



## **Exercising the Right**

### **Gun Exhibitionism**

If you spend any time in the world of social media, you've probably encountered women who post provocative pictures of themselves and their guns. Female columnist Nicole Russell recently wrote about this phenomenon for the *Washington Examiner* on December 17 in a piece entitled "Stop sexualizing guns, it's gross."

Russell acknowledged an alarming number of posts she has witnessed on social media of young women posting lurid images of themselves with firearms. "However, there's an odd, growing trend among conservatives, particularly women, of posting photos of themselves with their guns (usually an AR-15 or the like) and with a revealing outfit in a sexy, flirtatious pose. This is absurd and needs to stop.... Look, in a way I get it: You're in your 20s, and you still look hot. If you pose with a semi-automatic and you show off a great set of legs, there's something titillating about the juxtaposition of the feminine and the traditionally masculine in one photo.... Making guns appear like they have a sexual appeal is not only a poor interpretation of the Second Amendment, but it is just stupid. The people who have guns should treat them with the same amount of respect and care as our forefathers, who made sure we had the right to keep and bear them. Go ahead and take your gun to the range and practice, go ahead and keep a gun at home for self-defense. But please, stop posting pictures of your half-naked self with a gun like you're trying to make guns titillating again."

### **Nephew to the Rescue**

Fox News reported on December 16 about a California jeweler in South Pasadena who is grateful he engaged in nepotism by hiring his nephew, because his nephew protected him during a recent attempted robbery.

The incident unfolded when two men entered the jewelry store and acted as if they were interested in looking at items. As the owner was showing the two suspects jewelry in the display case, one of the men pulled a knife on the storeowner, Jean Boujekian, and threatened his life. Fortunately for Boujekian, his nephew had witnessed the episode and pulled out a loaded handgun that he had stashed behind the counter. As soon as the suspects saw the firearm, they turned tail and ran from the store.

Boujekian told the ABC affiliate, "I didn't feel comfortable so I came out from the back to the floor and my nephew was in the background and one of them pulled out a knife.... Probably the scariest thing — everything slowed down and your adrenaline is pumping. Everything slowed down. It felt like an eternity, but when you look at the video you see it happened very fast." Police are still investigating the incident, but the owner has advice for any would-be criminal looking to target his business: "Don't come to South Pasadena. It's not a good place, especially right across [from] the police station. The police were here within 30 seconds. It's not a good idea."

### **Bring a Gun to a Gunfight**

WTHR.com reported out of Lawrence, Indiana, about a December 13 armed robbery that was foiled when the victim ended up being as well-armed as the suspect.

The attempted crime began when a man was sitting in his car and an unnamed suspect forced his way



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into the vehicle. The armed robber demanded the driver's cash.

The driver initially told the robber he didn't have any money and then started moving the car forward. The robber demanded that the driver stop and a fight ensued. The danger escalated when the vehicle crashed into a nearby fence. The crash momentarily distracted the robber, allowing the driver time to pull out his own loaded handgun.

At this point, the would-be victim and the robber engaged in a shootout, with both shooting each other. Lawrence police officers responded to reports of shots fired in the area and took the suspect into custody.

Both men are being treated for their injuries, but are expected to make a full recovery. The suspect is expected to be charged for his actions.

## **Christmas Eve Shootout**

Fox10 reported out of Phoenix on December 24 about an armed robbery at a 7-Eleven that ended badly for the robber. The incident occurred around 2 a.m., when two men ran into the convenience store and demanded cash from the store clerk.

One of the two men was armed, but so was the clerk. The clerk pulled out his firearm and opened fire on the suspects. The two criminal suspects turned and ran from the store, but one of them was badly injured from his gunshot wounds and did not make it far. The wounded suspect was taken to a nearby medical facility, where he was being treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Authorities are still looking for the other suspect, who fled the scene, and believe that he is a juvenile. Police also said that these two suspects were involved in two other armed robberies that occurred earlier that same day. In the first of those robberies, one of the suspects hit a store clerk in the head with his handgun and seriously injured the clerk.

## **Churchbound**

In Detroit, three women were headed to their weekly Sunday church service when a man approached them and physically overpowered them, forcing them back into their house.

The women ranged in age from late twenties to mid-seventies. Fortunately for them, and unfortunately for the criminal suspect, one of the ladies retrieved her handgun and fired at the man, hitting him in the chest. Detroit police say that the woman who fired the handgun won't be facing charges and that her actions amounted to self-defense.

Neighbor Lashundra Craig praised the woman's actions and said that citizens standing up for themselves to criminals is inevitable when criminals' actions are so brazen. "Something else happened again, it's pretty normal over here my house was broke into less than a month ago.... I try to keep them away from my own home as much as possible but that's what we have to do," Craig told Fox2Detroit.

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