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Exercising the Right

Surveillance Cameras Record Shooting

Dave Gibbons installed surveillance cameras in his business, Gibbons Auto Service, after he was the victim of two break-ins in the past year. The *La Crosse Tribune* in Holmen, Wisconsin, reported on October 10 that Gibbons, who lives in an apartment above his business, was jarred awake by the sounds of car doors slamming in the middle of the night. Gibbons checked his security cameras and saw images of an intruder breaking in through the front door with a crow bar and then rummaging through his office. Gibbons grabbed his pistol and told his wife to dial 911 while he went downstairs to investigate. Gibbons confronted the intruder, who was wearing a ski mask and a hooded sweatshirt. Gibbons yelled for the burglar to halt, but the intruder didn't respond and moved toward Gibbons, who backed up a bit and then fired. The intruder, who turned out to be female, appeared shocked and disoriented and asked whether Gibbons would shoot her. "And I told her, 'I think I just did.'"

The intruder was later identified by law enforcement as a "serial burglar," 37-year-old Amy Zielke. Gibbons also recognized her as a former customer. Zielke was treated for her gunshot wound at a nearby medical facility and booked into the county jail on a burglary charge. Zielke has a string of prior arrests for similar crimes and was even charged earlier this year with burglary. Court records show that some of her earlier break-ins were attempts to get drug money. Zielke was ordered to complete drug compliance in June, but the attempt to get clean and sober obviously was unsuccessful, as evidenced by her latest break-in. Zielke would later confess to the burglary and tell authorities she had been using methamphetamine and alcohol at the time of the crime.

4 Thugs vs. 1 AK-47

A jewelry-store owner in Conroe, Texas, in the Houston metropolitan area, recently defended his business from armed robbers with an AK-47 rifle. The *Conroe Courier* reported on October 3 that the owner, Jeffrey Turner, Jr., was in the store with customers and employees when four armed men dressed all in black barged in and demanded money, jewelry, and other items. Turner, who stored an AK-47 under his counter, ran to retrieve it. One of the armed men saw Turner trying to grab the firearm and started shooting first. Turner pulled out his AK-47 and returned fire. The Montgomery County Police reported that two other employees also fired at the gun-firing suspect. A gunfight ensued, with multiple rounds being fired. Several windows in the store were shot out. Conroe Police Lt. Dorcy McGinnis told the *Courier*, "There was a lot of gunfire." The suspect who made the mistake of shooting was hit multiple times.

The other three suspects fled the scene in a white car and are being sought by authorities. The injured suspect died at the scene, owing to the severity of his gunshot wounds. The *Conroe Courier* reported that the suspect's body was discovered lying in the doorway among the shattered glass. Turner's attorney told the *Courier*, "You always have a right to defend yourself, especially when the robber shoots at you."

Alice Long, who works at a nearby business, told the *Conroe Courier* that she heard what she "thought was a car backfiring," followed by the sounds of sirens. Long also said that she remembers the last time the jewelry store had an attempted robbery: "I had not been here six months when they got hit." A



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review of that incident showed that the business had not even opened yet when a plumber's van backed in front of the business and five men exited the vehicle and used sledgehammers to smash in the door of the business. One of the employees pulled out a shotgun, and the robbers fled the scene after seeing it. One can assume that Turner is grateful he upgraded to an AK-47.

The fact that the store owner was able to use his AK-47 to successfully defend his business from multiple, armed burglars highlights the utility that semi-automatic rifles provide in terms of self-defense. Even though these types of weapons are constantly being held out by the anti-gun media as a threat to the public, they provide their owners with a very effective way to deal with armed intruders.

Army of One

ABC affiliate News5 Cleveland reported on October 10 about an Army veteran in Akron, Ohio, who showed a much younger trespasser that he still had some fight in him after all these years. The vet, 66-year-old Craig Noggle, was forced to use a firearm to defend himself after a neighbor allegedly forced his way into Noggle's home. Noggle told News5 Cleveland that the neighbor, Daniel Givens, had had arguments with Noggle in the past because Noggle criticized Givens for driving down the street too fast and for peering into the homes of other neighbors. Noggle told News5 Cleveland that Givens came knocking on his door early on a Sunday morning. Though Givens walked away when Noggle didn't answer, he soon returned to knock on the door a second time. Noggle sensed foul play and retrieved his pistol. Noggle approached the door and told Givens that he was armed and that Givens should not try entering the house. Noggle told News5 Cleveland that he yelled to Givens, "You try to come in through this door, I'm gonna shoot you!" Givens questioned whether Noggle was truly armed and then forced his way into the house.

Noggle has had his share of health problems in the past, which included three strokes and two heart attacks, so he was concerned with his ability to fight Givens off: "I thought, 'I'm an old guy. I got to face up to this. I'm just not going to be able, I don't know if I can take this guy.'" Noggle's concerns proved to be legitimate as the younger Givens allegedly punched Noggle and knocked him to the ground. But Noggle was able to get to his knees and get off a shot at Givens' leg. Givens suffered an injury to his ankle and fled the scene. Authorities arrived and found Givens at his house, so they took him to the hospital for treatment. Noggle didn't suffer any serious injuries beyond some bruises from the scuffle. Givens was charged with assault and aggravated burglary after being released from the hospital, and is currently being held in the county jail.

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