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## Exercising the Right

### Caught in the Act

TribLive.com reported out of Pittsburgh on September 16 about an attempted break-in that was thwarted by an armed homeowner. A resident called police to report that an intruder tried breaking in to the man's home through a locked first-floor window. The homeowner was home at the time and heard the sounds of the would-be burglar attempting to open the window. The homeowner dialed 911 while simultaneously retrieving his firearm. He then confronted the criminal. The homeowner fired at the suspect, who immediately fled the scene.

Police soon arrived and found 37-year-old Daniel Carmen Dandries in a vehicle that was parked near the scene of the attempted break-in. Police detained Dandries, and the homeowner identified him as the suspect who tried breaking in to his house moments earlier. Police arrested Dandries, and after searching him, authorities say they found him in possession of an item that was reported missing from the house the week before. Detectives investigated and say they have palm prints that match Dandries' from the window where the attempted break-in occurred. Dandries is currently being charged with attempted burglary, burglary, and receiving stolen property.

### CCTV Footage

Patch.com reported on September 17 about a deadly home invasion in Lawrenceville, Georgia, that was caught on tape. A home-security camera recorded the incident, which occurred a little before 4:00 a.m., in black and white. The footage revealed that three men broke in to a house through the front door, and the house had boxes stacked throughout the front room. The homeowner is the owner of a local Asian restaurant, and authorities believe the incident was an attempted robbery. The footage of the home invasion showed that the three men were all armed as they barged through the door and ran through the house.

The homeowner later told authorities that she was awakened by the sounds and grabbed her handgun to investigate.

The shooting began almost immediately, and the intruders seemed both completely caught off guard and terrified. The homeowner came out firing at the armed intruders, and they immediately scrambled to leave the house. It's hard to see in the video, but the homeowner actually hit one of the suspects in his torso, fatally wounding him. Two of the men fled the house, while one returned fire at the homeowner. The injured suspect was treated at the scene of the crime by emergency medical technicians, but he could not be revived.

Gwinnett County Police spokeswoman Corporal Michele Pihera told the *Washington Post*, "[The homeowner] has every right to defend herself.... She is to be commended for not only saving her life, but also the life of her roommate."

Authorities say the two other suspects are still at large, but police feel confident that the men will be apprehended since they have their faces on the video recording.



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## “Up to No Good”

News4SanAntonio reported out of San Antonio, Texas, on September 2 about a property owner who faced overwhelming odds but still survived. The man had been keeping his tools in a storage area when he discovered it had been targeted by thieves. The incident occurred in the middle of the night when the property owner confronted three men allegedly attempting to take his tools from his storage shed. The property owner said that one of the suspects lunged at him and he was in fear for his life when he fired his gun at the burglar. That suspect was hit multiple times in both his leg and torso. San Antonio police later investigated the scene and discovered that the pickup truck of the injured burglar was likewise riddled with bullets. The injured suspect was driven to a nearby medical facility by his accomplices, who were all arrested by police.

“All indications at this time appear that he was justified, he was defending himself, he was protecting his property and these guys were ... up to no good taking his stuff,” said San Antonio Police Sergeant Jesse Salame told News4SanAntonio.

Neighbor Alejandro Rodriguez told News4SanAntonio that the property owner “has a right to defend himself and to protect his property and his hard earned work that he has done and his money.” Rodriguez drew a comparison to how his own business had suffered when he was robbed a couple years prior: “Something that we built together was destroyed. There was money lost, there was property lost.” Rodriguez also said that using force like that sends a message to all would-be criminals: “With the outcome of last night, I don’t think there will be many people taking the chance again, now that they know he is ready to protect himself.”

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