



## **Exercising the Right**

### **Smile, You're on Camera!**

Blaze News reported on August 20 that a group of four crooks got more than they bargained for when they targeted a Phoenix-area house for a robbery. As they assembled on the porch in the middle of the night, a motion sensor activated the homeowner's security camera, alerting him to the home invasion that was about to take place. This gave the homeowner time to grab his gun and meet them at the door. Thinking the element of surprise was on their side, the masked criminals kicked in the front door of the home, only to be surprised by gunfire from the homeowner.

The gang of robbers, who police say were likely armed, turned and ran from the porch as the homeowner fired multiple shots in their direction. They sprinted toward their getaway car, described by police as a gray four-door sedan. In their haste, two of the robbers collided with one another, causing one to trip and fall to the ground. Luckily for him, his partners in crime did not leave him behind, and all four men escaped in the getaway car. The suspects have not yet been apprehended, and there is no word on any injuries they might have sustained, either from the homeowner's weapon or their own clumsiness.

### **Ammunition Shortage**

Anyone who has recently tried to buy ammo has found that there is a big shortage in available stock, which is driving prices up. Matt Vespa, writing at [TownHall.com](#) on August 23, explained some of the factors driving the shortages and the high prices. Vespa explained that the "price of copper has reached historic highs" and "some calibers like 9MM and .223/5.56 ammunition [may not be] readily available for up to two years." Vespa explained that the shortage is partially attributable to the "nine million Americans [becoming] first-time gun owners," which "is a good thing, but increased demand, coupled with a White House that's antagonistic towards Second Amendment rights and the price of materials has pinched the market." Vespa went on to explain that new sanctions against "Russian arms could compound the issues centering on access to ammunition." He explained that these sanctions may end up hurting American gun owners more than the Russians as permits expire, even though there is plenty of Russian ammunition still available on the market. Things will change as that ammunition is used up, and prices would definitely rise if more sanctions were implemented by the Biden administration.

### **A Deadbolt Is Good, but a Gun Is Better!**

Breaking 911 reported on October 3 that a woman in South Carolina is lucky to be alive, and she has the Second Amendment to thank. Samantha Funchess was home in the wee hours of a Saturday morning in early October when a violent criminal named Eugene Rhinehart III barged in through an unlocked door. When he encountered Funchess, he "confronted her and began punching her," according to police. As she was being assaulted by the aggressive intruder, Funchess was able to maintain her composure and grab a gun that was in the home. Even with the physical injuries she sustained from the vicious beating, Funchess managed to fire at least one shot at her attacker. Both Funchess and Rhinehart were taken to area medical facilities to be treated for their injuries. Funchess' shot proved to be fatal, as Rhinehart died of the gunshot wound in the hospital, but she is expected to recover from the injuries she suffered at the hands of the attacker. Two very important lessons to be



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learned from the story are to always exercise your Second Amendment-protected rights and own at least one firearm for self-defense, and to always lock your door after dark.

## **Deadly Consequences**

KOCO News, an ABC affiliate, reported that a homeowner around Guthrie, Oklahoma, was well-prepared for a terrifying home invasion that occurred in the early morning hours of October 1. He was at home when a group of two or three people broke in to his house. He quickly retrieved his gun and shot toward the commotion. One female criminal was shot, and the other one or two would-be robbers fled, leaving their comrade behind. The homeowner immediately called 911 to report the incident, but the female miscreant had already succumbed to her gunshot wounds and was declared dead at the scene. Police are searching for the other suspect or suspects, and, as the homeowner was unable to give a physical description of them after the chaotic scene, are hoping that someone will be able to come forward with additional information.

## **Disastrous Daytime Decision**

WSB-TV News in Atlanta, Georgia, reported on October 4 that two men were shot after a brazen home invasion attempt in broad daylight. A homeowner was inside of his house in the middle of the day when a man decided to climb in through a window and began to physically attack him. The homeowner grabbed a gun in self-defense and shot the criminal, mortally wounding him. When police arrived on the scene, they found both the deceased attacker and the homeowner with gunshot wounds. It was not immediately clear from the press release from the Atlanta police whether the criminal had been armed and had shot the homeowner, or whether the homeowner had been injured by his own firearm. The homeowner was taken to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries, and is expected to make a full recovery.

The investigation by law enforcement is still ongoing, but the homeowner is not expected to be charged since the shooting appears to have been in self-defense. The whole ordeal was upsetting for the neighborhood where it occurred, especially because a nearby middle school was getting ready to send students home for the afternoon when the home invasion and subsequent shooting happened. The school was forced to relocate bus-loading and parent pick-up areas in order to not interfere with the police investigation and to ensure the safety of the children.



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