



Exercising The Right

“You Loot, We Shoot”

The U.K. *Daily Mail* reported September 30 on Florida Governor Ron DeSantis’ statements at a press conference, in which he expressed concerns over criminals seeking to exploit areas ravaged by Hurricane Ian. “The other thing that we’re concerned about, particularly in those areas that were really hard hit, is you know, we want to make sure we’re maintaining law and order,” he told reporters. DeSantis made multiple statements that went viral, but his statement to the effect of “you loot, we shoot” garnered the most attention. “Don’t even think about looting. Don’t even think about taking advantage of people in this vulnerable situation. And so local law enforcement is involved in monitoring that.” He clarified that the Sunshine State has a fair number of gun owners, and any looters might be at risk of getting shot: “You can have people, you know, bringing boats into some of these islands and trying to ransack people’s homes and I would not want to chance that if I were you, given that we’re a Second Amendment state.”

The Best Protector

Yahoo News reported on October 8 about an attempted home break-in that occurred in Dunn, North Carolina, and was thwarted by a female homeowner. Tarika McAllister, who was home alone, was awakened by the sounds of her dog barking in the early morning hours. She got out of bed and went to the rear of her house to see what was causing the dog to bark so loudly, and was shocked to see an intruder in her house attempting to steal her property. She quickly retrieved her handgun, which she later told WRAL-TV she had never fired before. “All I did was turn around and grab the gun.... I was fumbling with it. It’s my first time using it,” McAllister told WRAL-TV. She then fired the gun at the suspect multiple times. “I just lifted it up, and I started shooting at him, wherever he was moving to, I just shot him out of the house,” she said.

The wounded suspect fled the house, and McAllister called 911. Police soon arrived and discovered him about 200 yards from the house, suffering from bullet wounds to his leg and his right side. The injured suspect, later identified as 20-year-old Malihk Giles, is lucky that McAllister was not an experienced shooter, as he could have been killed after being shot repeatedly at such a close range. Giles was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment, and after being released was charged with first-degree burglary and possession of stolen property with a \$75,000 bond. The police investigation is ongoing, but authorities believe this was a random burglary. McAllister told the local news how women need to be armed to defend themselves: “I know a lot of women are scared of guns.... I feel those are the best protectors for us because we can’t fight a man. We can’t fight an intruder off.”

Female Intruder Gets Shot

WAFB.com reported on October 11 about some homeowners in Livingston Parish, Louisiana, who were fast asleep when an armed female intruder broke in to their house. The Livingston Parish Sheriff’s Office reported the details of what occurred. Sheriff Jason Ard said the “homeowners were sleeping.... Several popping noises under their carport area startled them awake. They then learned an armed female suspect gained entry to their home by breaking their back door window. The homeowner was legally armed inside the residence and fired at the suspect who was inside without permission. The



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suspect was hit twice.”

The wounded suspect was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment of gunshot wounds in her leg and hip, and is expected to fully recover. Police say once she is released, she will be charged with aggravated burglary, burglary from a vehicle, theft of a motor vehicle, and illegal use of weapons.

Juvenile Delinquent Shot Dead

WHNT.com reported on October 9 out of Decatur, Alabama, about an attempted robbery that ended with a teenage assailant being shot to death. The Decatur Police Department was called to the scene of a shooting, where they encountered a 14-year-old suffering from a gunshot wound. The wounded teen was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment, but later died from his injuries. The police investigation determined that the 14-year-old was shot after attempting to rob another 14-year-old. Law enforcement is still investigating, but they believe three teens, two 14-year-olds and one 13-year-old, arranged to meet the 14-year-old victim with the intent to rob him. As the three aspiring robbers were talking to the victim, another 14-year-old approached the victim, brandishing a gun and demanding his money. Unbeknownst to the robbers, the victim had actually brought his own loaded gun; he fired it at the 14-year-old armed robber, mortally wounding him.

The teens scattered, and law enforcement was soon called to the scene. The surviving suspects from the attempted burglary were charged with robbery and murder. The murder charge falls under the state’s felony murder rule, by which participants in a violent and dangerous felony can be held criminally liable for any murder that occurs as a result of that felony. The suspects are all being held at the Juvenile Detention Center in Tuscumbia, and more charges are pending. The intended victim was charged with Certain Persons Forbidden to Possess a Pistol, due to the fact that he is a minor and not legally allowed to possess a firearm, and taken to the Juvenile Detention Center in Cullman.

The shooting sent shockwaves through the local school district where the deceased suspect was a student. The school administration had crisis counselors available to any students impacted by the death. It is always tragic to see a life end at such a young age, but that is the gamble a person takes when he engages in criminal activity. Perhaps other young teens considering a life of crime will reconsider going down that path, knowing that their potential targets could be armed and ready to use lethal force.



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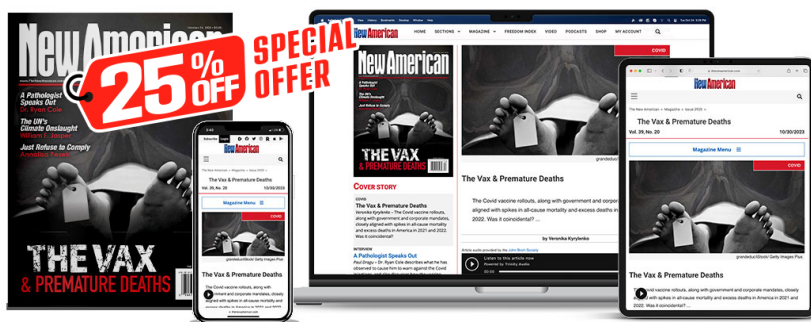
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