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Dear Subscriber,

Court dockets in gun cases are busy across the nation.

In a huge victory for gun owners, the Ohio Supreme Court struck down the city of Clyde's ban on carrying firearms in city parks in a 4-3 decision.

The ruling means **all municipal ordinances attempting to regulate guns on city property are now void in Ohio**, said DANIEL ELLIS of **Ohioans for Concealed Carry**, the organization that filed suit against Clyde's ban on guns in city parks in August 2004, shortly after it was enacted.

The Second Amendment Foundation said, "It was a proper decision that upholds the state's concealed carry preemption statute."

Ohio's current concealed carry statute, adopted by the State Legislature in 2006, **prohibits local governments from adopting more stringent gun control regulations than the state.**

In another Ohio case, **the City of Cleveland has lost in their bid to keep a handgun confiscated from ANTONIO FULTON**, who was charged in April, 2007 with using weapons while intoxicated, failure to secure a dangerous ordnance, and endangering children.

FULTON was acquitted of the charges, yet **the City refused to return his handgun**. FULTON petitioned the Municipal Court, but it refused. FULTON appealed to the Eight Appellate District Court, which **ruled in his favor**.

The ruling said, "The trial court erred when it denied Mr. FULTON's post-acquittal motion for return of property that was taken from him as part of the investigation of a crime that he did not commit."

Cleveland claimed that since the gun was not registered in the City, they could keep it. The Court disagreed, and also **ordered Cleveland to pay court costs**.

In North Carolina, a federal judge has ruled that Jim's Gun Jobbery of Fayetteville and the Jim's store in Wilmington **can keep their licenses to sell firearms**.

The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives has been trying since 2005 to revoke the licenses of Jim's for violating regulations requiring dealers to closely track their inventory.

U.S. District Judge MALCOLM J. HOWARD said in his ruling that **the violations were unintentional** and made up only a **tiny percentage of the stores' sales since JIM FAIRCLOTH** went into business in 1977.

In Nevada, Las Vegas Justice Court Judge KAREN BENNETT-HARON has **dismissed a firearms charge against entertainer JERRY LEWIS**. Attorneys agreed to let the 82-year-old comedian off without fines as an unintentional violation.

LEWIS was cited in July **for attempting to carry an unloaded engraved handgun through McCarran International Airport** in Las Vegas. The gun, a gift from a fan, was confiscated by authorities.

In New York City, **the last gun dealer among 27** that were sued in a "straw sale" sting by rabidly anti-gun Mayor MICHAEL BLOOMBERG - Bob Moates Sport Shop, Inc. of Midlothian, Virginia - **has settled out of court**.

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The settlement **allows BLOOMBERG to videotape Moates' sales** and creates a **computerized crime gun trace log** that will flag purchases by Moates customers who previously bought guns later recovered in crimes by New York City criminals.

One of the gun dealers smeared by BLOOMBERG is fighting back. Libertarian presidential candidate BOB BARR argued to a federal appeals court that **Adventure Outdoor Sports** in Smyrna, Georgia, was **defamed by BLOOMBERG** when he labeled it one of several **"rogue gun dealers" putting firearms on New York City's streets.**

BARR, a former Republican congressman from Georgia, is representing Adventure Outdoor Sports in a **\$400 million libel lawsuit** against BLOOMBERG and New York Police Commissioner RAY KELLY.

The Kentucky Supreme Court plans to review two cases involving the state's new 2006 "castle-doctrine" self-defense law.

Public defender ELIZABETH McMAHON is asking the Supreme Court **to reverse the murder conviction of PHILLIP LEROY WINES** and order a new trial. McMAHON says the trial judge should have instructed the jury that WINES, who is serving a 45-year sentence, **had no duty to retreat when he stabbed JAMES LEE HAMILTON** in 2005.

In the second case, public defender BRUCE HACKETT said **the "no retreat" law should have retroactively been applied** in the case of FRANK RODGERS who is serving 20 years in the 2004 shooting death of DEWHON McAFEE in Louisville.

The appeal is against Jefferson County Circuit Judge WILLIAM KEMPER, who presided over both cases, and **ruled that the new law does not apply retroactively.**

Gonzales, Louisiana: in January of 2006, MARK MARCHIAFAVA, 55, a longtime Baton Rouge resident, was at a popular mall **wearing his .357-caliber Magnum pistol in a hip holster.**

A Gonzales police officer asked him **why he was carrying a gun.** He told the officer that **non-felons can legally carry firearms that are not concealed.**

The cop arrested him on a count of illegal carrying of a weapon, and that led to **an hours-long stay at the Ascension Parish Prison.** The case was dismissed, and **MARCHIAFAVA's bond and weapon were returned to him.**

MARCHIAFAVA didn't let the dispute fade away. **He sued for violation of his constitutional right to bear arms.** The city recently **settled the case** by paying MARCHIAFAVA an undisclosed amount of money.

"I can't disclose any client confidences," said BRADLEY C. MYERS, a Baton Rouge attorney for the Gonzales Police Department. "The details are confidential, not the fact of the settlement."

New York City: CALVIN GIBSON, 50, a Manhattan boutique owner, is suing craigslist.com for \$10 million, claiming **he was shot with a gun purchased on the popular Web site.**

GIBSON was shot six times by a schizophrenic neighbor in the East Village on July 24, and believes the classified site is partially responsible.

"But for defendant's negligence in failing to supervise and monitor the content of the ads placed on its Internet service, [the shooter] could never have legally obtained the handgun," according to the lawsuit filed in Manhattan federal court.

The alleged gunman, JESUS ORTIZ, being held without bail, **"has a psychiatric history and a history of violent crime,"** GIBSON claims in the suit, and **could never have qualified for a gun permit.**

NYPD officials **could not confirm the suit's claim.**

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HOUSE DEFEATS NEW DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ANTI-GUN LAW

The House of Representatives has passed a bill that would repeal the District of Columbia's onerous new gun law and remove the D.C. Council's power to write any new gun laws more strict than federal laws.

The District's long-standing handgun ban was recently struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court, but the new law that took its place was still so restrictive that Congress sought to rein in the anti-gun extremists running the capital city.

H.R. 6842, The Second Amendment Enforcement Act, passed the House on an overwhelming 266 to 152 vote, with the support of 85 Democrats.

The bill would repeal the D.C. semiautomatic firearm ban as well as its gun registration requirement.

The bill would also strip the D.C. Council, the Mayor, and all municipal units of the power to prohibit or unduly burden law-abiding citizens from buying and owning guns - other than those prohibited by federal law or subject to the National Firearms Act.

Still outlawed are sawed-off shotguns, machine guns, and short-barreled rifles. The District would also retain the power to limit gun possession to the owner's home, place of business, or other property they own. Concealed or open carry would both remain forbidden.

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THE FIGHT TO GET H.R. 6842 THROUGH THE SENATE

The bill's huge House victory is not likely to be repeated in the Senate.

The Second Amendment Enforcement Act's future is in doubt because Democrats in the Senate want it killed, in part to protect presidential candidate Barack Obama from having to go on the record with a yes-or-no vote on gun rights.

The Citizen's Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) urged Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) to allow the House-approved bill to face an immediate Senate vote.

"Texas Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchinson and 46 of her colleagues have asked Sen. Reid to do this before the end of the 110th Congress," said a CCRKBA news release, "but we think this vote needs to occur before the November 4 election. It should be openly debated and subjected to a roll call vote."

The release noted, "Senator Reid has provided cover to Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton in the past on a gun vote, and that's got to stop right now. Particularly, Sen. Obama and his running mate, Joe Biden, need to cast an on-the-record vote - and not just 'present' - on a gun rights bill."

Opposition to the bill has emerged on several fronts. Predictably, anti-gun Democrat Senator Dianne Feinstein of California said she would "do everything in my power to defeat that bill" if it ever came up in the Senate.

Anti-gunners have orchestrated a big campaign to stop the bill in the Senate.

The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) has joined with the Brady Campaign and a coalition of religious and civil rights organizations in an effort to stop the Senate's consideration of H.R. 6842 by spreading alarmist propaganda.

An ADL news release claimed the bill's passage would "endanger the lives of D.C. residents and the millions of people who visit Washington each year."

Gun rights advocates face a tough battle and little chance of Senate action.

SENATE COMMITTEE VOTES TO PERMIT GUNS IN NATIONAL PARKS

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee approved, 18-5, a draft bill by Sen. Jim DeMint (R-SC) that would allow people to bring loaded guns in national parks and wildlife refuges unless state laws bar them from doing so.

Park Service regulations now allow guns only if they are unloaded and stowed.

Sen. DeMint said, "The purpose of this bill is to protect innocent Americans from violent crime in national parks."

Bryan Faehner of the extremist National Parks Conservation Association said the bill would increase poaching in national parks.

The bill passed on a bipartisan committee vote of 18-15.

PRESIDENTIAL RACE: A MASKED MAN AND A SOMETIME FRIEND

Election 2008 for gun owners can be summed up in two vital facts:

- Pro-gun organizations are attacking Democrat Barack Obama as a deceiver on Second Amendment Rights.
- Pro-gun organizations are not endorsing Republican John McCain because he's undependable on Second Amendment Rights.

Chad D. Baus of Buckeye Firearms Association nailed it when he recently wrote, "The past decade has brought about several visible attempts by gun grabbers to masquerade as Second Amendment advocates."

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Emerging studies increasingly show that Barack Obama well deserves the attacks by gun owners: while he may say that he supports the Second Amendment, he is well prepared to regulate it into irrelevance if not oblivion.

THE RECORD BEHIND OBAMA'S MASK

A new book titled "These Dogs Don't Hunt: The Democrats' War on Guns," by Alan Gottlieb and Dave Workman, reveals Obama's "support" for the Second Amendment to be nothing but opposition:

"He once served on the board of the vehemently anti-firearms civil rights Joyce Foundation. During his first run for public office he supported a ban on the manufacture, sale and possession of handguns and semi-automatic rifles. He supports mandatory waiting periods on all gun purchases. He told the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review in April that 'I am not in favor of concealed weapons,' insulting millions of armed citizens who care about self-defense in the process."

And gun owners will never forgive Obama's acceptance speech remark, "The reality of gun ownership may be different for hunters in rural Ohio than for those plagued by gang-violence in Cleveland, but don't tell me we can't uphold the Second Amendment while keeping AK-47s out of the hands of criminals."

He seemed to be saying the Second Amendment is about hunting, and it's alright for you dumb hillbillies, but don't you go bringing your guns to town.

Let's take the mask off: Barack Obama is totally opposed to the use of handguns for self-defense. He only talks favorably about hunting guns. He never talks about self-defense guns.

Your handguns are not safe around that man.

THE RECORD BEHIND BIDEN'S MASK

What about Obama's running-mate, Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware?

Gun owners know Biden as an anti-gun extremist. He consistently earns "F" ratings from gun rights organizations. He claimed credit for writing the original legislation to ban semiautomatic sport-utility rifles that are owned by millions of Americans who have harmed nobody.

Biden recently told a Virginia audience that he is a shotgun owner himself, and that Barack Obama "will not take your guns away from you." He even said he won't allow presidential nominee Obama to "fool with my Beretta."

That's the kind of toxic talk that brands the Democrats today: the Second Amendment is about hunting, not self defense. They won't have to take our guns away because they'll stop us from buying new ones and regulate the ones we keep into uselessness.

THE RECORD BEHIND MCCAIN'S SORT-OF-FRIENDLY UNDEPENDABILITY

Perhaps McCain's most outspoken critic on gun rights is Joseph Farah of WorldNetDaily.com. His online article "McCain is Anti-Gun" cites an analysis of McCain's voting record by Gun Owners of America, which found: Out of 15 votes relating to the right to keep and bear arms, McCain voted right just four times.

"That amounts to a 27 percent rating," wrote Farah. "Few Republicans find themselves in such low standing."

The title of Farah's new book tells us what he thinks of Election 2008's tickets: "None of the Above."

THE PALIN FACTOR

The selection of moose-hunting, bear-rug owning, Alaska Governor Sarah Palin as McCain's vice-presidential running mate underscores the significance of American gun rights in the upcoming national election.

It also did what the McCain campaign hoped it would; it galvanized the Second Amendment movement into support for the McCain candidacy.

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"She hunts. She fishes. She snowmobiles. She's an outdoors person. Outdoors people can relate to someone like that. She's probably the most pro-hunting and pro-gun candidate that we've ever had," said Don McMillan, a member of Sportsmen for McCain in Minnesota, a state boasting that its four seasons are fishing, boating, hunting and snowmobiling, not spring, summer, fall and winter.

An AP-Yahoo News poll recently found that four in ten gun owners across the nation said the Palin pick made them more likely to support the McCain ticket, a much higher rate than among those who don't have firearms.

The same poll found that McCain held a 36 percentage point lead over Obama among gun owners, while Obama was up 41 percent over McCain among those who don't own guns.

The 2008 election could end up being a census of who owns guns and who doesn't.

GOING AFTER THE HOOK-AND-BULLET VOTE

Both the Obama and McCain campaigns are mobilizing blaze-orange brigades in battleground states including Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin and Minnesota. They're making their case at game fairs, shooting ranges, and hunting camps.

The reason is that outdoor sportsmen are a bloc expected to turn out in record numbers because several key states have ballot measures on natural resource financing and land use regulations that affect hunting and fishing.

Obama and McCain gave interviews to *Field & Stream* magazine touting their outdoor backgrounds. Obama said he spearfished as a child in Hawaii but hasn't gone hunting or fishing in Illinois. McCain said he fishes on his property in northern Arizona but doesn't own a gun. Not much of a recommendation for either.

McCain has built a presence at weekend gun shows, organized inside snowmobiling clubs, and recruited pro-McCain phone bank volunteers to contact undecided sportsmen.

Obama rolled out a sportsmen network, with a pledge to expand and restore habitat for hunting and fishing, protect hunters' gun rights, and fund programs to teach youth about outdoors activities.

WHAT ABOUT THE HANDGUN VOTE?

That big hunter turnout could be a double-edged sword.

It could help the McCain-Palin ticket because of Palin's outdoorsy appeal.

It could help the Obama-Biden ticket because hunters have traditionally been more responsive to protecting firearms used by hunters than with protecting handguns used for self-defense, although there is a large overlap.

Obama's pledge to protect *hunters'* gun rights resonated with many long-gun users. But many self-defense handgun users assumed they too were included in the Obama pledge. They weren't.

Democrats know that, and have quietly built organizations like the hunting-and-fishing advocacy group, Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (TRCP), with the motto, "guaranteeing you a place to hunt and fish."

Then, TRCP unexpectedly sprouted the Union Sportsmen's Alliance in 2007.

Insiders saw it as a way to lure labor union workers, especially "Reagan Democrats," away from the National Rifle Association's support for Republicans. It was a way to blur the Democrat reputation as the anti-gun political party.

TRCP's agenda sounds suspiciously like the Obama pledge, with a deep bow to the environmentalist lobby with habitat protection foremost and hunting-gun rights second. Protecting handgun rights has never been mentioned by TRCP - or Obama.

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Washington, D.C.:** ATF officials are obsessed with accusing licensed firearm dealers of losing firearms, but an internal Justice Department audit has found that ATF itself lost 76 weapons and hundreds of laptops over five years. ATF didn't even know whether the missing laptops contained sensitive or classified information. Thirty-five of ATF's missing handguns, rifles, Tasers and other weapons were stolen, and two of those were later used in crimes. Will New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Mayors Against Illegal Firearms file lawsuits against ATF now?

● **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:** A subway rider in his 'thirties inexplicably whipped out a double-claw hammer and began bludgeoning a 20-year-old rider dozing off in his seat. The psycho hammering man continued for 5 long minutes and nobody tried to stop him. When the train came to a stop at the next station, the lunatic bludgeoner tried to throw his victim onto the tracks and still nobody helped the dazed and bloodied man, who had to stagger by himself back onto the train and then walk to a hospital where he was treated and released, miraculously escaping major injuries. The hammer-crime psycho is still on the loose.

● **Jersey City, New Jersey:** A former Jersey City cop was arrested for illegal firearms - 20 handguns, three rifles, two semi-automatic rifles, and three shot-guns. The ex-cop, Edwin D. Wise, 55, had at least one gun in every room of his home, including one in the bathroom medicine cabinet. Jersey City police said Wise bought all the firearms illegally in North Carolina and South Carolina using fake ID and stolen Social Security numbers, then brought the firearms to Jersey City. Mayor Jeremiah Healy used the arrest to tout his "one-handgun-a-month" ordinance that was overturned by a judge and is now on appeal.

● **Columbus, Ohio:** A gunman described by police as a black male with dreadlocks and wearing a bandana across his face entered a Dairy Queen and demanded money from the register. When a 16-year-old girl behind the counter couldn't open the cash drawer, the thug hit her in the head with his gun. Then the manager, Jack Workman, 55, opened the drawer and gave the robber the money. The robber then shot him in the abdomen and fled. Workman was transported to Riverside Hospital where he was in stable condition the next morning. Dairy Queen's "no-guns" policy is a means of promoting safety - for violent criminals.

● **Kremmling, Colorado:** Former police officer Bob Dillon, 52, teaches firearms classes through his 4BarD Enterprises company, currently instructing 230 people who travel to Kremmling from across Colorado. Dillon teaches Colorado gun law and provides shooting range experience that earns successful students a certificate that allows them to apply for a concealed weapon permit. Dillon says his classes grew from 100 this year because people fear what the next election might do to gun rights. Colorado citizens now have the right of concealed carry. Democrats favor gun control, Dillon says.

● **Ohio:** The castle doctrine went into effect in Ohio last month, prompting the state's generally anti-gun media to publish warning stories, seemingly for the benefit of burglars. "Burglars beware: law's now on the side of people defending their homes," said the Cleveland Plain Dealer's online blog. Previously, said the blog, "people who attacked intruders had to prove they were acting in self-defense. The so-called 'castle doctrine' law assumes the owner was acting in self-defense and shifts the burden to police and prosecutors to prove otherwise." The rest of the story is about prosecutors who say the law will be used by people dealing drugs in their house and something goes wrong so they shoot them. John Murphy of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association said it's just "legal cover for bad guys to hurt people who had absolutely no intent of harming them."

● **Phillipsburg, New Jersey:** The school district ran a staff readiness drill against shooting rampages and sent a man to burst into the Early Learning Center library and start shooting blanks. The teachers and children didn't know it was a drill and were terrified, taking cover under child-sized tables, crying and trembling. The School Board heard from angry teachers and parents the next night.

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Beaver, Pennsylvania:** John Noble has openly worn a holstered handgun in public for years without incident. Pennsylvania law allows open carry. But when he showed up near the recent Barack Obama rally in Beaver's Irvine Park, he was arrested. Beaver County District Attorney Anthony Barosh said it was a battle between two constitutional rights: The right to bear arms and the right to assemble peaceably and without fear. "No constitutional right pre-empts the other," he said. Noble was not breaking any law, but he was frightening people at the rally who didn't know him, so police arrested him. "He should have known better than to bring a gun to a presidential campaign rally. Gun rights advocates say Noble's rights were stepped on. Federal authorities said they would not bring charges because Noble did not enter the park, which had metal detectors.

● **London, England:** The on-duty bodyguard of former British Prime Minister Tony Blair left her loaded semi-automatic Glock 17 service pistol inside a central-London Starbucks coffee shop's uni-sex bathroom after using the toilet. It laid on the floor 20 minutes before a Starbucks employee found it and called police. The absent-minded plainclothes bodyguard, who is attached to Scotland Yard's crack SO1 Specialist Protection Command, left the bathroom and stopped to buy a coffee, then walked out - completely forgetting she had left the gun behind. Women police have to remove their clumsy gun belt to use the toilet, although male officers do not. The officer spent an hour retracing her steps near one of Blair's homes trying to remember where her gun was. Police connected the serial number to her and called her in. She has been "removed from operational duties" and may be fired.

● **Chicago, Illinois:** It's been a bad summer for getting shot in Chicago: an estimated 123 people were shot to death by criminals, nearly double the death toll of 65 U.S. troops in Iraq over the same period. Chicago's Channel 2 CBS affiliate tracked shooting deaths between the start of Memorial Day weekend on May 26, and the end of Labor Day on Sept. 1. Police department spokeswoman Monique Bond disputed the numbers, but did not provide corrections. Instead, she changed the subject: "Gang and gun violence continue to be the dominating threat on our streets. Up to 60 percent of the shootings are gang related. More than 90 percent of the offenders have criminal histories and up to 80 percent of the victims have criminal histories." How many that was she didn't say.

● **Newark, New Jersey:** The Department of Justice has awarded a \$254,889 federal grant to the New Jersey Institute of Technology so the Newark university can continue developing its child-proof "smart gun" technology, members of New Jersey's congressional delegation have announced. University officials say it works 99 percent of the time when paired with an off-the-shelf handgun outfitted with green and red lights to indicate whether the embedded circuitry decided to fire or not. They have tested it successfully with shooters wearing gloves, under timed conditions to simulate stressful conditions and using alternate hands. But why are cops exempt from having to use them?

● **Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea:** Papua New Guinea's police minister Sani Rambi says 60 per cent of crimes committed in PNG involve small arms and light weapons. The National newspaper quoted Mr Rambi as saying the government needs to create incentives for people to voluntarily hand in their weapons. He says tougher legislation is needed to control their use and removal from communities. Mr Rambi is alarmed that small arms are fast becoming a means of security and protection as well as a flourishing criminal business.

● **Nyanga, South Africa:** The anti-gun group, Gun Free South Africa, recently celebrated "Gun Free South Africa Day" at a community event in Nyanga, which has one of the highest mortality rates in the country due to criminals using guns. Gun Free South Africa spokesperson John Oliver says they acknowledge that many factors contribute to criminal violence in the country. The 14-year-old group maintains that ridding communities of illegal weapons, and highly regulating the issuing of gun licenses will save lives and reduce levels of crime. It hasn't yet.

Parting Shot

TO SHOOT OR NOT TO SHOOT

One Sunday afternoon, Michael Boykin drove his pickup truck by Mike Angel's home just south of the Ball State University campus in Muncie, Indiana.

Seeing that the resident was nowhere around, Boykin and a buddy left the truck in the driveway and broke into the back door.

One by one, they carried a window air conditioner, two guitars, two mountain bicycles, and a shop vac to the pickup and then drove away.

When Mike Angel got home that evening, he found his back door wide open and his belongings gone.

He reported the break-in to police and talked to a neighbor who told him about the two guys who just walked away with his stuff like they had bought it.

Angel had a hunch. The burglars would be back. So he got his gun and waited for them.

Sure enough, Boykin came back, alone this time, walked right in and began roaming through the house to see what else there was.

He was in the bedroom when Angel confronted him with his handgun and said, "Get down on the ground."

Police came and took Boykin to the Delaware County Jail, where he was charged with burglary and held without bail. Seems he had been convicted of burglary six times, and had been released from an 8-year prison term just last year.

Sometimes you don't have to shoot.

But when a gunman came into A1A Discount Beverage in Lake Worth, Florida, and demanded money from owner Noel Nagi, things were different.

Nagi's daughter was standing next to him behind the counter. Her husband was there, too, sitting in a chair and holding Nagi's 7-month-old grandson on his knee.

Nagi got the cash out of the register - about \$150 - and said to the robber, "Here. Just don't do anything crazy. There's a baby."

The robber said, "I don't give a ----," and leveled the gun at the boy.

Suddenly a customer entered the store and distracted the robber for a split second. The boy's father, Yamen Abdelfattah, 29, handed him off to the mother, who rushed him to the closed office in two steps.

Abdelfattah is a veteran of the check-cashing business with a concealed carry permit. He pulled his gun, stepped around the counter and fired, killing the robber.

"Five, six times, I don't know," he told police. "I've never shot someone. I don't know what it takes to stop somebody who wanted to shoot my son. I stopped him."

Sometimes you do have to shoot.

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