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Exercising the Right

Never Break Into a House With Its Own Gun Range!

[WUSA9.com](#) reported on October 12 about a transient man who had apparently broken into a house in Poolesville, Maryland, and had been sleeping in the basement of the house for a while prior to being discovered. The man was later identified by authorities as 34-year-old Harry Trueman, who had a criminal history involving various misdemeanors and a charge for domestic violence.

The house in question was located in a remote area of Montgomery County, Maryland, and contained an indoor shooting range. The house is surrounded by “no trespassing” and “active shooter range” signs posted on a nearby fence, so it’s not as if the intruder didn’t know what he was getting himself into.

The homeowner had returned after the intruder had left, and realized that his house had been broken into. The homeowner then heard the suspect return to the house and force his way in. The homeowner quickly called 911 to report the break-in, but was startled by the trespasser and shot him with a shotgun. The sounds of the shooting were captured on the 911 call. The homeowner acted very responsibly after the shooting by continuing to talk with the 911 dispatcher and following law-enforcement direction to leave his shotgun near his vehicle and stand at the end of the driveway with his hands up for arriving officers.

Authorities do not believe there will be any charges against the homeowner, since the state of Maryland has a Castle Doctrine, which is the legal rule that presumes a person’s self-defense actions are justified when he is in his home defending himself against an intruder. The spokeswoman for Montgomery County State’s Attorney John McCarthy told [WUSA.com](#) that “there have been no facts developed during the course of the investigation at this point indicating there is a basis upon which charges should be filed.”

It was a tragic loss of life, but it could have been avoided had the deceased suspect chosen not to break into someone else’s house, especially one with an indoor gun range!

“I Pray to God He Survives”

The CBS affiliate out of Wichita, Kansas, reported on October 5 about a deranged man who was vandalizing and tormenting homeowners in the area before he was finally stopped. KCWH reported that the suspect, who was later identified as a 40-year-old man, was pounding on someone’s front door around 7:00 p.m. when a neighbor heard the noise and yelled for him to stop. The suspect became enraged at the homeowner who yelled at him and immediately lashed out, shouting foul and violent threats at the homeowner, who remained inside his house.

The homeowner called 911 to report the incident, but things took a turn for the worse. The suspect began throwing bricks through the homeowner’s window and tried to climb in through a now-broken window while making threats to kill the homeowner. The frightened homeowner feared for his life and retrieved a loaded firearm, which he used to shoot the suspect.

The wounded suspect was still on the scene when police arrived, and was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment. The homeowner later spoke with KCWH, but requested to remain anonymous. The victim told KCWH that he didn’t want to harm the suspect, but the man left him no other choice. “I



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was on the phone and I was telling the cops, this guy. Get here. Please get here. I don't want to shoot this man. Please get here," he said.

The homeowner expressed concern over the man, but felt that his actions were 100-percent justified: "I pray to God he survives and makes it through and gets the help he needs and doesn't try to come back over here or the same result will happen." Law enforcement is still investigating, but no charges are anticipated against the homeowner, as his actions appear to have been well within the confines of the law.

Always Be Prepared

[Fox59.com](#) reported on September 29 about a shooting in Anderson, Indiana, in which a suspect claimed to be a police officer in order to break into a woman's house.

The incident unfolded quickly when the suspect drove up in front of the house and walked up to the front door after looking in the windows. Investigators say the man banged on the door of the house and told the woman, who was home alone, that he was a police officer. When the woman opened the door, the suspect forced his way into the house with a weapon and demanded money.

The woman quickly retreated to an upstairs bedroom, and the police impersonator ran after her. Thankfully, the woman had a loaded gun stashed in an upstairs bedroom, and she fired it at the suspect, who collapsed on the floor, mortally wounded. The woman fled from the house and ran to a neighbor's house, where she called 911.

Police soon arrived, and found the deceased suspect in the bedroom. Madison County Prosecutor Rodney Cummings told Fox59 that "neighbors had videos of [the suspect] parking in front of the residence and looking through windows, ultimately breaking through the door and pulling a weapon out.... There was audio, and you could hear what he was saying inside. He said, 'It's the police.' He was claiming to be police officer, but he had a mask on."

Neighbors were frightened by the violence nearby, but neighbor Anthony Alfarano was adamant that the woman was correct in her actions. "You know seeing it a few houses down, it's unnerving for sure.... Self protection is your right in your home," Alfarano told [Fox59.com](#).

Prosecutor Cummings did say that it's not surprising that the suspect got himself killed. "In your home is probably the most protected place you can be.... If you're breaking into someone's home in the middle of the night, if you don't get shot or killed you should feel fortunate," he said.



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