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Exercising the Right

Security Camera Helps

BucksLocalNews.com reported on June 3 about an attempted robbery at a pharmacy in Levittown, Pennsylvania. The Falls Township Police Department told BucksLocalNews.com that two men drove up outside the Pennsbury Pharmacy in a minivan, and an armed, masked man exited the vehicle and entered the store. The masked burglar held a shotgun and ran behind the counter to steal from the pharmacist, but the owner saw his approach via the store's security camera. The owner armed himself with a handgun as the suspect entered the store.

Lt. Henry Ward of the Falls Township Police Department told BucksLocalNews.com that the "intruder went into the store and went behind the counter in an attempt to rob the store ... [but the pharmacist] was prepared for the armed intruder.... And he began to shoot, striking the intruder numerous times. The intruder died at the scene." Police were able to corner the minivan with the driver still in the vehicle. The second suspect, the presumed getaway driver, surrendered to police and was taken into custody without incident.

The Well Armed Woman

The World-Herald News Service reported out of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on May 31 about a group for female gun enthusiasts called The Well Armed Woman (WAW). WAW was started by Carrie Lightfoot of Scottsdale, Arizona, as both a business and an organization of like-minded women, with the stated goal of being "where the feminine and firearms meet." WAW has grown to over 280 clubs in 49 states with more than 8,000 members. The World-Herald News Service reported on two chapters in the area and profiled widow Patricia Harrold, who had joined the club years ago and is now working to grow it. "After I lost my husband, I wanted a greater sense of being able to defend myself," she said. She explained that "it was easier to talk about self-defense with other women."

Other members of WAW expressed similar sentiments. Amy Kline Mosher of Council Bluffs told World-Herald News Service, "I've gone shooting with my boyfriend, but as a newcomer to the sport of shooting, I think I would be less intimidated going with other women until I become more proficient."

Carrie Lightfoot created the group after failing to find a resource for female gun owners and shooters when she had decided to purchase a gun. She decided to create an entity that could serve to help female gun owners and shooting enthusiasts network. WAW caters to women and helps them get past the intimidation they might otherwise feel when getting involved with firearms and shooting.

Harrold has gotten very involved in the organization and even helped start a new chapter. She explained that there is a need for WAW since female ownership of guns has skyrocketed. "A lot of firearms manufacturers, along with those who manufacture shooting accessories, are catering to us and our needs," Harrold told the World-Herald News Service.

Transient Invasion

The NBC affiliate in Los Angeles reported on June 18 about an intruder who broke into a man's house and threatened the resident with a hunting knife. The 60-year-old homeowner told police that he had gone out into his backyard, and when he returned to his house, he encountered the disheveled suspect



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standing in his living room. The deranged intruder was armed with a large hunting knife. The homeowner grabbed his handgun and ordered the intruder to leave. The knife-wielding man refused to comply and began waving his knife as he advanced toward the homeowner. The homeowner fired his handgun, hitting the suspect in the abdomen with one shot. The homeowner called 911, and police arrived on the scene to find the injured suspect. The wounded trespasser was known by authorities to be a transient from the area. The man was taken to a nearby medical facility for treatment.

Masked Men Attack Motel

The *Daytona Beach News-Journal* reported out of Daytona Beach, Florida, on June 14 about a criminal trio who tried robbing a resident at a local motel. Holly Hill Police Chief Stephen Aldrich told the newspaper that the men tried forcing their way into the room of 18-year-old Sebastien Rawley. Rawley, who was able to arm himself with a handgun, fired at the intruders, who immediately fled. Chief Aldrich explained that two of the men wore “costume masks” and ran off toward the rear of the hotel. Police who arrived on the scene discovered pepper spray in the parking lot, which they believe was dropped by the suspects as they fled. While investigating the scene, police said they were notified that someone was admitted to a nearby hospital with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. Investigators believe that the wounded individual is related to the shooting.

Like Father, Like Son?

The Associated Press reported on June 24 about a burglar who turned out to be a former professional football player. The incident took place in Portland, Oregon, where a homeowner shot an intruder and called 911. When authorities arrived, they found the injured suspect in a water fountain in the backyard of the house. He was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment and is expected to make a full recovery. The Multnomah County Sheriff’s Office intends to charge the suspect with burglary and criminal trespass once he is released. The wounded intruder turned out to be former Detroit Lions cornerback Stanley Wilson II, who played three seasons for the Lions, from 2005 to 2007, after playing college ball at Stanford. In an ironic twist, Wilson II is the son of former Cincinnati Bengals running back Stanley Wilson, Sr., whose own problems with cocaine addiction led to him eventually being banned from the NFL. The elder Wilson infamously binged on cocaine right before the 1989 Super Bowl, resulting in his third strike with the NFL and causing his ouster from playing professional football. Tragically, years after Wilson, Sr.’s professional football career was unceremoniously ended, he was convicted of stealing \$130,000 from a Beverly Hills property and was sentenced to 22 years in a state prison.

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