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Exercising the Right

She Emptied the Gun

The Fox Affiliate out of Seattle reported on April 29 about a violent home invasion in Sultan, Washington. A 75-year-old man was home with his 80-year-old wife when he noticed a stranger standing on his front porch. When the elderly man looked up from watching TV, he noticed the suspect, who proceeded to quickly break down a door to gain entrance to the home. The seemingly deranged intruder began to viciously beat the homeowner on the head and stab him in the body. The man's octogenarian wife reacted quickly, retrieved a loaded firearm, and shot the assailant.

Snohomish County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Shari Ireton told q13fox.com that the wife called 911 and that when police arrived on the scene, the suspect was dead. Incredibly, the couple's adult child, who was sleeping at the scene, wasn't even awakened by all the shooting! Detectives believe that the attack was part of an attempted burglary and that the suspect and homeowners did not know each other. The stabbing victim was taken to a nearby medical center and is listed in serious condition. The Snohomish County Medical Examiner has identified the deceased suspect as a 25-year old male, who died from multiple gunshot wounds.

Neighbor Richard Cross, who knows the elderly couple, was grateful for the wife's actions: "It could have been a very bad situation.... It could have been three homicides over there instead of one intruder biting the dust.... She didn't think a second about it.... I mean it was just automatic. She emptied the gun."

Homeschooled Kid Shoots Intruder

Like something out of the Hollywood movie *Home Alone*, 11-year-old Chris Gaither shot a home intruder and later mocked him to the media for crying like a baby! Gaither, who is homeschooled, told Alabama broadcaster WVTM13 that the incident occurred in Talladega, Alabama, on April 27. Gaither was home alone during the day when a burglar broke in to the house and began stealing items. The burglar grabbed a laundry hamper and filled it with stolen items. Gaither confronted the burglar and told him to stop. Gaither explained to WVTM13 that he "told [the burglar] I was going to kill him and all that with a gun if he didn't get out of my house. He was coming down the stairs, and he told me he was going to kill me and f*** you and all that. I guess when I pulled the gun out on him, I guess he didn't think it was a real gun, because he didn't worry about it. He just kept on walking." The burglar's poor judgment would cost him, when Gaither fired his 9mm handgun at the intruder as he was carrying the laundry hamper filled with stolen property through the premises. "I shot through the hamper he was carrying. It was a full metal jacket bullet.... It went straight through the back of his leg. He started crying like a little baby," Gaither recounted.

Gaither, who was taught to shoot by his stepfather, fired 12 bullets at the man and hit him with his last shot. The injured suspect was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment of non-life threatening wounds.

Three Against One

The CBS affiliate in Dallas/Fort Worth reported on April 30 about a homeowner who stopped three men



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from burglarizing his home.

Though the homeowner was not home when the break-in was initiated, he was alerted by his security system, which sent a text to his phone. The man armed himself and raced home. When he arrived on the scene, he witnessed three young men exiting the rear of the house. The homeowner was fearful of their superior numbers but told them to halt. The suspects did not heed his commands, and he fired at them, hitting two suspects, one of whom was found dead at the scene by the arriving police. The other injured suspect was taken to a hospital, where he is listed in stable condition. The third suspect ran off, but the police are hot on his trail as of this writing.

The homeowner and multiple witnesses were brought to Dallas police headquarters and are being very cooperative with the investigation. The injured suspect will be charged with burglary of a habitation and taken to the Dallas County Jail upon being released from the hospital.

“We Don’t Call 911”

The Fox affiliate out of Indianapolis reported on March 24 about a homeowner who gave an intruder a fair warning of the consequences that could be expected for criminal behavior. Fox59.com reported that the home featured a sign above the main entrance to the house that said, “We don’t call 911,” with a decorative gun hanging below the writing. But the warning was not heeded.

A mother was home with her infant when an intruder tried climbing in through a window. Edsel Ballard, the woman’s father, told Fox59 that his daughter “heard the window get busted and she called her husband and said I think somebody’s breaking in the house.”

The woman’s brother, Eddie Ballard, told Fox59 that the suspect “broke in through the baby’s window, ok, and when he was coming out the door, my sister was coming out her bedroom door, he aimed and shot at her first and then she shot him.” The mother hit the suspect multiple times. Police were called to the scene, where they discovered the injured suspect, who was outfitted with a firearm, zip ties, and a walkie-talkie. He was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment. Thankfully, the infant was not hurt during the incident.

Indianapolis Metro Police Department Southwest District Commander Mike Spears told Fox59 that “shooting is very unusual in this area of our district.... When we have an incident like this as we do throughout the city, involving the use of a firearm, it’s something we take very personally and we want to get in front of and investigate aggressively.”

The father, Edsel Ballard, told the Indianapolis Metro Police Department that the burglary suspect should learn to read warning labels. “I think he definitely picked the wrong house,” Ballard told the station.

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