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Exercising the Right

Good Worker With a Gun

The mainstream media allowed one shooting story recently to fly below their radar, perhaps because it supported the contention that a "good guy with a gun" can help prevent gun violence.

Winknews.com reported on June 3 out of Cape Coral, Florida, about how a crime at a roofing business was foiled when an armed worker intervened. Police say the worker was a concealed-carry permit holder, and authorities do not expect any charges for the shooting since his actions appeared to be justified. The suspect, Kevin Bruzos, is a convicted felon who illegally had a gun.

Details are still sketchy about what preceded the shooting, but Bruzos was charged with criminal assault, so it appears that he pulled his gun in an attempt to menace and threaten some of the roofing business employees. A worker who was standing beside the people that Bruzos pointed his gun at witnessed Bruzos pull his gun, so he immediately drew his own firearm and shot Bruzos. Surveillance video of the incident revealed Bruzos being shot almost immediately after pulling out a gun, which shows the speed with which the armed worker acted. The suspect is in stable condition at Lee Memorial Hospital. Bruzos had prior convictions for third-degree battery, drug possession, and criminal mischief.

Views Can Change

Surprisingly, not all opinions about the Second Amendment are set in stone. In a May 30 editorial in the Daily Caller, H.A. Goodman wrote about his journey from a staunch advocate of gun control to a defender of the Second Amendment. Goodman detailed his past as a liberal writer for the Huffington Post who regularly attacked gun ownership and tried shooting holes through arguments in defense of the Second Amendment. One argument in particular that Goodman had fixated on was the ability of private citizens to overthrow their government through the use of firearms. Goodman had cited the failed Whiskey Rebellion in his rationale as an example of a time when an armed populace was unable to overthrow its government. This argument led to a rebuttal in the *American Conservative* by Grayson Quay, who pointed out that Goodman only had to look back a little further to see an example of when an armed populace successfully rebelled against their government. Quay wrote, "Since he never mentions it, I can only assume Mr. Goodman hasn't heard of the successful American Revolution, which just a few years earlier had succeeded in throwing off British rule and establishing the very nation against which the Whiskey rebels revolted."

It was this simple response that made Goodman reevaluate his original position, along with some current events that seemed to support the need for an armed populace. Those other events included the continuing derangement being expressed by the FBI and their mouthpieces in the media, which gave Goodman pause to consider whether he really trusted federal agents to be the only ones who have access to firearms. "After witnessing the union of the Democratic Party and former spy chiefs James Clapper, James Comey and John Brennan, I slowly realized my trust in the federal government had been naive. Of course, I'd never advocate an armed rebellion, but the fact [that] 37 percent of American families own some type of firearm ensures that unelected officials think twice about the extent of their schemes. If intelligence chiefs like Brennan and Clapper can lie under oath without perjury charges, or James Comey can overlook Clinton's private server (storing SAP intelligence) because of 'intent,'



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imagine the extent of their chicanery with a disarmed population. The Second Amendment isn't necessarily a call to arms — it's an inconvenient reality for unelected officials who continually act with impunity and without government oversight," Goodman wrote in the Daily Caller.

Goodman also noted that the proposed gun-control measures trumpeted by the Democrats and the media would not have even prevented many of these recent high-profile shootings. As a matter of fact, Goodman noted how it was actually the feds who had missed many red flags or completely botched the job when it came to preventing these attacks using laws that are already on the books. Goodman even went so far as to agree with President Trump and the NRA that schools need armed guards to prevent mass shootings. "The NRA is correct; schools need armed guards, like the heroic resource officers in Illinois and Florida, who prevented massacres and stopped armed killers before they reached innocent lives," Goodman wrote.

Goodman was so energized by his newfound conversion that he recently joined both the NRA and Gun Owners of America and denounced the "groupthink" he ascribed to that, he said, "hurts law-abiding citizens and does nothing to prevent the next deranged copycat criminal."

Killer Clown

In a really bizarre story out of Holly Hill, Florida, the *Daytona Beach News-Journal* reported on May 27 about a man in a clown mask who attacked a Little Caesar's pizza shop employee. Surveillance video from the store showed the mask-wearing man pacing the parking lot before the employee left for the night. As soon as the employee exited the store, the clown mask-wearing man began assaulting him. The clown mask the suspect was wearing looked like a demonic monster with blood on its face. The suspect also was armed with a wooden pole and a pair of scissors, which he used in his attack on his victim. Fortunately, the employee was a licensed concealed-carry permit holder and had his firearm on him. The employee said he was in fear for his life, and he fired at his attacker multiple times at a close range.

The employee suffered injuries to his face and shoulder area and needed medical treatment. Police arrived on the scene to discover the suspect lying on the ground. The suspect was transported to a nearby medical facility, where he was later pronounced dead. Holly Hill police are still investigating the incident but are treating it as an attempted robbery. The investigation did reveal that the deceased suspect had a criminal history, including a recent crime wherein he attempted to rob a pizza delivery driver.

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