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Exercising the Right Gun Control Via Zoning?

It would appear that anti-gun activists never stop dreaming up new ways to attack the Second Amendment. The Associated Press reported on October 10 about a federal appeals court ruling that held a local zoning ordinance which made it virtually impossible to open a new gun store in a populated area was not in violation of the Second Amendment. The ruling by the Ninth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a county ordinance in California that banned the opening of a new gun store “within 500 feet (152 meters) of schools, day-care centers, residential areas, liquor stores and other gun shops.” A majority of the 11-judge panel voted to uphold the law in a decision drafted by Judge Marsha Berzon, who wrote, “Gun buyers have no right to have a gun store in a particular location, at least as long as their access is not meaningfully constrained.” The decision also stated that there is no constitutional right to sell guns.

The ordinance was originally passed by the county of Alameda, which is in the San Francisco Bay Area. This decision was a disappointment for local gun groups because it overturned a Ninth Circuit decision from last year that held that the Second Amendment did protect the right to open a gun store and that governments must have a justifiable reason to place restrictions on gun stores.

Best-laid Plans

The Fox affiliate in Detroit reported on October 10 about an attempted robbery that was quickly ended by a Concealed Pistol License (CPL) holder. Fox 2 reported that the whole incident was caught on tape by high-definition surveillance cameras right outside a mini-mart on the city’s east side. The video shows two men standing by a car as another man approaches wearing a hoodie. The hooded man then pulls a gun from his pocket and points it at the two men. One of the robbery victims, the CPL holder, swats the suspect’s gun away while he pulls out his own gun and opens fire. The robbery suspect and the CPL holder exchange gunfire, but the suspect looks to be hit almost immediately and falls to the ground. The other robbery victim, the cousin of the CPL holder, accidentally runs through the crossfire to get away and ends up getting shot as well. Authorities were called to the scene, and both the injured suspect and the wounded cousin were taken for treatment. Both are expected to make full recoveries.

The robbery suspect was later identified as 29-year-old Sanchez Quinn. Quinn’s mother, Cynthia Quinn, rushed to the hospital when she heard he had been shot but was shocked to learn that he was the prime suspect in an attempted robbery. “When I went to my son’s room I was stopped by two police officers (who) told me to get out of my son’s room.... ‘Why you here? You can’t be here.’... All I want to do is see my son to see if he’s alright.”

The CPL holder talked to Fox 2 about the incident, and he explained that with everything happening so quickly, he was grateful that he reacted the way he did. “I turned and looked and saw the other gentleman had a gun pointed at my face.... I was able to knock his hand down and the gunfire rang out.” The CPL holder was told by local law enforcement that it was good that he was legally armed because it probably saved his and his cousin’s lives. “It makes me mad because you have people out here that work every day. They are innocent; you want to take from them.... These guys, I definitely feel don’t need to be back out on the street because someone else might get hurt and it might happen in a



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different way.”

Gun vs. Crowbar

The *Chicago Sun Times* reported on October 8 about a 60-year-old homeowner with a valid Firearm Owner Identification Card, which is required for gun ownership in the state of Illinois and is popularly referred to as a FOID card, who put his firearm to good use. Shortly before 11 p.m., an intruder tried forcing his way into the man’s house using a crowbar. The homeowner confronted the suspect and opened fire on him. The suspect was hit multiple times and was taken by first responders to a nearby medical facility in critical condition. Charges are pending against the 44-year-old suspect for the burglary.

Gun Jam

The NBC affiliate in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, reported on September 29 about a criminal who targeted a man in a church parking lot. The incident occurred in Horry County, South Carolina, in the parking lot of the Grand Strand Baptist Church. A 46-year-old man was at the church checking on it for security purposes when the suspect approached him, asking him for change. After the man gave the suspect change, the suspect took out a handgun, pointed it at the victim’s stomach, and told him to give him all his money. The victim did what he was told, and the suspect began to leave the parking lot. However, the victim pulled out his own gun. Upon seeing the victim holding a firearm, the suspect immediately fired at the victim, but the bullet hit the suspect’s car. The victim returned fire, hitting the suspect. As the suspect tried firing his weapon again, the gun jammed, and the victim was able to empty his clip at the suspect.

The suspect ran from the scene, but collapsed in a nearby restaurant parking lot, owing to the severity of his injuries. Emergency medical personal arrived on the scene and treated him before transporting him to a nearby hospital. Police retrieved the gun they believe the suspect threw on the ground as he fled. The victim approached the responding officers and explained what had occurred prior to their arrival. Jerry Pelfrey, an associate pastor of Grand Strand Baptist Church, explained that the robbery victim actually followed the suspect and was responsible for the suspect quickly receiving medical treatment. “The person from our church that was involved followed him, asking him what he could do to help, ‘let me call an ambulance,’ ... At that point one of our other members called an ambulance; we had a medic on the scene and at that point he went out and treated the young man.”

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