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Exercising the Right

Dog Bites Man, Man Shoots Dog

CBS Boston reported on October 21 about a terrifying incident in Manchester, New Hampshire, that involved a pair of aggressive pit bulls. Richard D'Amour was out walking his five-year-old lab mix named Molly when he observed two loose pit bulls running down the street. D'Amour turned and began running with Molly back toward his house, but the pit bulls began chasing them. A man who was driving nearby saw what was going on and turned his vehicle into the path of the dogs in an attempt to divert them. This bought D'Amour enough time to get to his rear porch, but before he could enter his house, one of the pit bulls lunged at Molly and clamped down on her neck. D'Amour tried to get the pit bull off his dog, but the animal would not stop its attack.

D'Amour is a licensed pistol owner, and he was carrying his gun on him that day. He pulled out his firearm and fired it into the pit bull's upper torso, fatally wounding the animal. D'Amour suffered some bites during the struggle, and Molly is healing from serious wounds.

D'Amour told CBS that the pit bull "wouldn't let go and I thank God the other guy who stopped me, he came and helped me, we tried to separate the two dogs and we just couldn't and this guy's a big guy he was punching the living hell out of the pit bull and it wouldn't let go so then I pulled my weapon out and I shot the dog."

"It's an unfortunate incident but thank God I was carrying," D'Amour told CBS. He said the owner of the pit bulls expressed regret about what happened and admitted that D'Amour's actions were justified. Authorities are still investigating but, at this point, no charges are expected to be filed.

City of Good Neighbors

The NBC affiliate in Greenville County, South Carolina, reported on October 20 about a neighbor who truly exemplified the type of behavior you would want in a person who lives next to you. The Greenville County Sheriff's Office investigators said that on October 12, three thugs went to a house and held the homeowner at gunpoint, demanding money. Fortunately for the homeowner, his neighbor witnessed the crime unfolding, retrieved his own firearm, and intervened. The neighbor shot one of the three men at least once. The wounded suspect later was pronounced dead at a nearby hospital by the Greenville County coroner. The deceased suspect's accomplices are both being charged with first-degree burglary, attempted armed robbery, possession of a weapon during a violent crime, criminal conspiracy, and kidnapping, according to the Greenville County Sheriff's Office.

Off-duty Cop Shoots Burglar

The *Baltimore Sun* reported on October 20 about a crime that involved an armed intruder being killed with his own weapon. The incident unfolded when the suspect decided to break in to a home with the intention of burglarizing it. Unbeknownst to the suspect, his would-be victim was actually an off-duty Baltimore police officer. The homeowner was awakened by the noise of the break-in and confronted the intruder shortly after the man entered the officer's house. The off-duty cop was able to wrest the suspect's gun from him and fire at the suspect. Authorities were soon called to the scene, and they took the injured suspect for treatment at a nearby medical facility, where he was pronounced dead.



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Police have come under increased scrutiny whenever they are involved in shootings that result in the death of a suspect, and have started wearing body cameras. There have been four such shootings so far this year in Baltimore, and all of them have been recorded on body cameras. This shooting by the off-duty officer was not captured on video, owing to the circumstances. Police spokesman Jarrod Jackson told the *Baltimore Sun*, “What makes this investigation different from other police-involved shootings is that the police officer in this incident was the victim of a burglary.” “He wasn’t working. He didn’t have his body-worn camera on. He wasn’t responding to a call for service.” The investigation is still ongoing, but police believe the officer’s actions were justified.

Actress Gets Heat for Photo With Gun

An article at Bearing Arms reported on October 26 about an actress who gained a lot of attention after posting a picture on Instagram. NCIS star Maria Bello posted a photo on Instagram of her posing with an AR-15. Many fans reacted positively to the photo, but some expressed anger, especially in the wake of the recent Las Vegas shooting. One fan wrote that the image was “shameful” and that, after the mass shooting in Vegas, the photo was in poor taste. “Always been a fan, but glamorizing assault weapons after Vegas is clumsy at best, callous at worst. One less fan. Good luck with ‘NCIS.’” wrote the fan. But the positive comments so outnumbered the negative ones that the article’s author, Tom Knighton, commented: “While Bello did get a backlash, the Second Amendment community has stepped up and offered her a lot of support. In fact, it’s now almost impossible to find the negative comments amid the sea of support from the 2A crowd.”

Man Dressed as Woman Burglarizes Home

KSLA.com reported out of Shreveport, Louisiana, on September 24 about a suspect who decided to “dress up” before committing a crime. Authorities report that a Shreveport man was dressed up like a woman when he allegedly tried breaking in to a house. The homeowner was home at the time, and confronted the suspect in the act before opening fire on him. The homeowner shot the burglar in the chest one time, which resulted in the injured suspect being taken to a nearby medical facility. Authorities plan to charge the suspect with one count of simple burglary when he is released from the hospital.

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