



## **Exercising The Right**

### **California Leads the Way on Gun Control**

Political commentators love to tell us that the current state of politics in California is what's in the near future for the rest of the country, with Democrats eventually completely controlling all branches of government and Republicans being an ineffectual minor party. If this is the case, then we are facing a bleak future indeed, as *Newsweek* reported on October 13 that California Governor Gavin Newsom signed into state law a bill that permits "employers, co-workers and teachers to obtain gun violence restraining orders against owners of firearms that are a potential threat to them."

To illustrate the leftward drift of California politics, this legislation was previously vetoed twice by the former governor, even though he was also a Democrat. The law expands existing red flag measures, which previously allowed only authorized family members and law enforcement to seek a court order to take away firearms from a gun owner, to a wider group of petitioners who can seek such orders. The new measure takes effect on January 1, 2020 and is only one of five gun-related laws that Newsom is supporting.

But these matters make strange bedfellows, as the normally left-wing American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) opposed the legislation because the ACLU feels that it allows people with only a tangential relationship to a person to strip them of their civil rights without the accused being able to contest the order and argue in their defense prior to the government taking of the firearm.

### **Red Flag vs. Recall**

Second Amendment activists in Humboldt County, Nevada, are not taking attacks on their constitutionally protected rights lying down! *The Nevada Independent* reported on October 24 that Sheriff Mike Allen is receiving political blowback owing to his statement on so-called red flag laws, as described above. Allen tried to offer a fence-sitting position to avoid upsetting his constituents when he said that even though he personally opposes the state's red flag laws, he would enforce them once they take effect.

While Allen might have thought that his response would be satisfactory, it ended up having the opposite result, as Second Amendment activists quickly mobilized on Facebook to begin a recall campaign. Dawn Principe owns a local gun store in the area, and is leading a group called Humboldt County 2nd Amendment Grassroots, which is trying to get Allen recalled. The recall only needs 500 signatures to get rolling, and based on the passion in the area over gun rights, Principe feels that they'll easily get the signatures they need, since a recent forum over pending red flag laws drew town halls packed with people expressing vigorous opposition to the impending gun control.

### **Expectant Mother Shoots Violent Criminal**

Bay Area News reported on November 1 about a home invasion in Hillsborough County, Florida, that ended when one of the victims, a pregnant woman, used an AR-15 against the attackers. Major Frank Losat of the Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office explained at a press conference that two male suspects wearing hoodies and face masks, and armed with handguns, barged into a house and made demands on the homeowner, who was in a room with his 11-year-old daughter. The husband, Jeremy



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King, later explained to Bay Area News how shocked he was to suddenly have armed intruders in his house threatening him with deadly force. "They came in heavily hooded and masked. As soon as they had got the back door opened, they had a pistol on me and was grabbing my 11-year-old daughter," King told Bay Area News. King pleaded with the thugs to stop, but they were ruthless. "I'm telling them, 'I have nothing for you,' And they're like, 'Give me everything you got.' It became real violent, real fast." The violent thugs began pistol whipping and brutally kicking King. King described his injuries to the Bay Area news: "I've got a fractured eye socket, a fractured sinus cavity, a concussion, 20 stitches and three staples in my head.... I took a severe beating." It was this beating that caused his wife, who is eight months pregnant, to look out from a back bedroom to see what was going on. At that moment, one of the hoodlums fired his weapon at her, narrowly missing her. Thankfully, the woman had access to an AR-15 and was able to return fire and shoot one of the intruders.

Both suspects fled the scene after the shooting, but the wounded suspect collapsed in a nearby ditch, where his body was found by responding officers. King explained to the Bay Area News that it was because of his wife's brave actions and an AR-15 that he's still alive today: "Them guys came in with two normal pistols and my AR stopped it.... [My wife] evened the playing field and kept them from killing me."

## **Break-in Breakdown**

Fox31 reported on November 2 out of Denver, Colorado, about a scary incident that occurred shortly after midnight. A homeowner was awakened by the sounds of someone trying to break in to his house through the front entrance. The homeowner grabbed his firearm, went to investigate, and witnessed a man trying to break in through the front door. When the would-be intruder was unable to break the door down, he switched tactics and began breaking furniture on the porch, using it to break the front window to gain entry to the home. The homeowner reportedly yelled for the man to leave, but the suspect allegedly ignored these verbal commands and continued, shattering the glass window. It was at that moment the homeowner opened fire on the suspect and wounded him. The homeowner called 911, and police soon arrived, where they discovered the suspect suffering from a gunshot wound to his arm. Neighbor Kathy Parsons told Fox31, "I just feel sorry for my neighbors over there, they are a nice couple and they have a little boy.... The guy started to try to beat down the front door and he was afraid he had a gun ready for him to come through."

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