



EXERCISING THE RIGHT

Nighttime Intruder

Komonews.com reported out of Seattle on April 22 about an intruder who broke in to a man's house in the middle of the night. The man, who lives alone, was fast asleep when he heard the sound of glass shattering. He immediately jumped from his bed, retrieved a loaded firearm, and then dialed 911. While on the phone with the 911 operator, the man said he could hear people in his house and that someone was coming up his stairs. Before the 911 operator could even give him any instructions on what to do next, the sound of gunfire rang out across the phone. Police soon arrived on the scene and discovered the body of a deceased suspect at the scene.

The homeowner would later tell investigators that he shot the man as he entered the bedroom and that he believed there was more than one burglar involved in the break-in, but police have not yet found any evidence that corroborates the belief that multiple participants were involved. The investigation is ongoing.

Son in Stolen Car

WPTV reported out of Palm Beach County, Florida, on April 22 about a harrowing ordeal that illustrated how a father is willing to do whatever it takes to protect the life of his son. The incident unfolded when a father parked his car with his six-year-old son strapped into his seat in the vehicle. The father was saying goodbye to some friends while his car was running nearby, and a carjacker jumped into the vehicle and drove off. The suspect, later identified as Lamar Thurman, sped down the street in the stolen car with the child still inside, while the horrified father and his friends rushed after him in another car.

The father and his friends had dialed 911 to report the car theft and child abduction when they witnessed Thurman lose control of the vehicle and crash. The father jumped from his friend's car and ran up to his stolen vehicle because the car was momentarily stuck, but Thurman was able to get the vehicle free and started driving away again. The father pulled out his handgun and shot at Thurman, trying to stop him from driving away a second time with his young son still in the car. Thurman was struck multiple times and again crashed the car, only a few hundred yards down the street.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office arrived on the scene and had Thurman taken to a medical facility, where he was listed in critical condition. The father was relieved to find out that his son did not sustain any injuries in the shooting or dual crashes. Law enforcement is still investigating the incident, but they believe it was a random carjacking because Thurman had no prior relationship with the victims and did have a criminal record that involved a prior carjacking in 2016.

Banks Still Attacking the Second Amendment

Breitbart reported that Citibank is back at it again, attacking the Second Amendment. Citibank issued a new policy on March 22 that requires that gun stores that do business with Citibank not sell "high capacity" magazines, among other long-sought-after gun-control measures. This is part and parcel of the anti-gun strategy, chipping away at the Second Amendment by any means necessary.

Such news might strike our side as demoralizing considering that it seems like corporations and giant



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financial institutions such as Citibank are quickly jumping on the anti-gun bandwagon, but attorney Justin Danhof, general counsel of the think tank National Center for Public Policy Research and director of its Free Enterprise Project, advises us to not lose hope and instead to fight fire with fire. Danhof was interviewed by Cam Edwards on NRATV's program "Cam & Co" on April 18. Danhof told conservatives who are dealing with far-left corporate attacks on our rights that "now is the time for action. Now is not the time for passivity." In Danhof's words, the "left does not have to be the only squeaky wheel.... If only the left is doing it, only the left is going to get results from corporate America. We need to be activists. Those on the right — wake up. Activism is for us as well!" Danhof said we can fight back and influence these businesses by boycotting them, which would cause them financial hardship and to possibly reverse their decisions. Danhof said that conservative activists need to engage in more right-wing "shareholder activism" so that the anti-gun Left is not the only "tail wagging the dog of corporate America."

Gun-rights Supporters Have "Mental Problems"

The Yellowhammer News reported out of Montgomery, Alabama, on April 17 about a comment from a state senator that revealed how anti-gun politicians really feel about us. The Senate was holding a public hearing on a constitutional-carry bill. The proposed bill would not affect any other existing legal requirements to obtain a firearm, but it would do away with the requirement that a gun owner needs to get a permit from the state to carry a gun.

The National Rifle Association's Todd Adkins spoke out in favor of the law when he was questioned by Democratic State Senator Vivian Davis Figures. Figures began a long diatribe that detoured into a random comment about mental illness which had nothing to do with the proposed law, and stated, "I just don't understand the mentality of what you guys or — or what you guys continue to push to do. Particularly, with all the gun violence that is happening, to allow a person to be able to get a gun who has mental problems — to me that says the person who's pushing that has some mental problems."

The NRA's Adkins told Yellowhammer News after the hearing that Figures' comments were unfortunate. "We believe in the Second Amendment. That certainly doesn't mean we have any issues that she was attempting to associate with us.... I've seen it become more and more common in the public square unfortunately these days that such attacks are made. And I will say: I respect her right to voice her opinion certainly. That's what these types of hearings are all about, but I won't characterize why necessarily she made them. I'll just say I know all the people I work on behalf of — our members in this state — are good, law-abiding citizens."

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