



Exercising the Right

Daring Daytime Burglary

WLWT reported out of Cincinnati, on March 19 about a home intruder who didn't make it very far with his plans to burglarize a Madisonville home. The incident occurred shortly after noon, when police received a call of a possible burglary in progress. The first responders who arrived on the scene discovered 34-year-old Tyrone Frazier lying in the front yard with a gunshot wound. He was transported to a nearby medical facility, where he was pronounced dead upon arrival. Investigators are still collecting evidence, but police believe Frazier might have been attempting to break in to the house when he was shot one time by the home's occupant.

Next-door neighbor Marlene Smith described what she saw to WLWT: "They started doing CPR on him and they did that all the way to the ambulance." Smith expressed surprise about what happened and said that the homeowners were model neighbors. "It was a little upsetting. I mean they're very good neighbors. We've been neighbors for over 18 years so they're very good neighbors." Smith remained confused about what happened. "I don't have any idea. I don't. That's why it's just, it hasn't really hit me. But I have no idea."

Neighbor Ian Jansen told WLWT that he came home and "saw a couple of vans parked out front, crime unit van and a couple of police officers. That's about it. We were kind of surprised to see all of the commotion across the street."

"It's surprising that it took place in this neighborhood, especially in the daytime," neighbor Dave Kappesser told WLWT.

Tied Up but Trouble

Fox News reported out of Las Vegas on March 16 about a burglary where the perpetrators tied up their victims. The burglars entered a house and tied up a man and woman who were there. As the two victims lay tied up on the ground, the burglars ransacked the house, looking for money or valuable property they could steal. One can only imagine the terrifying thoughts going through the heads of the tied-up victims as the criminals tore through the home. Thankfully, unbeknownst to the burglars, the male victim was able to break free from his restraints and retrieve a firearm. The now-armed homeowner confronted the two burglars and opened fire on them. His aim must have been good because he shot both men, fatally injuring one of the suspects. The surviving burglar fled the scene with a serious gunshot wound. Amazingly, the bleeding suspect was able to drive himself to a nearby hospital, where he received treatment for the gunshot wound. The surviving burglary suspect was later identified as 21-year-old Arnold Morales by law enforcement, and he was charged for his involvement in the crime.

The female resident of the house did suffer a gunshot wound to her arm, but police are still trying to determine if she was shot by the burglary suspects or the male homeowner in the melee that occurred when the shooting began. Neighbors were irate at the news of the crime in their normally peaceful neighborhood and were adamant in their support of the homeowner's actions. "I would've shot him a couple more times to make sure he was dead, absolutely, there's no cause, no reason to be that way, to steal, to rob," Tom Shiloh told Fox News.

Others expressed concern about their own safety from criminals. "I wish I still own a gun. I used to, I



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wish I still did,” Lisa Warren told Fox News.

“Justifiable Homicide”

The NBC affiliate in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, WCBD, reported on March 15 about a home invasion by a woman and man that ended with one suspect killed and another in custody. Moncks Corner Police Chief Rick Ollic told WCBD that officers responding to a call of a break-in arrived to find the lifeless body of one of the alleged intruders lying on the ground in front of the house. Chief Ollic described the details that investigators were able to piece together by interviewing witnesses and reviewing the evidence. Chief Ollic said that the female suspect, Juanita Marie English, walked to the front door of the house, wearing an identification designed to look like the local homeowners association badge. The woman asked the homeowner a few questions and after he opened his door, she signaled to a man waiting in a nearby car. A masked man armed with a gun with a laser sight emerged from the vehicle and began running toward the house. The homeowner immediately reacted to the impending burglary by slamming his door and locking it. The male burglar, later identified as Elijah Akeem White, Jr., burst the door open and entered the house. Fortunately, the homeowner was prepared to protect his family and had his own firearm loaded and ready. The burglar fired at the homeowner, who returned fire, hitting the criminal multiple times. Chief Ollic told WBCD that “when he [White] came to that residence and broke his way into the residence he was armed with a handgun, masked and gloved at the time of the incident.... The homeowner at that location, protecting his family, returned fire at the subject killing him as a result of the incident.”

Berkeley County Coroner Bill Salisbury told WBCD that the shooting was a justifiable homicide: “We will be ruling the manner of death as a homicide, but it was a justifiable homicide. In Berkeley County, if you kick someone’s door in and you get shot, as long as I’m the coroner, it is going to be a justifiable homicide.”

Chief Ollic said that the burglars apparently had planned the crime and were prepared for the worst. “Not only was he [White] armed with a handgun, mask and gloves but we also retrieved from him rope which I believe he was going to tie up victims with if he got into the residence.” Chief Ollic also said that White had a very long arrest record and convictions for armed robbery and even inciting riots in prison. The female accomplice is in the Berkeley County Jail, facing charges of burglary in the first degree and conspiracy. At the time of this printing, it was not yet known if she would be charged with felony murder, which is when an accomplice to a felony is charged with the murder of anyone who dies during the commission of the crime even if the suspect was not directly responsible for the death.

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