that the two men began arguing over a parking spot. Samplina allegedly pulled a knife and chased after the other man, 53-year-old Shannon Ritch, a retired mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter who has won championships in both King of the Cage and bare-knuckle boxing. Police investigators say that Ritch fled from the knife-wielding Samplina and retrieved a firearm from his car door, which he used to shoot Samplina multiple times. Officers soon arrived and found the wounded suspect lying on the ground. Samplina was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment, but succumbed to his wounds and was pronounced dead.

The investigation is ongoing, but based on the forensic evidence, interviews with witnesses, and a review of surveillance video that recorded the entire incident, police believe that Ritch fired his gun in self-defense. Once Samplina introduced a knife into the argument, he opened the door for the use of lethal force. He probably would still be alive if he only took a swing at Ritch, as, due to his MMA training, Ritch would most likely have been able to quickly subdue Samplina without having to resort to using deadly force.



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Ex-boyfriend Shot by Current Boyfriend After Break-in

CBS News reported on May 26 about a deadly incident that occurred in Carmichael, California. The Sacramento County Sheriff's Office explained that a man upset over his ex-girlfriend having a new boyfriend sought out the new boyfriend, broke in to his apartment, and started physically assaulting the man while he was asleep in his bedroom. The man woke up and retrieved his loaded handgun, which he used to shoot the intruder.

Sergeant Amar Gandhi of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office told reporters, "At around 2 a.m., we got a call from someone inside an apartment saying that he had shot someone who had come inside his home.... New boyfriend had a gun, legally obtained, registered to him, and actually shot the ex-boyfriend." Gandhi added that the boyfriend and girlfriend were cooperating with the investigation, and that detectives have determined this was a case of self-defense. Local attorney Michael Wise echoed those sentiments when he told CBS News, "If this gentleman was presented with a lethal threat that he did not trigger in any way, then he's entitled to defend himself and kill that intruder."

Juvenile Shooting Ruled a Justifiable Homicide

Fox13 reported on May 29 about a shooting at a community center in Memphis that was later determined to be a justifiable homicide. Details of the shooting were revealed by the Shelby County Juvenile Court because both participants in the shooting were minors.

The Memphis Police Department concluded its investigation, and the Shelby County District Attorney's Office decided not to pursue a prosecution after considering all of the known facts. The shooting took place behind the Douglass Community Center when the deceased suspect, a 16-year-old male, tried to aggressively rob the 17-year-old victim, who fired his gun in self-defense. WREG reported that the "Homicide Bureau, after a thorough analysis of the evidence, backed the notion that the shooting was a necessary action to prevent an imminent robbery.

Judith Black-Moore, the vice president of public relations for the Carter Malone Group, released a statement asserting that the shooting was "justifiable." Authorities explained that the juvenile's possession of the firearm was classified as a misdemeanor, but that did not change the determination that he acted lawfully at the time of the shooting.



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