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Exercising the Right

Pregnant Woman Saved by Good Guy With a Gun

The West Seattle Blog reported on July 22 about a wild incident that involved a pregnant woman being assaulted by her boyfriend. The police are still investigating, but they believe the woman was in a car with her 27-year-old boyfriend when they got into a dispute and he allegedly assaulted her. The pregnant woman ran from the car and entered Lincoln Park. The man exited his vehicle and ran after her, but a witness saw what was happening and intervened.

Seattle Police Department Spokesman Eric Muñoz released a statement explaining that the 30-year-old witness “shielded and protected the woman [with his body] as the suspect advanced on them.” When the abusive boyfriend refused to halt, “the man shot the suspect once in the hip while protecting himself and the [domestic violence] victim.” Police were immediately called to the scene; they confiscated the gun from the witness and recovered the spent shell casing as part of their criminal investigation.

Police confirmed that the wounded domestic-violence suspect was not armed, and he was taken to nearby medical facility for treatment of the gunshot wound to his hip. The suspect is still receiving treatment, but he has been charged with second-degree assault and unlawful imprisonment for holding his pregnant girlfriend in his car against her will.

Officer Muñoz said the police investigation is ongoing, but the witness who shot the suspect was released from police custody. He also noted that the witness is the son of a Seattle Police Department lieutenant.

Landlord-tenant Dispute Turns Deadly

KETV.com reported on July 16 out of Omaha, Nebraska, about a dispute between a landlord and a former tenant that quickly spiraled out of control. Based on what police have learned so far, the former tenant was an ex-convict who had allegedly been making threatening remarks to the landlord regarding the return of property left at the apartment. The tenant came to the landlord’s house to forcibly collect his goods, and allegedly threatened the landlord while inside the house.

As the landlord told local news, he was in fear for his life, so he shot the former tenant, who later died from the gunshot wounds. KETV checked court records, which revealed that the deceased suspect had multiple convictions for violent assaults, including one incident in which he physically attacked a police officer. The Douglas County Attorney’s Office is still investigating the shooting, but they explained that, based on the current evidence, they do not anticipate any charges against the landlord because the “shooting is being classified as self-defense at this point in the investigation.”

The landlord’s neighbor, Rosanne Pickering, explained that the landlord was afraid of the tenant because “he came there to pick up some of his stuff he had there and then he wouldn’t leave.... He told me he was fearful of this guy, that he’s kinda violent and he just had no idea how to get rid of him.” Pickering also expressed relief that her neighbor wasn’t seriously injured in the ordeal. “At least my friend, my neighbor is okay and he’s back home so that’s a good sign,” she told KETV.com.

KETV followed up with a news report on July 17 that featured an interview with a prominent armed self-defense instructor on the use of deadly force in self-defense. Josh Kidney — lead instructor at 88



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Tactical, which aims to “create a safe and secure environment for individuals, families, emergency workers, and military members” — told the station that there is no duty to retreat in your own home under Nebraska law, and state law permits the use of lethal force when trying to avoid “death, serious bodily harm, kidnapping or sexual intercourse compelled by force or threat.” He explained that even if there were a duty to retreat, it would only be mandatory if it could be done without subjecting oneself to potential other harm. As an example, Kidney told KETV, “Let’s say I’ve got a big NFL linebacker ... that I can tell can run a lot faster than me. [He] said ‘I’m going to kill you.’ Can I run away from that person in complete safety? Probably not.” He stressed that using lethal force is never a decision to take lightly, and “whether it’s legally justified or not, there’s going to be emotional aftermath. There’s going to be financial aftermath. There’s going to be legal aftermath.”

Douglas County Sheriff Aaron Hanson added that simply receiving some tactical training is not sufficient to know how to react in dangerous situations, and that a person needs to regularly train to know how to handle a life-or-death event properly. He explained, “Rarely do you see people rise to the challenge.... They sink to the level of their training.... If you don’t train your body on how to respond, you most likely will not respond appropriately. And when you have a deadly weapon and you use it, the rest of your life and your freedom is in the balance.”

Copper Thief Shot by Pastor

WMAR2News.com reported out of Baltimore on July 23 about a police investigation into a shooting at a vacant church that occurred almost two months earlier. Police are now saying the shooting was justified, as it appears the wounded suspect, a 59-year-old man, was stealing copper from the church when the pastor went to investigate why the church lost power. The pastor discovered the suspect near the rear cellar door, and when he approached him, the man came at him wielding bolt cutters. The pastor, in fear for his life, shot the suspect, injuring him. Police were called to the scene, and they determined that some of the copper wiring at the church had been freshly cut. The police investigation also revealed that the pastor lawfully purchased the gun that he used in the self-defense shooting. The suspect is facing charges for his actions, and WMAR2News confirmed that the man has a long criminal history, including convictions for “drugs, burglary and [a] sex offense.”



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