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Dear Subscriber,

The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) has filed a motion to hold New Orleans Mayor RAY NAGIN and Police Superintendent WARREN RILEY in contempt of federal court for repeated failures to meet court-appointed deadlines in giving back guns seized from law-abiding citizens in the aftermath of 2005's Hurricane Katrina.

Joining SAF in the lawsuit is the National Rifle Association.

"We were prepared to file this motion months ago," said SAF founder ALAN GOTTLIEB, "but we gave the city several opportunities to comply with the court, and to begin returning seized firearms to their rightful owners. They haven't done it."

At first, NAGIN, RILEY and the city claimed they had not seized anyone's firearms. Then, faced with the threat of a contempt motion, they "discovered" that guns had been taken and were being held at a central location. After that, the city promised to begin returning firearms, but put roadblocks in the way for citizens to retrieve their guns.

"There comes a time when patience runs out," GOTTLIEB said, "and it's time NAGIN and RILEY learned they are not above the law."

In Ohio, the State Supreme Court has voted 5-2 against hearing the appeal of BRUCE BEATTY, who was convicted of carrying a concealed handgun into Toledo's Ottawa Park in protest of a city ordinance.

The decision upholds lower-court rulings that Toledo's prohibition on firearms in public recreation areas did not conflict with the state's concealed carry law at the time BEATTY was ticketed on April 9, 2005.

The Ohio General Assembly late last year passed a new concealed carry law that forbids cities from enforcing local gun laws considered more restrictive than state or federal law.

The state law does not include public parks among places where guns are off limits, although government buildings, schools and some other places may forbid guns. If repeated today, BEATTY's action would not be ticketed.

BEATTY has agreed to pay the City of Toledo the fine and court costs resulting from the citation, which he estimates would be \$96.

In Richland, Washington State, former computer security researcher JOSEPH HUFFMAN has sued the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (PNNL) for wrongful termination, claiming his former boss didn't like his pro-gun beliefs and that's why he was fired.

HUFFMAN maintains several personal Web sites about gun rights issues, and claims in his suit that PNNL investigators spent many hours over several weeks monitoring them to build a case against him.

PNNL spokeswoman JUDY GARYBEAL said the lab hadn't been served with the suit yet, but confirmed that HUFFMAN had been an employee from 2002 to 2005, saying he was dismissed for "unauthorized use of PNNL computers." Huffman denied using them.

HUFFMAN says his boss, BRYAN H. McMILLAN, told him he was fired for failure to comply with business ethics and staff conduct rules. No trial date set yet.

**Also in this issue:** ● Toy guns are becoming a big issue ● Idaho mayor quits Bloomberg anti-gun mob ● Maryland sportsmen face vague new "assault rifle" ban ● European Parliament wants global gun control ● Latest figures on NICS background checks ● Fight crime, shoot back, in our Page Eight "Parting Shot"

**ON THE  
LEGAL FRONT**

## CONGRESS ALREADY PUSHING ANTI-GUN LAWS

Less than three weeks after the 110th Congress convened, the Democrats had already proposed four new anti-gun laws:

### KICKING GUN CONTROL UP TO THE NEXT LEVEL - FROM 18 TO 21

"The Child Gun Safety and Gun Access Prevention Act of 2007," H.R. 256, would raise the minimum age for ownership of a semi-automatic rifle from 18 to 21.

Also, children under 18 attending a gun show must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

Worse, if a child gets your firearm and shoots somebody, **you get fines and jail time.**

**AT THE  
FEDERAL  
LEVEL**

### NO MORE PLAYING COWBOY, KIDS

Bordering on the silly, there's H.R. 428, "To require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to ban toys which in size, shape or overall appearance resemble real handguns."

Read that title again. "In size, shape or overall appearance?" Beyond stupid.

**The Democrats are trying to get a federal ban on toy guns.**

What next, a ban on *pictures* of real guns?

### TURNING NICS INTO A REAL THREAT

On the first full day of the new Democrat Congress, Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY) introduced H.R. 297, the "NICS Improvement Act of 2007." It was stopped last year, but with Rep. Nancy Pelosi now Speaker of the Democrat-controlled House, its chances of passage are higher.

This bill is a real threat. NICS, of course, is the national instant criminal background check required by the Brady law to be carried out prior to a firearms purchase from a federally licensed dealer.

To begin with, this bill seeks to **computerize all law enforcement records** and make them **instantly available** to the U.S. Attorney General. This includes **records of persons who have been merely arrested or indicted** for a crime, before they even have a fair trial. That means that if this bill passes, a mere arrest with no charges and no further criminal procedure can stop you from ever owning a firearm.

Since this bill applies to the Lautenberg gun ban on misdemeanor convictions for "domestic violence," which can include a shove or even yelling at your spouse, it can stop non-felons from ever having a gun for self-defense.

Then there's the insidious provision about mental health, seemingly designed only to keep guns from persons who have been adjudicated as mentally defective or committed to a mental hospital. But returning veterans, beware! If some well-meaning friend says you should seek counseling for post-traumatic stress syndrome, you could kiss your right to own a gun goodbye, no matter how well-trained you are in firearms handling or how valiantly you served or how sound of mind you really are. This bill is truly monstrous.

### BYE-BYE GUN SHOWS? THEY COULD BE BURIED IN PAPERWORK

"The Gun Show Loophole Closing Act of 2007," H.R. 96, outlaws gun shows ("special firearms events") without prior federal permission. It requires gun show promoters to agree to warrantless searches and to register every attendee, and subjects promoters to arrest if private attendees talk about sales away from the show, and requires permits 30 days before, 72 hours before, and five days after the show. The practical effect of all this paperwork would be to end gun shows.

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## **BLOOMBERG'S ANTI-GUN MAYOR'S SUMMIT ON CAPITAL HILL**

They called it a "summit," but it was more like a bottomless pit of rhetoric rather than solutions.

Rabidly anti-gun New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg got his gang of "Mayors Against Illegal Guns" on Capitol Hill and touted measures against ALL guns, mostly plans to force federal law enforcement agencies to supply gun tracing data to urban lawyers to use in lawsuits against legitimate gun dealers in other states.

The three mayors picked to speak about "best practices," Chicago's Richard Daley, Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, and Milwaukee's Tom Barrett are adamantly opposed to armed citizens defending themselves from violent urban thugs.

## **BLOOMBERG'S BULLIES**

The anti-gun policies of these urban crime-center mayors are the cause of much of the problem, disarming law-abiding Americans and giving criminals the advantage.

The so-called "innovative strategy" of bringing lawsuits against legitimate rural gun dealers whose guns later fall into the hands of urban criminals makes Bloomberg's Bullies "Mayors Against All Legal Guns."

## **BLOOMBERG BULLIES NOW HAVE CONGRESSIONAL BUDDIES**

Democrat control of Congress is becoming worse than expected. Bloomberg's anti-gun mayors now have a House Task Force on Illegal Guns, intended to push federal anti-gun legislation to force release of gun-tracking data to the mayors' lawyers so they can sue out-of-state gun shops.

The Task Force will be co-chaired by Charles B. Rangel (D-NY), Chair, House Ways and Means Committee; John Conyers, Jr. (D-MI), Chair of the Committee on the Judiciary; Peter T. King (R-NY), ranking minority member of the Committee of Homeland Security; and Mark S. Kirk (R-IL), member of the Appropriations Committee.

The only purpose of the Task Force is to pass congressional legislation that requires federal law enforcement agencies to give gun trace data to city lawyers, regardless of the consequences to ongoing federal investigations and to the privacy rights of innocent parties. Note that all Congressional members are anti-gun.

## **LET'S PROSECUTE BLOOMBERG**

Twenty-six pro-gun organizations have signed a letter to Michael J. Sullivan, Acting Director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives calling for a federal investigation of Mayor Michael Bloomberg of New York City.

The letter called upon BATFE "to immediately investigate and prosecute New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his associates for conspiring to violate the federal Gun Control Act of 1968 as amended by the Brady Act of 1995."

"Without any federal or state law enforcement authorization," reads the letter, "Bloomberg sends people to federal firearms dealers to break federal law by providing false information on the federal ATF Form 4473 firearm transfer form, and then purchasing guns for persons prohibited by law from taking possession of guns (a so-called 'straw sale'). Bloomberg then files a civil lawsuit against the dealer in a New York court while using a covertly made video tape of the transaction to blackmail the dealer into 'settling' on terms where the City of New York's 'Special Master' will supplant ATF supervision of the dealer and peruse Americans' confidential federal gun transfer records at will."

## **IDAHO MAYOR QUILTS BLOOMBERG BULLIES: MORE AGENDA THAN HE BARGAINED FOR**

Idaho Falls Mayor Jared Fuhrman has quit Bloomberg's Bullies after he found "there's probably a little more of an agenda coming from Mayor Bloomberg's office than I anticipated," he told KDIK Channel 3 News. The coalition had an agenda "of preventing guns from entering the hands even of law-abiding gun owners," Fuhrman said. "So as I looked into it, I could see there was a conflict with some of the beliefs we have here in Idaho."

Gun rights defenders congratulated Fuhrman and urged other mayors to quit.

### ARKANSAS "NO RETREAT" BILL STALLED IN SENATE

Senate Bill 2, to remove the requirement that civilians attempt to retreat before they can use deadly force, has run into a snag in the Senate Judiciary Committee. Sen. Jerry Taylor (D-Pine Bluff), sponsor of the bill, pulled it from consideration before a vote amid criticism that it was not needed. The bill would have been defeated had Taylor not removed it. Committee chairman, Sen. Ed Wilkinson (D-Greenwood) allowed witnesses to testify anyway, but Senators were not swayed.

**IN THE STATES**

### COLORADO LAWMAKERS DEBATE CONCEALED CARRY DATABASE

The permittee database that went with Colorado's new concealed carry law four years ago is about to expire. State Sen. Scott Renfroe (R-Greeley) wants it to stay expired, but State Rep. Al White (R-Winter Park), who was the co-sponsor of the original concealed carry bill, wants it to stay in place. White reasons that if his House Bill 1174 eliminated the database, it would lose so much support, including the County Sheriffs of Colorado and the Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police, it would fail. Gun rights advocates see White as a major defector.

### CONNECTICUT LEGISLATURE FLOODED WITH ANTI-GUN BILLS

Democrats have sponsored half a dozen anti-gun bills to curb "gun violence," but none to curb "violent criminals." There are measures that would require private gun owners and licensed dealers to report lost or stolen firearms, limit purchases to one handgun per month, require presentation of a handgun permit to purchase or possess ammunition, prohibit private sales of ammunition by requiring a license to sell, and punish legal buyers of ammunition who then sell it illegally.

### TWO PRO-GUN BILLS PASS GEORGIA HOUSE COMMITTEE

House Bill 6 makes it illegal for Georgia law enforcement to seize a law-abiding person's gun during an emergency situation. It also removes the governor's power to suspend the transportation or sale of firearms in such a crisis. House Bill 89 would make it legal to have a gun anywhere in a vehicle, clarifying a law that currently requires the gun to be fully visible or in a glove box or console. Under the new law, a driver could keep the gun under their seat, for example. Both bills passed the House Judiciary Committee and now goes to the full House for debate.

### CHICAGO'S MAYOR DALEY COUNTING ON DEMOCRAT MAJORITY

Chicago Mayor Richard Daley doesn't give up. He's once again calling for stricter gun control legislation. He joined other urban politicians in promoting three bills which previously were rejected by the Illinois House. He said Democrat control of the General Assembly could get this bills passed this year. One measure would ban so-called "assault weapons," another would limit handgun purchases to one a month, and the third would require licensing for handgun dealers. Daley is calling the measures "common sense" gun legislation, saying that firearms were used in 80 percent of the homicides committed in Chicago last year. He did not mention any new laws to catch and convict the criminals. He obviously has no interest in crime control, only gun control, as you would expect from his membership in New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Mayors Against Illegal (it really means "All Legal") Guns.

### MARYLAND SPORTSMEN FACE NEW GUN BAN

Freshman State Senator Mike Lenett has introduced Senate Bill 43, an "assault weapon" ban that defines an "assault long gun" in terms of appearance features, such as a folding stock or a bayonet mounting leg, and not caliber, ballistics or function. If passed, the legislation would also ban some shotguns and nearly all pistols, except possibly revolvers. The rifles that would be banned by the legislation are used for hunting and marksman competition sports such as the Civilian Marksmanship Program. The FBI's Uniform Crime Report data shows that more people are killed with knives, or baseball bats, or even with fists or feet, than with rifles, let alone anything this bill calls an "assault weapon." Gun owners are up in arms over the measure.

## PRO-GUN MEASURES IN MISSOURI GOVERNOR'S "STATE OF THE STATE" SPEECH

Missouri's Republican Governor Matt Blunt laid out his list of priorities for the state's 2007 legislative session in his recent "State of the State" speech, including the vital "Castle Doctrine" and "Disaster Recovery Personal Protection" self-defense bills. "Castle Doctrine" bills have been enacted in 15 states since 2005, giving citizens the right to use deadly force when faced with a criminal instead of having to retreat as in old-style self-defense laws. After Hurricane Katrina, President Bush signed the "Disaster Recovery Personal Protection" bill, and 10 state legislatures followed suit, forbidding police from confiscating legal firearms in a disaster.

**IN THE STATES**

## OREGON TOWN WON'T BAN FAKE GUNS

Albany, Oregon, is not too many miles down Interstate 5 from Beaverton, which has proposed a ban on "replica guns" to avoid police responding to an incident where teenagers are brandishing their airsoft guns in fun games. Albany actually had such an incident in 2005 when trainees in a self-defense class were using the airsofts for an exercise in an alley. Police swarmed in with guns drawn and ordered everybody to the ground. Everybody did as told. Nobody got hurt. Albany did not react with a proposed ban, but urged people to consider the consequences of their actions and use common sense--a refreshing tribute to personal responsibility!

## TEXAS SET FOR CASTLE DOCTRINE BILL

Texas State Representative Joe Driver (R-Garland) has introduced House Bill 284, a "castle doctrine" self-defense law. If passed, the bill will create presumptions of reasonable use of defensive force in your home, vehicle, or place of business. It will establish that you have "no duty to retreat" from a violent attack, and it will establish protection from civil lawsuits if you lawfully protect yourself or your family with deadly force.

## UTAH UNIVERSITIES SEEKING GUN COMPROMISE

Although the Utah Supreme Court last fall ruled the University of Utah cannot ban concealed weapons on campus, the U's President Michael Young and Senate President John Valentine have formed an informal work group to see if they can come up with a bill that would allow colleges to bar guns from campus dorms, sporting events and other "communal" areas. Despite the willingness to talk, legislators aren't willing to yield the control they won at the Supreme Court. Rep. Carl Wimmer (R-Herriman), a police officer, said "If you take away my daughter's right to defend herself on campus, what guarantee of safety can you give me?"

Law enforcement is firm: Clark Aposhian, chairman of Utah's Department of Public Safety Concealed Carry Review Board, said, "I'm not willing to give them an inch until they show us a problem with concealed carry. They lost at the Supreme Court level and don't have the guts to take it to the federal court level."

## VIRGINIA SENATE TURNS AWAY TWO ANTI-GUN BILLS

The Virginia Senate Courts of Justice Committee has soundly rejected Senate Bill 827, a bill to end gun shows and regulate private firearm transactions (for the fifth time).

In addition, the Senate Local Government Committee defeated Senate Bill 767, which would have gutted Virginia's firearms preemption statute by allowing localities to ban lawful possession of firearms in public libraries.

## WEST VIRGINIA CASTLE DOCTRINE BILL GAINS SUPPORT

State Senator Shirley Love (D-Fayette, and don't let the name fool you: Shirley is a man) has introduced a Castle Doctrine bill that now has the backing of 24 fellow Senators, making it a shoo-in for passage in the upper chamber. The bill - backed by Senate President Earl Ray Tomblin (D-Logan), and Judiciary Chairman Jeffrey Kessler (D-Marshall), among others - is similar to one proposed a year ago by House Speaker Rick Thompson (D-Wayne).

#### **NEW U.N. HEAD MAY DOWNGRADE DISARMAMENT DEPARTMENT**

New U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has proposed to downgrade the Department of Disarmament Affairs (DDA) and tuck it into the Department of Political Affairs, a move that has brought howls of protest from lawyers and NGOs that get most of their fees and membership donations from weapons alarmism.

Former Secretary-General Kofi Annan gave high priority to arms control, unlike his predecessor Boutros Boutros Ghali. Now Ban Ki-moon is restoring the department to its lower rank.

John Burroughs, executive director of the Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy, said, "This is the wrong move." Wrong for his fundraising, but reflecting the loss of interest since the deadlock at the U.N. small arms conference last year.

**AROUND THE  
WORLD**

#### **EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT WANTS GLOBAL GUN CONTROL**

The world spends 15 times more money on arms than on aid, said Members of the European Parliament (MEPs), in an effort to convince the European Union to make the 1998 non-binding "Code of Conduct on Arms Exports" legally enforceable. The Union should also give its full support to the UN's proposed International Arms Trade Treaty now under discussion in the General Assembly. European nations continue to export arms anyway.

#### **CANADIAN GUN REGISTRY NOT DEAD YET**

A year after the federal Conservatives won power promising to abolish the gun registry, the program is still running. Gun rights advocates have lost faith that Prime Minister Stephen Harper can muster the votes to do away with it in the current minority Parliament. Public Safety Minister Stockwell Day made regulatory changes that include a one-year amnesty for anyone failing to register a firearm, buying the government some time. Most insiders say it will have to wait until after the next election.

The Conservatives are also considering a one-time application for lifetime gun licenses. This has outraged the 20 wounded survivors and family of the dead victim of last September's Montreal college shootings, who can only think of gun control, not criminal control. Any armed student could have stopped the criminal.

#### **HUNGARY WANTS PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS FOR GUN OWNERS**

In a move reminiscent of the Soviet and Nazi past, the health ministry of Hungary is planning to amend the law on carry firearms. Everyone with a gun would have to pass psychological examinations every five years for those under 40, every four years from 40 to 60, and those over 70 once every year.

#### **UNITED KINGDOM HAS GUN CONTROL AND RISING CRIME**

Robberies at gunpoint jumped 10 percent last year, official British figures have revealed. Home Office statistics also showed a 46 percent leap in residential robberies involving a firearm in 2005/06. Criminals used guns in a record 645 cases of residential robbery in England and Wales, up 204 on the previous year. Overall gun robberies totaled 4,120 cases. Gun control at work.

#### **AUSTRALIAN STATE WANTS NATIONWIDE BAN ON TOY GUNS**

The New South Wales government wants tougher import regulations on toy guns and uniform laws to prevent them crossing state borders. Since 1999, 34 replica firearms seized by police had been converted into firing weapons. Toy guns are illegal in New South Wales, but not in all Australian states.

#### **ISRAELI VERSION OF CASTLE DOCTRINE LAW BEING CONSIDERED**

Member of Knesset Yisrael Katz has called upon Israel's Attorney General not to indict a Negev farmer for the shooting death of a Bedouin burglar stealing his tractor, and has proposed legislation to prevent prosecution of those who kill in self-defense when threatened, as in a number of states in the U.S.

**GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS**

● **Washington, D.C.:** Official figures on total NICS FBI background checks has provided a rough estimate of U.S. gun sales from 2002 to 2005. Checks:

2002: 8,454,322

2003: 8,481,588

2004: 8,687,671

2005: 8,952,945

Four year increase, 5.9 percent.

Total background checks since startup in 1998: 67,900,000.

● **Orlando, Florida:** Presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney attended the recent SHOT Show (Shooting, Hunting and Outdoor Trade), underscoring the importance of the sportsman's and gun owners' vote in national elections. "Americans should have the right to own and possess firearms as guaranteed under the U.S. Constitution," said Gov. Romney. "I'm proud to be among the many decent, law-abiding men and women who safely use firearms."

● **Minden, Nevada:** Democrat New Mexico Governor and presidential candidate Bill Richardson recently took his campaign to Nevada, but not the slick Las Vegas Strip, the Capitol or fancy Lake Tahoe, but the tiny rural town of Minden, an hour from Reno. It's part of his strategy to turn out the smallest parts of the West. He told an audience of 250, "I'm a Westerner who supports the rugged individualism of the West. I'm a Westerner who supports the Second Amendment." Well, he did vote No on the 1995 Brady Handgun bill as a congressman from New Mexico's 3rd District.

● **Springfield, Massachusetts:** Smith & Wesson Holding Company, parent company of Smith & Wesson Corp., the legendary 154-year-old gun manufacturer, announced it completed the acquisition of Thompson/Center Arms, Inc., a 40-year-old privately held, New Hampshire-based designer, manufacturer and marketer of premium firearms. The acquisition will bring the expanded company a presence in the black powder firearms ("muzzleloaders") and precision rimfire rifles markets.

● **Hollywood:** Singer and actress Alicia Keys wants to buy a gun for protection. She had to learn to shoot in her new movie "Smokin' Aces" and now is confident handling a firearm. "I've never owned a gun, but I'm seriously considering owning one. God forbid, if anything happened I would be prepared." Keys isn't the only one. Renee Zellweger, the "Miss Potter" and "Chicago" actress also wants to buy a gun. She said she finds living alone "scary" and being famous means that you might find there is a car idling outside your house in the middle of the woods at four in the morning. It's just a job hazard."

● **Stowe, Vermont:** "Goodfellas" actor Paul Sorvino got a late-night call from his daughter Amanda. She was at a motel and had just broken up with boyfriend Daniel Snee, 21, who became abusive. She locked herself in a bathroom and called police and her father, who is also a deputy sheriff in Pennsylvania and entitled to carry a gun from state to state. The young Snee was out of control, said Sorvino, "so I told him I have a gun, stay away from my daughter and back off." Police came and handcuffed Snee, but he escaped, only to be caught about an hour later hiding in the trees near the hotel. Sorvino was praised for his handling of the situation, not drawing his gun, making no threats, and talking the upset man down so police could arrest him.

● **Chicago:** The possession of handguns in The Windy City has basically been banned since the early 1980s. Self-defense is nearly impossible in this violent, high-crime city - unless you're a City Alderman, even one being brought up on corruption charges by the FBI, as is Arenda Troutman, 20th Ward Alderman accused of accepting a bribe regarding a development on the South Side. Law officers raided her home looking for evidence and found a .357 revolver. Big arrest on banned handgun? No, hers was legal. City Aldermen are exempt from the ban. Her lawyer, Sam Adam, Jr., said she needed protection in the economically depressed area where she lives and serves. What about a few million other Chicagoans? Mayor Richard Daley probably has one too.

# Parting Shot

## FIGHT CRIME, SHOOT BACK

Tucson, Arizona: 10:40 p.m. Six armed intruders invaded a Southwest Side home. The owner barricaded himself in the bedroom and loaded his shotgun. When one intruder kicked in the door, the owner fired and critically wounded him, then a second man entered and the owner killed him with another shot. Four intruders picked up the wounded man and fled. They were apprehended later and two were charged with murder, allowed in Arizona if someone dies during a crime, even if the suspect was not the killer.

Memphis, Tennessee: 8:30 a.m. An armored car courier was at a gas station when a robber began spraying him with tear gas. The courier drew his pistol and fired twice, striking the robber in the lower torso. The robber fled without the money bag in a car with at least one man inside. He was later found naked and dumped in the street. He was taken to Memphis Regional Medical Center for surgery.

Clearwater, Florida: 9:30 p.m. A sixteen-year-old burglar entered a home on Palmetto Street with one accomplice. One burglar fired shots at the owner. The owner retrieved a handgun inside the residence and returned fire, hitting the young thug. The robbers fled, but police found one with a wound to the abdomen, and took him to Bayfront Medical Center Hospital's trauma center. His injuries were not life threatening.

Shreveport, Louisiana: 11:13 p.m. 911 dispatchers received a call that two home intruders had been shot by the owner. Police found the two men, who were brothers, in the owner's home. One was dead and the other critically wounded. Police found \$200 stolen from the home and two semi-automatic handguns on the burglars.

Fort Worth, Texas: 8:00 a.m. A 22-year-old man entered the home of his ex-girlfriend and kicked down the door of the bedroom where the woman and her new boyfriend were sleeping. The intruder tried to attack, but the boyfriend grabbed a handgun and fired. The intruder was hit in the chest and fled in his car, but was stopped by police for driving erratically and taken to John Peter Smith Hospital, where he died.

Las Vegas, Nevada: 11:45 p.m. A furniture store owner was waiting for a late night delivery when he heard a suspicious knock at the rear door. He armed himself and when he went to the back, a robber lunged at him. The owner shot the robber several times. Police took the robber to University Medical Center, where he died.

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