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Exercising the Right

Alone but Not Helpless

The *Meridian Star* reported from Mississippi about a woman who was home alone when a criminal broke in. The woman was upstairs in her two-story house when she heard the sound of her door being shattered. After hearing the loud noise, she looked over her upstairs railing and saw a man standing in the entranceway next to the door that he had just kicked in. The woman grabbed her loaded .38-caliber pistol and fired it at the intruder, hitting him three times in the chest. The injured suspect fled, only to collapse outside. Police arrived on the scene and discovered the body of the suspect outside the house, noting that he died at the scene. Meridian Police Department Detective Dareall Thompson said that it appears the woman did not know the suspect and acted within her rights. The case will still be referred to a grand jury, but Thompson told the *Meridian Star* that this “is one of those instances where the homeowner was trying to protect her life and her property.”

Waffle House War on Crime

The Associated Press reported on October 10 that a man who attempted to rob a North Charleston Waffle House in South Carolina was fatally shot by a customer. It was early in the morning when the armed intruder burst into the restaurant and demanded cash from the employees. However, a customer, who had a valid concealed weapons permit, was waiting in his car for some take-home food that he had ordered when he witnessed the armed burglary in process. The customer retrieved his firearm, exited his vehicle, and confronted the burglar. Both the armed burglar and the customer exchanged fire, but only the burglar was wounded in the shootout. Police arrived on the scene and found the injured suspect. The suspect was transported to a nearby medical facility, where he soon died. The deceased suspect was later identified as Joshua Jermaine Davis.

Barney Limehouse, Jr., a retired law-enforcement officer who now teaches concealed-weapons permit classes, stated that the armed customer did everything right. Limehouse told the *Post and Courier* on October 17 that “Charleston citizens have a lot of power.... They don’t have to be pushed around anymore by thieves.” Limehouse explained that “every honest person” should be licensed and be trained and capable in the use of a weapon. Limehouse told the *Post and Courier* that incidents such as these are what having a gun is for. He said, “It’s only for self-defense or the self-defense of others. It’s not designed to take advantage of others.... More and more people are defending themselves.... What are we going to do, let (criminals) take everything from us?” Limehouse has taught over 600 concealed-carry classes over 17 years, and he’s positive he’s helped to save lives. He told the *Post and Courier*, “Everybody needs to be able to defend themselves.... We’re declaring war on crime — we don’t want to be abused by criminals anymore.”

Pistol-packing Pastor

The *Detroit Free Press* reported on October 18 about a violent incident in a church. A deranged man with a brick entered the City of God storefront church and began making menacing threats. The pastor had had run-ins with the attacker in the past and knew of his violent behavior. The pastor even had filed police reports against the intruder involving threats that the man had previously made toward the pastor. The pastor, armed with a semiautomatic handgun, confronted the brick-wielding lunatic in the



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vestibule of the church. When the attacker did not stop, the pastor fired at him multiple times. The attacker was hit several times, including once in the chest. He was transported to nearby Botsford Hospital, where he died a short time later.

Assistant Detroit Police Chief Steve Dolunt told the *Detroit Free Press* that the pastor and the attacker “knew each other and had some type of problem before.... When I got there, the body had already been moved. The pastor was in custody. We had the gun.” Dolunt also told the *Detroit Free Press* that an investigation was ongoing and police are searching into whether the brick-wielding man was suffering from mental illness. “We’re not sure at this point whether the man had mental problems or what.... It’s still under investigation,” he said.

They “Locked Eyes” Before the Shooting

[KTNV.com](#) reported out of Las Vegas, on October 9 that a man was awakened in the middle of the night by the sound of someone breaking in to his home. The victim was fast asleep on his couch when he heard what he described as “a loud crash.” He jumped off the couch and discovered an intruder roaming through his house. He quickly retrieved his gun and returned to where the burglar was standing. Making eye contact with him, the resident yelled for the intruder to halt. The suspect kept moving, so the homeowner fired his weapon and hit the suspect. Police arrived on the scene and arrested 22-year-old Ronald Ford, who needed medical treatment after being shot. Ford was wanted for a warrant on a prior battery charge and two traffic offenses.

San Francisco Delivery

[SFGate.com](#) reported out of San Francisco on October 19 about a 73-year-old man who shot an intruder and then dragged the injured suspect out of his house. The man was home alone just before midnight when he heard the sounds of someone in his home. He grabbed his handgun and walked downstairs, where he discovered the 54-year-old suspect. The resident fired his handgun, hitting the suspect in the knee. The man then physically grabbed the injured intruder and “escorted” him from the residence. Police were called to the scene and found the wounded burglar. The injured suspect was treated at San Francisco General Hospital and authorities expect to charge him with burglary.



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