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Exercising the Right

Violent Domestic Dispute

Fox 4 reported out of Kansas City, Missouri, on November 7 about a man with a gun who stopped a violent domestic dispute from turning deadly.

Benjamin Seadorf is credited with saving a woman from a vicious beating that was happening right in front of her kids. Seadorf was at home with his children when he heard what he described as “blood-curdling screams.” He told Fox 4 that the woman “definitely was in fear of her life.... She was screaming at the top of her lungs, profusely bawling. She just kept screaming, ‘Help me! Help! Somebody, please help me!’ over and over again.” Seadorf is a licensed gun owner and quickly retrieved his 9-millimeter handgun and ran toward the source of the yelling. He witnessed a man beating a woman inside a car.

Police later identified the suspect as 33-year-old Alarick Williams. Seadorf said Williams had ripped off some of the woman’s clothing and was beating her in front of the pair’s three children, who were inside the vehicle. “I was completely in shock that he started beating on her and forcing her in the car.... As I get close to the vehicle, I noticed her top’s ripped off. She has no shirt on, her bra is halfway off.” Seadorf pointed his gun at Williams and told him to leave the woman alone. Williams complied with Seadorf’s verbal commands and was arrested by Kansas City police. The police later told Fox 4 that Williams had violently shoved the woman into the vehicle after a dispute and strangled her until she lost consciousness.

Williams has been charged with two counts of domestic assault. Authorities thanked Seadorf for intervening. Seadorf told Fox 4, “I really feel that if she had left here, something worse would’ve happened, and not one single person in that intersection tried to help.”

Maternal Instinct

WSPA.com reported on November 1 about a shooting in Anderson County, South Carolina, that showed that a mother will do whatever it takes to protect her children. The Anderson County Sheriff’s Office told WSPA.com that the mother was home with her three young children when she heard a loud banging on her front door in the early hours of the morning. She immediately suspected foul play and grabbed her gun, which she had just purchased a few months before.

The entire incident was caught on her security cameras, showing a man and a woman at her front door trying to enter the house. The mother, Ashley Jones, said the man “was like, ‘this is my house, let me in. I’m not going to hurt you’ kind of thing, and I was like ‘What do you want?’ ... After I called the police, I grabbed a gun and went to the top of the steps and was like, ‘I have a gun. I will shoot you. Do not come in my house.’” Jones said the man then went around to the rear of the house to gain entry but soon returned to the front door, which he began kicking. “Finally, he kicked the door in and tried walking towards the inside, and that’s when I shot him,” Jones said. The video showed the suspect, though shot in the shoulder, run off; he was soon arrested by police responding to Jones’ 911 call. The suspect was taken for treatment at a nearby medical facility and is expected to make a full recovery.

“Any mother is going to protect her kid any way she can. And that’s what I did,” Jones said.



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Jones explained more to Fox Carolina: “Something just came over me, and I got calm. My heart slowed down and I got focused. I told myself if he comes in here, you can’t let him get past your doorstep. You have three young children to protect.... I would’ve killed him if I had to.... If I didn’t have a weapon, I wouldn’t have been able to fight him off.”

In From the Roof

WPXI reported out of Mount Oliver, Pennsylvania, on November 2 about a break-in where an armed intruder climbed into an apartment through a window. Authorities are still investigating, but they believe the suspect gained access to a second-floor window from a porch roof. The lone resident of the apartment was fast asleep when he was jarred awake by the sounds of glass shattering. He quickly jumped out of bed and grabbed a loaded firearm to investigate. The resident then encountered an armed intruder who had climbed into his apartment through the broken window. The resident fired at the suspect, mortally wounding him. Police and paramedics were soon called to the scene, where they found the body of the deceased suspect. Authorities are still investigating, but no charges are expected against the apartment resident at this time. The intruder was not carrying identification.

McDonald’s Shooting

WIAT reported on October 30 out of Birmingham, Alabama, about a shooting at a fast-food restaurant that resulted in a dead shooting suspect. Birmingham police say the violence unfolded when a masked man entered a McDonald’s restaurant and opened fire. Police are still gathering evidence, but believe it was either a burglary of some sort or that the masked gunman was specifically targeting someone inside the restaurant.

A father was just leaving with his son when the armed attacker came into the restaurant and started firing. The father, who was lawfully carrying a gun on him, pulled out his own firearm and returned fire at the shooter. Bullets flew back and forth as the small fast-food restaurant quickly become embroiled in a shootout between the father and the assailant.

Birmingham Police Sergeant Bryan Shelton said that both the father and his son were shot in the melee but didn’t sustain life-threatening injuries. The masked gunman was fatally wounded and later died from his injuries.

Birmingham Police Chief Patrick Smith said the investigation is ongoing. “We have a lot of evidence, we have a lot of video evidence, and we have a number of different evidence scattered about so once we piece everything together, a lot to do, a lot of investigation to be done right now. So certainly a very unusual set of circumstances but we’re going to work our way through it.”

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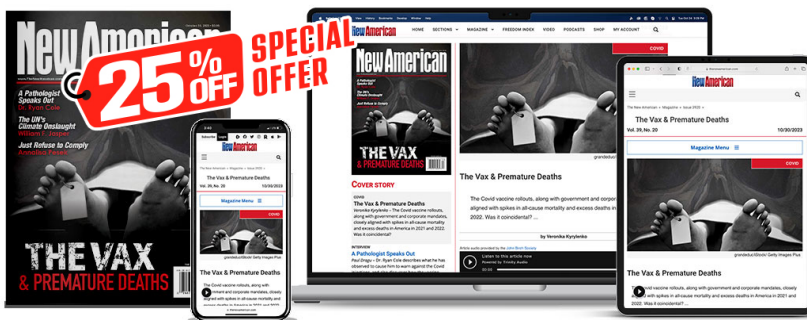
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