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## Exercising the Right

### Mother Suffers Heart Attack After Break-in

NewsChannel10.com (CBS46) reported out of Dekalb County, Georgia, on January 15 that a woman suffered a heart attack after her son killed two men who broke in to their house. Twenty-eight-year-old Timoteo Hernandez was home with his mother, 51-year-old Ramona Derossette, who was visiting from Tennessee. Hernandez told CBS46 that his mother had just cooked chili and that they were sitting down for dinner when they heard someone knock on the front door. Hernandez opened the door and was immediately pistol-whipped by one of two men standing outside. The men had fake badges, and authorities believe they were pretending to be police officers in order to break in to unsuspecting victims' houses.

Hernandez said, "When I opened the door, these two guys stormed in with guns and started pistol-whipping me and took me to the ground." He lay injured on the ground as the two armed men barged into the house in what was a brazen and violent home invasion. One of the men chased after the mother, who tried fleeing, and began brutally beating her with his pistol. Hernandez described the attack on his mother for CBS46: "He started pistol whipping and kicking her in the side."

One of the attackers grabbed Hernandez and forced him through the house at gunpoint. The armed attacker then shoved Hernandez to the floor in a guest bedroom, pointed his gun at Hernandez' head, and demanded money. Fortunately, Hernandez had taken out his father's old hunting rifle for cleaning prior to the home invasion and it was readily accessible. Hernandez was able to grab the rifle and opened fire on the intruders. Hernandez proved to have good aim, as his bullets found their mark, fatally injuring both suspects. One of the intruders fled the house and collapsed on the neighbor's yard, where he was pronounced dead from a chest wound. The second injured suspect fled in a car, but later collapsed in the parking lot of a nearby restaurant, where he was located by authorities. The second suspect would later succumb to his injuries in the hospital. Hernandez only suffered minor injuries, which consisted of swelling to his face, but unfortunately, the stress of the invasion was too much for his mother, and she had a heart attack. "She suffered a heart attack after police officers arrived," Hernandez told CBS46. The good news is that the mother is expected to recover. Hernandez expressed regret at the loss of life, but felt that he was left with no other choice: "I feel like if I hadn't had the gun in there, this whole news story would be about me and my mother being dead in this house.... I never want to hurt anybody like that, but they put me in a situation, and I only reacted to it.... It sucks that a man lost his life yesterday, but I had to protect my family."

### Scared Off

The ABC affiliate out of Savannah, Georgia, reported on January 16 about a break-in that involved a suspect with a long rap sheet. WJCL.com reported that Kim Lyle and her children were at home at the time of the break-in. It was in the middle of the night, and Lyle and her children were fast asleep. Lyle was jarred from her slumber by the sound of her back door chimes, ringing downstairs. Lyle immediately knew that there was an intruder in her house, and she quickly retrieved her firearm. She went to the top of her stairs and shouted down, "I am armed. And I will shoot." She then ran to grab her phone and dialed 911. Lyle's warning appeared to have scared off the intruder, who fled. A suspect was apprehended on the balcony of a nearby carriage house by arriving police.



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Lyle told WJCL that the break-in terrified her and that she was “shaking so bad. I mean someone was in my home, I was completely violated.” Lyle told WJCL.com, “I would have definitely shot him before I let him come up the stairs to my kids.” Within minutes, police arrived on the scene and discovered the suspect, 54-year-old Nathaniel Snowton, in the vicinity. Snowton was placed under arrest. Chatham County court records reveal that he has been arrested previously for both theft and burglary.

Lyle was furious when she learned that the suspect recently had been released after serving 12 months in prison. “He’s not even been out of jail 30 days,” she told WJCL.com. A clearly upset Lyle told WJCL that it is “not fair to the people that live here, that the system continues to process this man back onto our streets. He completely violated me and my space, and it’s horrible for me and my children.”

## **Armed Employee**

The ABC affiliate out of Chicago reported on January 13 about an armed employee who thwarted a burglary of a T-Mobile store. The store, which is located in the high-crime South Side of the city, had been repeatedly robbed over the past few months. The previous crimes seem to have had the employees on edge because they were prepared when two armed men tried robbing the store this time. The two suspects entered the store, acting like regular customers browsing the phone selections, when they suddenly pulled out firearms and pointed them at the employees. One of the employees ran to the back to get help. The other employee pulled out his own firearm and began shooting at the suspects. The shooting happened so quickly that it appears the suspects were never even able to return any fire. The armed employee hit one of the suspects in the groin and arm, and the other suspect in the abdomen and arm. The injured robbers fled the store on foot, but the armed employee followed after them while simultaneously calling the police and giving authorities a description of the two suspects. The suspects were later picked up after checking in to a nearby medical facility.

The manager of the store expressed gratitude for his employee’s actions and said that it might have been a different story if his employee wasn’t carrying a weapon with a concealed-carry license. “I think concealed carry is a great opportunity for managers, workers, employees to protect themselves in these cases. And our employee did a great job,” Neil Tadros, the store manager, told ABC 7.

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