



## Exercising the Right

### Hip Shot

WDMT.com reported out of Dover, Delaware, on May 7 about a burglar who didn't get very far in an attempted break-in. Dover police say that a homeowner was awakened by the sounds of someone pounding on his back door. He grabbed his loaded firearm and went to investigate, only to discover a man forcefully kicking in his front door. The resident fired twice at the intruder and hit him in the hip. The injured suspect collapsed outside the home and was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment. Police say the burglar is now facing charges of second degree burglary and criminal mischief.

### Shirtless Invader

The *Seattle Times* reported on May 5 about a father who defended his family from a deranged attacker. Sergeant Jason Houck of the King County Sheriff's Office told the *Seattle Times* that a 19-year-old woman called 911 to report someone breaking in to her family's house. The suspect was clearly out of his mind. The young woman would later tell police that the man was not wearing a shirt and was yelling obscenities. The young woman and her 11-year-old sister locked themselves in a back room of the house with their parents. The lunatic kept up his attack and eventually broke through the front window and screen door by throwing lawn furniture, and gained entrance to the house. The father, fearing for the safety of his wife and children, grabbed his firearm and went to confront the attacker. Deputies arrived on the scene, and as they were approaching the house, they heard two gunshots. The father had fired at the demented intruder. One of the shots hit the suspect in the leg. The police soon took control of the situation and applied a tourniquet to the injured man's leg. The suspect was taken to a nearby hospital for treatment and was charged upon his release. Sergeant Houck said the father most likely will not be charged in the shooting.

King5.com reported out of western Washington about this home invasion, citing it as one of the recent events that caused an uptick in gun sales, owing to concerns from people about protecting their families from criminals. Chad Curtis, the manager at Wade's Eastside Guns, told King5.com that "it's a reminder to us all that it can happen, it can happen anywhere, it can happen to anybody."

Curtis said that if you're going to use a firearm in self-defense, you need to really make sure that you know what you're doing. "You have to think about what if someone is coming into your house, and trying to figure out what their intention is. Is their intention to do you harm? Is their intention to steal your property? Or is their intention to do both? And so trying to figure that out while it's happening can be extremely difficult and scary." Curtis told King5.com, "Do your research. It's really more than buying a gun. It's about taking classes, if you've never fired a gun of course. It's about other topics related to self-defense, like being aware and situational awareness."

### "Grandma's Okay"

The *Topeka Capital Journal* reported out of Topeka, Kansas, on May 9 about a man who was shot while trying to burglarize a residence. The incident occurred in the early morning, when the suspect attempted to break in to a home in a residential area that is a mile south of downtown Topeka.



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Eighty-four-year-old Charlotte Olmstead was home alone when she heard the sounds of someone trying to open her front door. The noises momentarily stopped, but then she heard the sound of glass shattering from the side of her house. She then heard the sound of glass breaking from another side of her house. Olmstead was terrified, but apparently the suspect was unable to successfully enter the house. The would-be intruder then moved to the house next door. The suspect tried to enter the house through a back basement door, which was locked. He then went around to the front of the home and broke the front door down. The suspect entered the house but was confronted by the homeowner, a 22-year-old man, who was armed. After a tense exchange, the homeowner fired at the intruder, injuring the man. Authorities were called to the scene by Olmstead, and they arrived to find the injured suspect. The suspect was taken to a hospital for medical treatment and will be charged upon his release. Cassandra Olmstead, the 37-year-old granddaughter of Charlotte Olmstead, told the *Topeka Capital Journal* that a lot of family members planned to come to Charlotte's aid and help her repair her home, which suffered damage from the break-in. "I'm just glad Grandma's okay.... That was my only concern," she said.

### **"You've Got to Kill Me Face-to-face"**

WXYZ.com reported on May 24 out of Detroit about an elderly couple whose bravery saved their lives. The incident occurred on the city's west side when an intruder burst in to the home and held Daniel McNamara and his wife at gunpoint.

The gunman ordered the couple into the basement. And the gunman told the husband and wife to turn around so that they wouldn't see his face, but the husband suspected nothing good would come from that. "He kept telling us to turn around, I said 'No, I'm not going to turn around,' I said 'You've got to kill me face to face,'" McNamara told WXYZ.com. The intruder became enraged. "He kept pointing the gun at my head and said, 'You don't think I'll kill you face to face?' I said 'I don't know, but you're going to have to because I'm not turning around,'" McNamara continued.

Fortunately for McNamara, he had a gun stored nearby and was able to retrieve it while the criminal had his head turned. McNamara quickly fired two shots at the suspect, and one of his shots hit the burglar. McNamara recounted how scared he was during the ordeal: "Of course I was scared, who wouldn't be? Some goon has a gun to your head and tells you he's going to shoot you because you've seen his face," McNamara told WXYZ.com. The injured suspect fled the scene, but was picked up in a local hospital by police. McNamara was grateful for having survived the invasion and cited divine intervention: "The Lord looked out for us today."



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