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Exercising the Right Carjacked the Wrong Guy

ABC News reported on February 28 about a Wisconsin man who successfully stopped a carjacker from stealing his car. The incident occurred in the parking lot of the company where the man is employed as a machinist. Milwaukee Machine Tool Corp. is located in a high-crime section of the city and, as a result, its employees are typically prepared to defend themselves if necessary. The Machine Tool worker involved in the ordeal had a concealed-carry permit, and he used his gun to fatally shoot the suspect. Witnesses say the employee had just pulled into the parking lot and was parking his car when a silver SUV pulled right up behind him and the suspect leapt out of the passenger side of the SUV armed with a gun and ran up to the employee's car. The employee quickly pulled out his own gun and fired at the carjacker, fatally injuring him. Once the driver of the SUV heard the shots, he quickly drove away, leaving his mortally wounded partner in crime to die lying in the parking lot.

Co-worker Gabriel Alwin witnessed the whole thing and told Fox6 that, at the time of the shooting, it was "pitch dark." Alwin also said that carjacking is a frequent occurrence in the area, and employees are always prepared for such a crime. "You gotta watch for carjackers.... It's a war zone, so you're used to carjackers. You're used to murderers. You gotta watch out for stuff like that. If not you're a victim — I'm not trying to be a victim." Alwin also said that most of the company's employees carry concealed and try to be ready for criminals. "I think everybody around here pretty much carries. We got guys that carry here and I've told them when we pull in here and we're waiting, put it right on your lap. Put it on your lap and we face the gate. We back in so our fronts are facing the gate open. Everything is conscious of what's going on in this area," Alwin said.

Dean Hazen of Urbana, Illinois, is a retired police officer who now prepares people for having a concealed-carry permit. Hazen told ABC News that while gun owners should be prepared to defend themselves, they should always try to avoid taking a life if possible. "It's a terrible thing, the worst thing you can possibly do in your life with never-ending consequences.... The intent is never to kill anybody. The intent is to stop the threat. Whether they live or die is not up to you."

Authorities say the investigation is ongoing, and the worker is fully cooperating.

Man With AR-15 Stops Violent Attack

The AR-15 has been in the news a lot lately as the anti-gun, left-wing media has continued to treat it as a threat to public safety and are working relentlessly to smear any AR-15 owner as a potential mass shooter. But a story out of Oswego Township, Illinois, showed us there are indeed AR-15 owners out there who have good intentions and that the AR-15 can be used as a non-violent deterrent. Patch.com reported on February 27 about a man who used an AR-15 to stop a violent attack without even firing the weapon. Police say a domestic dispute between two neighbors in an apartment complex escalated into a knife attack where one neighbor repeatedly stabbed another neighbor. The entire violent stabbing was witnessed by a third man named Dave Thomas. Thomas would later tell police that he saw blood all over the hallway and decided he had to help. Thomas, who teaches a concealed-carry course, ran back to his residence and grabbed his AR-15. Wielding the weapon, Thomas ran back to the scene of the violent attack and pointed his AR-15 at the attacker. Thomas told WGN-TV that he chose the AR-15 because it's



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a “bigger gun, I think a little more of an intimidation factor. Definitely played a part in him actually stopping.” Thomas also told WGN-TV that the attacker stopped once he was staring down the barrel of an AR-15. Thomas said the suspect was a “half a breath away from getting his head blown off and he knew that.... That’s why he put the knife down.” Thomas ordered the suspect to stop the violent attack and then held him at gunpoint until law enforcement arrived.

Thomas explained to WGN-TV that he prefers the AR-15 for multiple reasons: “The AR-15 is my weapon of choice for home protection.... It’s light, it’s maneuverable. If you train and know how to use it properly, it’s not dangerous. And this is just a perfect example of good guy with an AR-15 stopped a bad guy with a knife. And there were no lives taken, so all in all it was a good day.”

Indeed, this is not the only example of an AR-15 being successfully used as a defensive weapon. Scott Morefield wrote an article on Townhall.com on February 26 about multiple examples of when the AR-15 was used to save lives and defend innocent victims from their violent attackers. Morefield concluded his piece with the following astute observation about how the anti-gun mainstream media’s attempt to demonize AR-15 owners is completely out of touch with the reality. “If, as even the most rabid gun control proponent would admit when pressed, the vast majority of America’s approximately 15 million AR-15 owners would use their weapons for self-defense rather than for unlawful purposes, what justification can possibly [be] made for disarming these people in an effort to try to disarm criminals who wouldn’t follow the law anyway? In the end there’s no logical justification, only empty rhetoric.”

Off-duty Cop Ends Gas Station Robbery

AM New York reported on March 6 that an armed robbery was stopped by the brave actions of an off-duty police officer. Two armed men tried to rob a gas station in Brooklyn, but an off-duty cop witnessed the hold-up inside the gas-station booth. The officer walked up to the booth, pulled out his own gun, and aimed it at both suspects. The cop yelled to the suspects to stop and identified himself as a police officer. Instead of complying with the officer’s lawful orders, the two suspects turned their weapons toward the cop. The officer’s training kicked in, and he fired at the suspects, hitting one of the men in the torso. The other suspect ran from the scene, leaving his injured accomplice behind. The wounded suspect was transported to a nearby medical facility, where he later died owing to the severity of his wound. The investigation is ongoing.

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