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Exercising the Right

Known Burglar Gets Caught

[NOLO.com](#) reported out of New Orleans about a burglary suspect who had a reputation with local law enforcement as a professional burglar. The suspect, Kelly Jackson, was shot multiple times after a homeowner discovered him in his storage shed on October 27. The 68-year-old homeowner heard noises coming from his shed, so he armed himself with his pistol and went to investigate. As the homeowner approached his shed, he discovered the suspect emerging from the shed and ordered him to halt. The homeowner says that Jackson did not follow the homeowner's orders to wait for police to arrive.

According to the homeowner, Jackson lunged at him and began struggling with him, trying to wrestle the gun away. In the struggle, the homeowner managed to fire off several shots from his gun and hit Jackson in the back, leg, and stomach. The injured suspect then attempted to flee the scene on a bicycle, but he did not get far. Arresting officers found the wounded Jackson hiding underneath a house only a few blocks from the scene of the original burglary.

This wasn't Jackson's first run-in with the law, as the police report described him as "a known burglar in the (NOPD's) 6th District." New Orleans Police Department investigators stated that they believe Jackson is responsible for at least three other burglaries in the area, and authorities are planning to charge him with even more crimes. The Orleans Parish District Attorney's office is still reviewing the details of the shooting, but it appears so far that the homeowner's actions were a textbook case of justified self-defense.

Armed and Ready

[KENS5.com](#) reported out of New Braunfels, Texas, on November 2 about a gang of burglars who robbed houses and then would set them on fire. Sergeant Zachary McBride of the Guadalupe County Sheriff's Office said the suspects would break in to houses, burglarize them, and then set the fires to "mask or hide the fact that the burglaries occurred." Their crime spree was interrupted when one of their gang encountered an armed homeowner. The would-be burglar/arsonist was shot by a homeowner on the gang's last attempted break-in. [KENS5.com](#) reported that 31-year-old Phillip Owens broke in to a residence, but was shot almost immediately by an armed resident.

Neighbors were upset about the shooting and stated that they were going to increase their security precautions. Stefanie Manchaca told [KENS5.com](#) about what she's doing to prepare. "I'm definitely armed and ready. Everything that's happened in the last 24 hours around here is proof of that," Manchaca told [KENS5.com](#).

Shot and Ditched

[KXII.com](#) reported out of Carter County, Oklahoma, on November 3 about a burglary suspect whose day went from bad to worse.

A homeowner was returning home when he caught the thief in the act. Homeowner Sammy Stanfield told [KXII.com](#) that he witnessed a trespasser exit his garage. Stanfield quickly retrieved his .22-caliber rifle from his truck and ordered the man to stop. When the intruder refused to heed his commands, Stanfield fired the rifle at the suspect. "He was coming out of my garage and he was coming at me and I



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asked him to stop and he didn't.... [I tried] to get him to stop ... and he just wouldn't. He wouldn't stop," Stanfield told [KXII.com](#). After firing a warning shot that didn't stop the suspect's advance, Stanfield fired again and shot the burglar in the arm. The injured burglar fled into a nearby vehicle and tried backing out of the driveway but inadvertently got stuck in a ditch.

The Carter County Sheriff's Department reported that Stanfield fired a few rounds into the suspect's vehicle to disable it. The injured suspect was not willing to give up and jumped out of the inoperable car and moved toward Stanfield yet again. Stanfield aimed his rifle at the suspect and told him to get on the ground or he would be shot. The suspect finally listened to reason and complied.

Officers soon arrived on the scene and took the suspect for medical treatment. After the suspect was released from the hospital, he was booked in the local jail on burglary charges. The investigation is ongoing, but officers did locate welding tools in the suspect's vehicle and believe that he is responsible for several other burglaries. Stanfield looked back on what happened with shock and disbelief: "I just did what I had to do to get him to stop.... You hate to do it anytime."

Creepy Crawler

In one of the more disturbing stories to be featured in this column, the NBC affiliate [KGW.com](#) reported on October 22 out of Portland, Oregon, about a husband and wife who were awakened in the middle of the night by a nude trespasser in their bed.

The incident occurred in Northwest Portland, where Portland police say a burglary suspect broke in to the couple's home and began stealing some of their belongings. At some point, the man stopped taking personal possessions and entered the couple's bedroom. The suspect then took off his clothes and crawled into bed with the sleeping couple. He even climbed right next to the man and kissed him!

The husband woke up to discover the suspect sitting right next to him, holding a knife. The terrified husband shoved the man off him, to the floor. The husband grabbed his loaded handgun and pointed it at the intruder and yelled for him to stop. The deranged intruder hurriedly put his pants back on and then fled the house. The husband fired at him but did not hit the burglar.

The suspect kept running from the scene but then tried breaking in to another house on a different street and was apprehended by police, who took him into custody. Police took the suspect to a nearby medical facility for treatment for what they thought might have been drug use. The suspect was later charged with first- and second-degree burglary, first-degree sex abuse, and unlawful use of a weapon.

The husband was grateful to have survived the incident with no bloodshed, but there's no telling how long the mental scars he suffered as a result will last.



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