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Exercising the Right

Road Rage

WSMV.com reported on February 27 about a shooting in Nashville in what appeared to be a deadly road-rage incident. The police investigation revealed that 71-year-old Alden Jones was driving in an extremely aggressive manner, cutting off other drivers while driving at high speeds. Jones was also armed with a handgun, and when he stopped at a traffic light, witnesses say he exited his vehicle brandishing the gun and started pounding on the driver's side window of the car behind him with his gun.

Thirty-six-year-old Ricky Frizzell, Jr. was the driver in the car behind the vehicle that Jones was pounding on. Frizzell told police that he yelled for Jones to stop his erratic behavior, but Jones instead began walking toward Frizzell in a menacing manner, still holding the handgun. Frizzell said that he warned Jones to not come any closer, and told him that he was also armed and would shoot Jones if he didn't stop. Jones ignored Frizzell's warnings and kept advancing. Frizzell told police that he was in fear for his life and that of his wife, who was seated in the passenger seat of his car, so he pulled out his own gun and shot Jones. Jones collapsed to the ground and was later pronounced dead.

Frizzell immediately called 911, waited at the scene for police, and fully cooperated with law enforcement. The incident was captured on the surveillance cameras of nearby businesses, and police say other witnesses on the scene corroborated what Frizzell and his wife told police. Even though it appears that the shooting was justified self-defense, a criminal investigation still needs to be completed, and the case will be forwarded to the Nashville District Attorney to decide if the shooting was justified.

Disarming Republicans

NBC News reported on February 28 that Democrats in Congress are imploring President Biden to implement a new rule that will make it impossible for congressional Republicans to carry concealed firearms while on Capitol Hill. Current House rules set by the Capitol Police Board prohibit firearms from being carried anywhere on the Capitol grounds, but congressmen have an exception that allows them to bypass security screenings, so they could carry a firearm without the Capitol Police discovering it.

California Democrat Jared Huffman wrote a letter to President Biden complaining that allowing members of Congress to bypass the screening "makes all of us less safe." Huffman was joined in his letter by 13 other House Democrats. The letter begged Biden to appoint a new architect to the Capitol Police Board who will "enforce rules barring Members of Congress from carrying firearms."

This is obviously not sitting well with pro-gun Republicans, who have not been quiet about whether they're carrying in Congress. "I always feel better when I know that my colleagues on the floor are armed," Representative Matt Gaetz (Fla.) told NBC News. Gaetz also poked fun at the insinuation that people in Congress can't be trusted to handle firearms, and told NBC News, "If we are trusted with the world's greatest secrets and most exquisite intelligence, we can probably be trusted with our own security and the security of our co-workers."



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Credit-card Companies Back Down

This column had previously reported about how large credit-card companies were planning to create a separate merchant code for gun-store transactions in response to pleas from anti-gun Democrats who wanted to be able to track gun purchases. The outcry from pro-Second Amendment Republicans was enough to get them to change their plans. The Blaze reported on March 10 that Visa and Mastercard both announced that they were halting the implementation of the new code.

The Republican blowback came from Republican state attorneys general as well as Republican state legislatures. Twenty-four Republican state attorneys general co-signed a letter that was sent to the credit-card companies, threatening them with legal action over what the AGs contended were blatant violations of the Second Amendment as well as consumer protection and anti-trust laws. Republican legislators in multiple states also began speedily introducing new laws that would have prohibited the use of the gun-specific merchant code.

The credit-card companies explained that Republican pushback to the new code was a factor in their decision to halt its implementation.

Monkey Attack!

KXII.com reported on March 14 about a wild incident in Dickson, Oklahoma, that started when a woman noticed a monkey hanging outside her window. Brittany Parker later told KXII.com, "I had actually Facetimed some family and I was like, 'look there's a monkey'.... He was pacing back and then he was jumping off of my railing and hitting my storm door." The monkey kept trying to enter the house, and even broke off a piece of the door handle. Parker eventually called 911 to report the creature.

The police soon arrived on the scene, and they were able to peaceably interact with the monkey at first. Parker witnessed the monkey seemingly acting friendly toward humans, so she exited her home with her son to get a closer look at the animal. But the monkey lashed out, jumping on Parker and violently pulling at her hair and viciously biting her ear. "He crawled up my back, yanked out multiple wads of hair and then ripped my ear in half... And it was just hanging." The monkey quickly ran away after the attack, and the injured Parker was taken to a nearby medical facility, where she received treatment for her injuries as well as a rabies shot.

Ultimately one of Parker's family members shot and killed the animal before it could harm anyone else. Parker was traumatized by the attack, and doctors have concerns over whether she'll have hearing damage due to the ear injury. This story shows the unpredictability of exotic animals, and that it's always good to have a firearm around to protect yourself.



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