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Exercising the Right

Father-son Bonding Time

The *Las Vegas Review Journal* reported on September 27 about an attempted burglary that was fatal for one of the burglars.

It was around 9:00 a.m. when a 70-year-old man discovered two men trying to break in to the rear of his Clark County home. He alerted his son, who quickly retrieved a loaded firearm and shot at the suspects as they broke in to the home. The burglars, who were dressed all in black and wearing masks and gloves, fled from the home after being shot at; one of them collapsed in the backyard, where he died.

The father called 911 to report the break-in and the subsequent shooting, and police soon arrived. Police had received multiple calls about a vehicle driving at high speed in a nearby location, which ultimately crashed into other vehicles. They responded to the calls and discovered the driver was suffering from a gunshot wound to his leg. The wounded driver was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment, and, because he matched the description of the suspect from the burglary and his gunshot wound matched the wounds of his alleged accomplice, he was placed in police custody. The investigation is ongoing, but law enforcement told the *Las Vegas Review Journal* that they did not expect there to be any charges against the father and son, who appear to have acted in self-defense. Police are also investigating similar burglaries that occurred in the area prior to the shooting to determine whether the suspects were the culprits.

8 News Now interviewed neighbors in the area, who voiced support for the actions of the father and son. Neighbor Kyle Stinnet told 8 News Now, "The same way the guy protected his home, I'll continue to protect it that way.... Having to shoot somebody because they are coming into your house wrongfully, that's something that doesn't sit well with anybody. You don't ever want to be put in that position."

Farmer and Fentanyl Addicts

Fox News reported on September 25 about a farmer who caught some alleged drug addicts while they were committing a felony. The incident occurred in Washington State, where farmer Sam Krautscheid had just finished working for the day. He was driving with his young sons in his truck to a country-music concert when he witnessed some suspicious activity at a farm store he leases. Krautscheid saw a car parked at the store even though the store was closed, and was already sensitive to potential crimes in the area due to a rise in drug addiction. He explained that when people are addicted to drugs, they can become desperate for quick money and start stealing things to sell to get money to buy more drugs. He had previously dealt with people trespassing on his farm and trying to steal things, so, he told Fox News, "I turned [the truck around], pulled around and parked ... and walked over and looked in the car and there's a gas can in the passenger seat, it was a very small car. And in the back seat, had a massage table and a weed eater and some other items that screamed to me you know 'stolen items.'"

Krautscheid immediately suspected there was a robbery in progress, so he returned to his car and loaded his gun while dialing 911 to alert police of a potential robbery. "I was approaching the corner of the building; I saw an arm. I saw somebody jump back and I kind of cleared around the end of the building and there was one individual close to me," he told Fox News.

He explained that another man came running at him with a billy club, and that was when he pointed his



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gun at the two men and yelled at them to lie on the ground. One of the men complied, while the other man argued with Krautscheid and claimed he was there to rent the building. “The rear individual got down pretty quickly. The front individual stayed up for quite a bit, was somewhat defiant of the process and made me nervous to the point I felt I was probably a couple of seconds away from having to put one on the ground next to him to try to get them compliant. But, thank God, I didn’t have to,” he said.

Krautscheid held the two suspects at gunpoint until law enforcement arrived, and the men were taken into custody. The Grant County Sheriff’s Office investigated the scene and collected enough evidence to arrest the suspects, later identified as 45-year-old Glenn Richard and 28-year-old Jesus Rangel, on second-degree burglary charges. Krautscheid’s three young sons were sitting in his truck and witnessed the whole thing. “They could see me yelling and screaming, but they had no idea what I was dealing with. I didn’t know if there was one person, two people, three people there.” Krautscheid added, “I’m lucky because ... I’ve had handgun and self-defense training classes. But in this situation, I was focused on those two individuals. I had four houses and a yard behind me, and a building behind me, I am lucky nobody was back in there.” The incident was “100% a prime example of why law-abiding Americans should embrace the Second Amendment,” he told Fox News.

Krautscheid drafted a victim impact statement for the police, and shared it with Fox News. In the message, he encouraged those struggling with drug addiction to clean up their lives and turn to God: “God has bigger plans for you than the path you are on now.... I encourage you to take your lives back. Take the time to reflect and get the help you need while in jail. The resources are available, the choice is yours. Distance yourselves from bad friends and family members.... Ask God for his mercy on your prior behavior.... The devil wins by telling you that you are only as good as your past and have no hope. God’s mercy is undeniable. God will forgive you for your sins and welcome you with open arms if you change your hearts.”

Police were grateful for Krautscheid’s actions, and explained that they welcome armed citizens assisting them with detaining suspects. Grant County Sheriff’s Office spokesman Kyle Foreman explained to KPQ News that there are “many responsible gun owners here in Grant County and if they are outside protecting their property they can certainly hold someone at gunpoint and then call 911 to have us come and investigate and find out what those people are doing there.”



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