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Exercising the Right

“Hey, I Just Had to Shoot Somebody”

WSBTV.com reported out of Hapeville, Georgia, on April 24 about a terrifying car-jacking. The incident occurred around 9:30 a.m. when a man was walking to his Mercedes-Benz, parked in the rooftop parking garage of his high-end apartment building.

In what detectives believe was an attempted robbery of the man’s vehicle, an armed robber jumped out of a car parked next to the Mercedes and yelled for the car owner to get on the ground. Fortunately, the car owner was prepared for the dangerous situation. He acted as if he were complying with the car thief’s demand to get on the ground, but then quickly crawled behind his vehicle for cover and pulled out his own gun. He opened fire on the armed suspect, hitting him multiple times.

As the wounded suspect collapsed, the victim realized there was another man in the parked car, so he fired his gun at him while fleeing back to his apartment, where he immediately called the police. The 911 call captured his exact words after being forced to shoot a deadly criminal. “Hey, I just had to shoot somebody in the top floor of the parking deck,” the man told the 911 dispatch operator. The man further explained that the suspect’s “car was parked next to mine. He got out of the car, said, ‘Hey bro! Don’t move!’ Pointed a gun at me, I pulled my gun and I shot.”

Law enforcement found the body of the suspect who had been shot, and began searching for the second suspect. Based on witness statements about a man fleeing the scene on foot combined with surveillance footage, the police were able to locate the suspect in front of a nearby church. Police bodycam footage recorded the suspect urinating on the sidewalk in front of the church.

The suspect was taken into custody and later identified as 33-year-old Alton Coleman. Coleman was charged with murder under Georgia’s felony murder rule, which makes a criminal participant in a felony vicariously liable for any death that occurs as a result of the crime even if the suspect wasn’t the direct cause of that death. Coleman was also charged with aggravated assault. Court records showed that he has a lengthy criminal record, with multiple instances of recidivism. The deceased suspect was identified as 39-year-old Lando Carter, who also served time in prison before being released last year.

Ripping Up the Constitution?

NBCDFW.com reported out of Texas on May 1 about two southern attorneys general who are fighting back against the Biden administration’s attempts to, as they described it, “destroy our Second Amendment rights.” Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and Kansas Attorney General Kris Kobach were joined by Wes Virdell, who is the state director of Gun Owners of America for Texas and is also running for statewide legislative office, to file a lawsuit to stop the latest anti-gun shenanigans of the Biden administration.

The action that prompted the lawsuit was the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) expanding requirements for background checks and licenses for private gun sales. Paxton described the ATF’s action as “unlawfully attempting to abridge Americans’ constitutional right to privately buy and sell firearms.” He further stated that the ATF can’t unilaterally act like this, and such an action would need to first be approved by Congress. He intends for his lawsuit to result in an injunction that stops the enforcement of the regulation.



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Paxton released a statement that read, “Yet again, Joe Biden is weaponizing the federal bureaucracy to rip up the Constitution and destroy our citizens’ Second Amendment rights.... This is a dramatic escalation of his tyrannical abuse of authority. With today’s lawsuit, it is my great honor to defend our Constitutionally-protected freedoms from the out-of-control federal government.”

Grandmother Shoots Home Invader

KOB.com reported on May 4 out of Albuquerque about a grandmother who had to use a firearm to stop a home invader from terrorizing her and her granddaughter. Anissa Tinnin was interviewed by KOB and explained the whole terrifying ordeal.

Tinnin was home with her four-year-old granddaughter when a complete stranger entered her house. “We had the music up a little loud and we were having a good time dancing and singing when everything changed suddenly.... I heard something fall, and I turned around — I could see the silhouette of a person bent over picking something up,” she said. The intruder demanded the keys for her car, and threatened to harm both her and her granddaughter.

Tinnin led the burglar to another room, where she pointed out where they kept the car keys. The burglar grabbed the keys and ran outside to start the vehicle. Tinnin took advantage of the short time the suspect was outside of the house to hide her granddaughter away in a bedroom and retrieve a firearm while she dialed 911. Tinnin can be heard on the 911 call yelling to the operator, “I need police, I need police here now.... A guy came into my house, tried to take my car, please help me!”

The criminal had difficulty getting the car to start, so he went back inside the house. Tinnin described what happened next for KOB: “The next thing I remember is him coming around the corner, coming at me, and we’re, I mean, I’m walking toward him, he’s walking fast toward me.... I warned him several times to get back, told him I had a gun.” She shot the suspect, who collapsed at the scene. Police soon arrived, and the wounded suspect was treated for his injury and then charged for his criminal acts.

The whole episode has really disturbed Tinnin, and she has begun trauma counseling. “When you’re that close to somebody and you shoot him, you hear things that don’t leave your head.... The aftermath has been devastating, you never think that you will ever have to shoot another human in your life,” she said. While the emotional scars may take a long time to heal, Tinnin is grateful to have survived the encounter, which most likely wouldn’t have been possible if she didn’t possess a firearm.



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