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## Exercising the Right

### Brick to the Face

The *Topeka Capital Journal* reported on December 8 about a strange break-in that resulted in shots being fired at an intruder. The incident occurred in Topeka, Kansas, around 4:30 a.m.

A resident woke up to the sounds of someone trying to break in to his home. He quickly grabbed his pistol and went down to investigate. As the homeowner neared the main entrance to his house, a brick came crashing through a window next to the door and struck him in the face. Authorities believe the brick was thrown by a man outside the home who was trying to enter the house and that the man did not intend to strike the occupant of the home in the face. Topeka police believe the man who threw the brick might have thought the home was unoccupied.

The homeowner suffered a broken nose from the brick but was able to regain his composure and deal with the ongoing break-in attempt. The homeowner witnessed a man stick his arm through the broken window and begin to unlock the door to the home. The resident confronted the would-be intruder and fired several shots at him, and the intruder fled down the alley behind the house. Police later discovered the man suffering from multiple gunshot wounds lying behind a nearby house. The suspect was taken to a hospital with life-threatening injuries, but is expected to recover. He will face charges related to the attempted break-in.

Neighbor Don De Hart told Kansas First News that he knew both the victim and the suspect involved. He expressed dismay that the man would try something like this. De Hart told the news, "I hired him to help me, and he was real good help, as far as I was concerned, before he was a pretty sharp kid.... I just wish it wasn't him."

### Criminals Scared Away by Gunshot

[WRCBtv.com](#) reported on January 7 out of Chattanooga, Tennessee, on a home invasion that was thwarted by an armed female occupant. A woman was home alone when she was awakened by the sound of a hammer breaking down her bedroom door. The nightmare scenario immediately shocked the woman from her sleep, and she grabbed a loaded pistol from her nightstand.

As the door began to give, she aimed her pistol and fired a single round at the men standing on the other side. She would later tell police that she could hear one of the suspects scream before the two panicked intruders fled the home. She called the police, who found two young men hiding in the woods nearby.

The men, Michael Delaney, 18, and Nicholas Hanks, 21, were later charged with aggravated burglary and conspiracy to commit aggravated burglary. The younger of the two, Delaney, appears to have been making a lot of bad decisions recently, as he is also facing charges related to a break-in of an elementary school in September in which he was charged with more than 20 counts of burglary and theft of property.

John Martin, the owner of the Chattanooga-based Shooter's Depot store, wasn't surprised by news of the woman firing her weapon at the intruders. His store features a "Chattanooga Gun Girls" gun club, and Martin told [WRCBtv.com](#) that he's seeing more and more females looking for ways to protect



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themselves. Women actually make up 25 percent of the store's company base. Martin added, "Women are no longer willing to be second-class citizens when it comes to defending themselves.... They are more proactive today, more so than I have ever in my entire life seen it."

## **Grandson Defends His Grandmother From Burglars**

The FOX News affiliate out of High Point, North Carolina, reported on December 17 about an unusual story in which a 14-year-old boy was forced to use lethal force to defend his 73-year-old grandmother.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg police told FOX 8 that a grandmother was at home with her grandson when two intruders attempted to break in to their house. The *Daily Mail* reported that the grandmother had recently undergone hip-replacement surgery, and the grandson was helping her while she healed. The grandson was fixing something in the kitchen when he heard the sound of a window breaking in the rear of the house.

The young boy ran and grabbed a loaded pistol he knew his grandfather kept in the house for protection. The boy pointed the gun at the broken window and yelled for the men to leave. The grandmother would later tell the 911 operator that the intruders did not heed his warnings and tried entering the home.

The grandson fired three shots at the intruders, who were later identified as 18-year-old Isai Delcid and 22-year-old Carlos Delcid. Isai was fatally wounded, and his body was found at the scene by police. Carlos fled the scene but was later arrested and charged with first-degree burglary. Police believe the men were breaking in to the home to steal prescription pills.

Authorities said they will not bring charges against the grandson because the shooting was a justifiable homicide. In a strange twist, the grandfather told the *Daily Mail* that the 14-year-old boy's father was killed in a violent burglary at the automotive shop where he worked back in 2008.

Sadly, this was not the end of the story. [WSOCTv.com](#) reported on December 24 that someone drove up to the home and fired a shotgun into the window of a sunroom where the grandmother lay asleep. George Wyant, the grandfather, told [WSOCTv.com](#), "My wife is scared to death, grandson scared to death every time they hear a noise."

Wyant told the police that he believes the shooting was in retaliation for his grandson's actions. When he explained his beliefs to the police, "they felt the same. They're going to investigate all they can." Wyant explained that his family is now afraid to bring his other grandchildren around, and he plans to take his wife away from their home to be safe.



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