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Exercising The Right

Fifteen-second Samaritan

The New American reported online on July 18 about 22-year-old Elisjsa Dicken stopping a mass shooting in the Greenwood Park Mall in Indiana, where a deranged man armed with two rifles and a handgun started shooting defenseless people. Dicken reacted quickly, pulling out his own handgun and mortally wounding the shooter. The attacker was able to claim three lives, but authorities say it would have been much deadlier if not for Dicken's brave actions.

The New York Post later clarified that Dicken was able to end the mass shooting in just a few seconds. The shooter exited from a restroom and opened fire on shoppers, but Dicken immediately pulled his gun and fired 10 shots at the shooter, who was 40 yards from Dicken. The gunman tried to retreat to the bathroom, but collapsed to the floor due to his injuries. Greenwood Police Chief James Ison told the media during a press conference that "the surveillance video shows [the gunman] exit the restroom at 5:56:48 p.m.... He was neutralized by Dicken at 5:57:03 p.m."

The story received widespread attention, and Second Amendment proponents highlighted how it perfectly demonstrated that an armed populace can stop deadly mass shootings in a matter of seconds. This rang especially true considering Indiana recently passed a constitutional-carry law allowing state residents to carry concealed firearms without needing a permit, which is exactly what Dicken was doing. These details were very upsetting to anti-gun pundits, who almost seemed annoyed that the gunman wasn't able to continue shooting people. Fox News reported on July 18 about left-leaning Twitter users who were upset that Dicken was being hailed as a "Good Samaritan."

"The term, 'Good Samaritan' came from a Bible passage of a man from Samaria who stopped on the side of the road to help a man who was injured and ignored.... I cannot believe we live in a world where the term can equally apply to someone killing someone... my God," CBS reporter Justin Kollar wrote on Twitter.

Why You Need an "Assault Weapon"

Fox News reported on July 14 about a shooting in Escambia County, Florida, that showed exactly why gun owners need what anti-gun extremists typically call "assault weapons."

The Escambia County Sheriff's Office obtained surveillance video that showed three suspects exiting a car and approaching a house. A fourth suspect waited in the car. The aspiring home invaders knocked on the front door, and when the occupant opened the door, two of the attackers forced their way in while the third suspect waited outside. Fox News reported that "the victim was armed but lost his gun during the scuffle [with the two intruders], then ran to the back of his house and grabbed an AK-47-style rifle, which he started firing at the intruders." The surveillance video shows the suspects fleeing the home and getting into their car as the homeowner shoots at them.

Escambia County Sheriff Chip Simmons praised the homeowner for his actions and told *Fox & Friends*, "He did absolutely nothing wrong.... If someone breaks into my front door, barges and attacks me or my family, they're going to get shot, and I afford that same consideration to the residents of my county." Law enforcement rounded up three of the four suspects and are actively looking for the fourth man.



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This story is a great reminder of how having a semiautomatic rifle acts as a great equalizer when you're the victim of a deadly felony involving multiple assailants.

FBI Tries Snooping on Missouri Gun Owners

Fox News reported on July 19 about a planned FBI audit on concealed-carry holders in Missouri, which is encountering pushback from Republican officials who believe the audit is an infringement of Second Amendment-protected rights.

One sheriff adamantly stated that he would not comply with the "audit," and even Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt pushed back against the FBI audit, sending a letter to FBI Director Christopher Wray demanding that the audit be canceled. Schmitt wrote, "The FBI has absolutely no business poking around in the private information of those who have obtained a concealed carry permit in Missouri.... The Second Amendment rights of Missourians will absolutely not be infringed on my watch. I will use the full power of my Office to stop the FBI, which has become relentlessly politicized and has virtually no credibility, from illegally prying around in the personal information of Missouri gun owners."

Schmitt also explained that Missouri had passed a law stating, "information retained in the concealed carry permit system ... shall not be distributed to any federal, state, or private entities." Schmitt wrote that this law was passed by legislators after they learned that "the Obama Administration wanted to know which Missourians had firearms, supposedly to establish who was entitled to federal benefits. We wanted to leave no doubt that the citizens of Missouri have a constitutional right to bear arms, and the federal government has no business poking around to find out their identities."

Schmitt further bemoaned how the "Biden Administration and liberal 'deep-staters' within the FBI have severely tarnished" the agency's reputation by engaging in selective investigation of political dissidents while turning a blind eye to very public corruption of individuals such as Hunter Biden. Schmitt concluded, "In light of all these facts, Missourians have concluded that the FBI leadership in Washington, D.C. has been weaponized for political gain. You have lost our trust and you seem to be completely indifferent toward trying to rebuild it. Instead, you announce that you will show up at the offices of our elected Missouri sheriffs in open and blatant violation of our state law and seek to find out who in Missouri holds a legal CCW permit. This is not going to happen. I will fight you tooth and nail with all of the resources that the people of Missouri have given me as their Attorney General."



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