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Dear Subscriber,

Gun owners knew it would happen. With gun control Democrats in charge of Congress and the White House, **an Anti-Gun War was inevitable.**

A former Black Panther fired the first shot of the 111th Congress' War On Guns on its first day in session. No sooner were the new members of Congress sworn in than **Representative BOBBY RUSH (D-IL) filed HR 45, a comprehensive anti-gun wish-list bill** that would make dozens of gun-related actions a federal felony.

RUSH calls HR 45 the "**Blair Holt Firearm Licensing and Record of Sale Act of 2009**". Blair Holt was a Chicago police officer who died in a shooting.

**ON THE
FEDERAL
LEVEL**

The bill's Table of Contents alone is a Second Amendment nightmare:

The first section, "Licensing" establishes **national gun registration**, starting with the "licensing requirement" and complex "application requirements," which show **how hard it would be to license a firearm.**

The section has three more subsections, **complicated rules** for "issuance, renewal and revocation" of licenses.

It would make it illegal to own a firearm unless it is registered with a federal database. Registration includes **fingerprinting and disclosure of your mental and physical health records.**

The section on "Record of Sale or Transfer" says **you would have to maintain a valid address at all times, and notify the government of any move and any changes in gun ownership, even in private sales, and pay \$25 for each update.** If you fail to comply, you lose your right to own firearms.

The "Additional Prohibitions" section is the nail in the coffin for gun owners: **It would subject all gun sales to background checks,** except for gifts or sales within a family, increase dealer record-keeping requirements to ridiculous levels and impose totalitarian rules to **keep track of every gun owner's location.**

The list of outrageous requirements goes on and on, but this gives you the idea. Of course, none of these requirements affect governmental authorities.

This bill is the same one BOBBY RUSH introduced last year. It failed then, but the Democrats have a much stronger grip on power this year.

If passed, **H.R. 45 would legislatively gut the Second Amendment.**

Fighting fire with fire, the same day that RUSH filed H.R. 45, Rep. ROSCOE G. BARTLETT (R-MD) filed **HR 17, The Citizens' Self-Defense Act of 2009,** a bill that would **legislatively reinforce the Second Amendment.**

The purpose of HR 17 is **"To protect the right to obtain firearms for security, and to use firearms in defense of self, family, or home, and to provide for the enforcement of such right."**

The rationale is that "Police cannot protect, and are not legally liable for failing to protect, individual citizens," and "citizens frequently must use firearms to defend themselves." In other words, when seconds count, police are only a minute away - and this law would explicitly say **you don't have to wait for them.**

Critics have asked, "Why do we need HR 17? We already have the Second Amendment." The answer is **BOBBY RUSH and his HR 45, which, if passed, could tie up gun rights for years in court wrangling.**

Also in this issue: ● Mexico may ban toy guns ● Bloomberg loses another round in defamation suit ● District of Columbia may allow gun shops ● New York gets spate of anti-gun bills ● Special Report on Holder and Gillibrand ● Robbers should think about career change in our Page 8 "Parting Shot"

UNITED NATIONS NOMINEE TOLD TO PROTECT U.S. GUN RIGHTS

Susan Rice, the Obama Administration's United Nations Ambassador nominee, got an earful from Senator John Barrasso (R-WY) during her confirmation hearing. "As our nation's top representative to the United Nations, the next United States U.N. Ambassador has an important responsibility to defend and protect our citizens' Second Amendment rights from international gun control. The Second Amendment is not only right, it is a value and way of life we hold dear in Wyoming."

CANADIAN LAWMAKER WANTS LONG GUN REGISTRY ABOLISHED

A New Democrat Party member of Canada's Parliament is taking aim at Canada's controversial long-gun registration program. Northwestern Ontario MP John Rafferty wants the program scrapped. He is introducing a private member's bill to kill the registry now that the House of Commons has resumed sitting.

Rafferty says the money that goes to the long gun registry now would be better spent on police enforcement initiatives. He says many in his own party have different views, but says he is following the wishes of his constituents in his predominantly rural riding of Thunder Bay-Rainy River. Other MPs have introduced similar bills in the past, only to see them go nowhere.

**AROUND THE
WORLD**

MEXICO MAY BAN TOY GUNS

Mexico's parliament is considering legislation to outlaw toy guns, with a ban on the production, import, sale, rent and use of plastic imitations of most kinds. The bill aims to stop aggression among Mexican children, which is blamed for the extreme criminal violence that has exploded across the country.

Much of the violence is linked to Mexico's drug wars, which fill the local media with tales of gun battles between rival trafficking gangs, or between gunmen and soldiers. Last year's official death toll in this war topped 5,300.

MOSCOW PAPER WANTS ITS REPORTERS ARMED FOR SELF-DEFENSE

Aleksandr Lebedev, the co-owner of "Novaya gazeta" has asked the FSB to allow his reporters to carry weapons to protect themselves as they go about their legitimate business. Law enforcement agencies in Russia are increasingly unable to guarantee the security of journalists.

Lebedev's request came only two days after someone shot down "Novaya gazeta" journalist Anatasiya Baburova in cold blood on the streets of Moscow, together with attorney Stanislav Markelov and in the same week that Lebedev attracted attention for his purchase of the London "Evening Standard."

URUGUAY OFFICIAL COMPLAINS ABOUT PUBLIC LACK OF INTEREST IN GUN CONTROL

Daisy Tourne, Uruguay's anti-gun Interior Minister, wants people to worry about guns, but nobody's listening. Despite gun control seminars for lawmakers, she can't get action on her gun ban bill. In this nation of 3 million, some 600,000 people own registered guns, with probably the same number of illegally owned firearms. Criminal violence has convinced the public to keep their guns.

SOUTH AFRICAN GUN CONTROL ADVOCATE SAYS BAN GUNS DURING 2010 WORLD CUP

Joseph Dube of the International Action Network on Small Arms has asked that guns in public should be banned in South Africa while it hosts the 2010 soccer World Cup. He says it would insure that shooters don't ruin the nation's "finest moment" - South Africa has the world's fourth highest homicide rate.

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SAN FRANCISCO HOUSING AUTHORITY SETTLES GUN LAWSUIT

The San Francisco Housing Authority has agreed to allow its residents to own guns, according to a settlement of a lawsuit by the Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms and the National Rifle Association that followed last year's U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the right to bear arms. The Housing Authority agreed not to enforce a provision it added to tenant leases in 2005 prohibiting the possession of guns and ammunition. The ban will now apply only to illegal gun ownership, like possession of a machine gun or of a firearm by a convicted felon.

FEDERAL OSHA LAW DOESN'T PRE-EMPT STATE GUN LAW

Oklahoma's law allowing employees to store firearms in their cars in company parking lots does not conflict with federal law, says the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. In a letter to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, OSHA knocked out the props from a ruling by a federal district court that told Oklahoma its law blocking employer bans on employee guns conflicted with federal OSHA law. But the letter to the appeals court said, "Since no OSHA standard specifically governs the issue of the presence of firearms in vehicles in company parking lots, states generally retain broad authority regarding individual rights under the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, or state equivalent constitutional provisions, as they affect employers within federal OSHA's jurisdiction."

ON THE LEGAL FRONT

CALIFORNIA COUPLE USING HELLER IN APPEAL OF GUN SHOW BAN

Gun show promoters Russell and Sallie Nordyke are back in court fighting Alameda County's ban on gun shows at the county fairgrounds, shows they had conducted for ten years. They lost a long fight in 2003 when the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled the ban constitutional because the Second Amendment didn't protect an individual right, only a collective state right. After the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *District of Columbia v. Heller* that the Second Amendment does protect an individual right, the Nordykes are back asking the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals to overturn the Alameda County law. Oral arguments have been heard by a 3-judge panel, which will issue their ruling at a later date.

INDIANA HIGH COURT ALLOWS CITY'S ANTI-GUN LAWSUIT TO PROCEED

The Indiana Supreme Court has ruled that the City of Gary can take its long-running lawsuit against gun makers to trial. In 1999, Gary filed suit against gun dealers alleging they sold guns they knew would end up in criminal hands. Gun rights advocates predict Gary will drop the suit because of its high cost.

BLOOMBERG LOSES ANOTHER ROUND IN DEFAMATION LAWSUIT

The lawsuit filed by Jay Wallace and his wife Cecilia, alleging that New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg defamed their gun dealership, Adventure Outdoors, by saying it broke laws, won't go to a federal trial court, which would give Bloomberg the advantage. It has been ordered back to the Marietta, Georgia court where it was filed originally, by the 11th Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled that federal courts don't have jurisdiction over the matter. Now Bloomberg gets to face a jury of 12 good and true Georgians.

INDICTEES ARE ENTITLED TO A BAIL HEARING BEFORE BEING STRIPPED OF GUNS

Pretrial conditions including surrender of firearms for defendants indicted on child pornography offenses are unconstitutional, a federal magistrate judge has ruled in *United States v. Arzberger*. Southern District of New York Magistrate Judge James Francis said portions of the 2006 Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act violate the due process clause of the Fifth Amendment because they impose automatic restrictions on fundamental rights. The *Heller* case established keeping and bearing arms as a fundamental right. Francis said those accused of possessing child pornography are entitled to an individualized determination at a bail hearing before being ordered to surrender their guns.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO ALLOW GUN SHOPS

The D.C. Zoning Commission has passed "emergency regulations" to allow gun shops in tiny spots in the town. Because the regulations keep stores at least 300 feet from the nearest school, library, home, playground and church, there aren't many possible locations. There's a tiny plot along Connecticut Avenue NW, a cluster of parcels off Wisconsin Avenue, another plot off Wisconsin, a small piece of M Street in Georgetown, and downtown, between Pennsylvania Avenue and M Street. There's exactly one gun shop in D.C. now, but it doesn't do retail, only out-of-state transfers. There will be a public hearing on the regulations.

IN THE STATES

ARKANSAS LAWMAKER WANTS CONCEALED CARRY IN CAMPUS PARKING LOTS

State Rep. Randy Stewart, a Democrat from Kirby in Pike County, wants to amend Arkansas law so holders of concealed-carry gun permits can stash weapons in their cars while parking on college campuses. He filed House Bill 1097 to help his constituents - many of them female schoolteachers who drive up to 60 miles for night classes while seeking master's degrees - because current law prohibits a handgun anywhere on a college campus.

GEORGIA SENATE CONSIDERS AMMUNITION CODING BILL

Georgia state Senator Ronald Ramsey (D-Lithonia) has proposed legislation that would require an ammunition coding and database system. It would require a unique serial number or marking on each bullet. Many gun rights enthusiasts say the bill is a violation of their Second Amendment rights. If the bill passes as written, all non-coded handgun ammunition whether owned privately or commercially will have to be disposed of by January 1st of 2012.

MICHIGAN JUDGES GET GUN RIGHTS THEY DENY TO OTHERS

Michigan state court judges who are licensed to carry concealed weapons can pack heat in places most other people can't under a new Michigan law. Legislation signed last month by Gov. Jennifer Granholm lets judges and retired judges with permits carry weapons in gun-free zones. Gun-free zones include stadiums, bars, schools and hospitals. A 2001 Michigan Supreme Court order added courtrooms to the gun free list unless the chief judge gives prior approval to carry guns.

MONTANA DEMOCRATS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT BACK CASTLE DOCTRINE

Two bills put before lawmakers would put on the books a widely recognized right to use a gun on home intruders posing a serious threat, protecting Montanans' Second Amendment rights. Sen. Larry Jent, D-Bozeman, and Rep. Kendall Van Dyk, D-Billings, presented their bills in Senate and House hearings with the backing of law-enforcement officials and prosecutors from across the state. The bill "conforms Montana law to what most Montanans think Montana law is," Hal Harper, Gov. Brian Schweitzer's chief policy advisor, said at the House Judiciary Committee meeting.

Rep. Krayton Kerns (R-Laurel) introduced a bill that would allow conceal-carry in Montana towns and would also allow for gun protection in the work place. Kerns says the other bills do not address all the issues: "Those bills are very weak and they don't really accomplish much. We won't hinder gun rights by passing those bills, but we won't advance them a heck of a lot either."

NEBRASKA CONCEALED-CARRY LEGAL OPINION DRAWS YAWNS

Nebraska Attorney General Jon Bruning issued an opinion that a conceal-carry law passed in 2006 applies to all communities, despite clauses that allowed cities local control. Officials in Kearney, Lexington and Holdrege, among communities that opted to retain existing bans or restrictions tighter than the state law, said the opinion had no force. Lexington City Manager Joe Pepsplitsch said until he hears differently, he will assume his ban remains in effect. Bruning's opinion was requested by state Sen. Mark Christensen of Imperial, who complained the patchwork of local conceal-carry ordinances denies some Nebraskans their rights.

NEW JERSEY LAWMAKERS FIGHTING OVER "STRAW" GUN BUYS

The New Jersey legislature is considering a bill that would make it the fourth state to limit handgun purchases to one a month, supposedly a move to stop "straw" gun buyers who purchase firearms legally and pass them to criminals. The plan, backed by officials in Camden, Newark, Jersey City and other cities, is touted as "cracking down on gun trafficking" that they say fuels violence.

The proposal won approval in the Assembly but faces a tough final test in the more evenly divided Senate. Gov. Jon Corzine, who sponsored a similar plan in the U.S. Senate, has said he will "absolutely" sign the bill into law if it reaches his desk. But Scott Bach, president of the Association of New Jersey Rifle and Pistol Clubs, said, "This legislation makes it a crime to exercise a constitutional right to obtain handguns any more often than Big Brother dictates."

IN THE STATES

NEW YORK DEMOCRATS CRAM EIGHT ANTI-GUN BILLS INTO LEGISLATURE

The minute New York's 2009 legislature convened, Democrats filed eight anti-gun bills, including: Assembly Bill 497, (Assemblyman Sam Hoyt, D-144), to study "safe and secure" storage methods for retailers; Assembly Bill 506, (Assemblyman Brian Kavanaugh, D-74), to initiate a "gun violence" prevention program in public schools, an anti-gun message to youngsters; Assembly Bill 555, (Assemblyman Brian Kavanaugh, D-74), to mandate storage methods for law-abiding gun owners;

Assembly Bill 1326, (Assemblyman Steve Englebright, D-04), to mandate handguns be equipped with technology to prevent children operating them; Assembly Bill 1093, (Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, D-88), to require gun dealers to obtain insurance to cover criminal acts committed after the legal sale of a firearm;

Assembly Bill 1536, (Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, D-88), to ban private transfer of firearms. Senate Bill 66, (Senator John Sampson, D-19), to impose renewable handgun licenses; Senate Bill 118, (Senator John Sampson, D-19), to require proof of need to defend against imminent injury or death for pistol license applicants.

NORTH CAROLINA ACORN ASKS FOR AMMUNITION BACKGROUND CHECKS

ACORN, the "Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now," funded by big left-wing foundations, is running an initiative campaign for a new law to require NICS criminal background checks for ammunition purchasers and the imposition of bullet permits for buyers in the state. At least 18 states have tried to pass such a law, but all have failed.

TEXAS LAWMAKERS GET RIGHT-TO-CARRY REFORM BILL

State Rep. Carl Isett (R-Lubbock) has introduced House Bill 410, a measure repealing the requirement that Concealed Handgun Licensees display their license if they are in possession of a handgun and are stopped by a law enforcement officer who requests identification. Now, failure could lead to 90 day suspension.

UTAH ENJOYS RUN ON CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS

Gun owners are flooding Utah's Bureau of Criminal Identification with applications for concealed weapons permits, with almost 45,000 applications filed in 2008, a record number, quadrupling the figure from four years ago. About one in every 25 Utahns over age 21 is able to carry a licensed concealed weapon,

VIRGINIA PANEL DEADLOCKS OVER GUN-SHOW BACKGROUND CHECKS

Virginia's state crime commission deadlocked on whether to support a bill that would force unlicensed sellers to do background checks on people who buy firearms at gun shows. The 6-6 vote tie does not stop possible legislation.

WYOMING SET TO WARN ACCUSED OF POSSIBLE LOSS OF GUN RIGHTS

A Wyoming bill would require judges to inform defendants that a misdemeanor domestic violence conviction would cost them their gun rights. It makes misdemeanor domestic violence a serious offense requiring defendants to have lawyers.

SPECIAL REPORT

HOLDER AND GILLIBRAND: ANTI-GUN AND PRO-GUN DEMOCRATS

The differences between newly confirmed Attorney General Eric Holder and newly appointed Senator from New York Kirsten Gillibrand couldn't be clearer: Holder is an enemy of gun owners and Gillibrand is a friend.

Holder, while Deputy Attorney General, signed an amicus brief to the Supreme Court in the *Heller* case arguing that the Second Amendment does not protect an individual right to keep and bear arms.

Gillibrand, while a congresswoman from rural upstate New York, broke with Democrat anti-gun policies regularly, and won high marks from a number of gun rights groups.

Now, both are in office, and gun owners need to think about what they can expect from each of these Democrats.

Eric Himpton Holder, Jr. is America's first African-American Attorney General. His law degree is from top-five rated Columbia Law School; during his first summer in law school he worked for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, and the United States Attorney during his second summer.

He is a former judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, a United States Attorney, and Deputy Attorney General. He was instrumental in negotiating the controversial pardon of fugitive Marc Rich during the last day of the Clinton Administration. He was an Obama supporter from Day One.

Don't underestimate Holder: he's smart, powerful, and dangerous. John R. Lott, Jr., author of *More Guns Less Crime*, said that on every gun regulation Holder has discussed, "he has been supportive, including bans, raising the age that someone can possess a gun, registration and licensing, one-gun-a-month limit on purchases, and mandatory waiting periods."

Worst problem: As Attorney General, Holder will be able to stretch his anti-gun agenda beyond policies that Congress or the President may authorize. In Washington-speak, it's called "mission creep," the tendency of bureaucracies to endlessly try for more and more power. Unless President Obama keeps Holder on a tight leash, he may find his campaign promises of honoring the Second Amendment a hollow shell. But can gun owners trust Obama's campaign rhetoric?

Best hope: American judges now have a Supreme Court ruling explicitly stating that the Second Amendment protects an individual right, and Holder will have a harder time finding ways to sneak around that right.

But Holder is cunning and ruthless, so gun owners must take heed of the warning, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Support for pro-gun organizations with the clout to fight Holder is the smartest move.

Kirsten Elizabeth Rutnik Gillibrand is different. She's a mix of risks and opportunities. The opportunities are obvious: before being appointed by New York Governor David Paterson to hold the Senate seat vacated by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Gillibrand was a pro-gun, two-term member of the United States House of Representatives, representing New York's 20th congressional district, the first female to win that district. She was a conservative member of the Blue Dog Coalition from a conservative district.

Her appointment outraged the gun control gang, particularly Long Island-based Rep. Carolyn McCarthy (D-NY), who has based her career on anti-gun politics because her husband was killed by a gunman in 1993. McCarthy was so steamed, she vowed to run against Gillibrand for her Senate seat in 2010.

But McCarthy is 65 and insiders wonder if she can compete with the up and coming 44-year-old Gillibrand, who has formidable fund-raising talent and the backing of the two most important politicians in New York: Gov. Paterson and Senator Charles Schumer, as well as an offer of full support from Hillary Clinton.

Worst problem: The transition from representing a conservative upstate constituency to representing the entire state, including one of the most anti-gun cities in America, where she needs support for the 2010 election, may pressure her into becoming a less vigorous defender of Second Amendment rights.

Best hope: Support for organizations that can reinforce her determination.

**GUN
POLITICS**

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Asbury Park, New Jersey:** The latest Rasmussen Reports national telephone survey found that American voters are evenly divided on the need for stricter gun control laws but don't think city government should have the right to prevent citizens from owning handguns in their city. 44% say we need stricter gun laws and 44% disagree, with 12% not sure. Most African-American and Hispanic voters think stricter gun laws are needed while 47% of White voters disagree. 62% of Democrats want more gun laws, while 63% of Republicans hold the opposite view.

● **Newtown, Connecticut:** Despite a weak economy, gun sales are continuing to increase amid concerns that the Democrat majority will institute a new gun ban on law-abiding Americans. The FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) data show a total of 12,709,023 background checks reported in 2008, up 14 percent from 2007. Stephen L. Sanetti, President and CEO of National Sports Shooting Foundation, said, "It's clear that many people are concerned about possible gun bans under the incoming Congress and are reacting accordingly."

● **Washington, D.C.:** The Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has issued a notice to all federal firearms licensees that "an unprecedented increase in demand for ATF Form 4473" had run supplies low enough that dealers were temporarily given permission to photocopy the form until supplies caught up with demand. Completion of a Form 4473 is required whenever a federal firearms licensee sells a firearm. Obama was given credit as the "best gun salesman of the year."

● **Chicago, Illinois:** Roland Wallace Burris was the man picked by corrupt Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevic to fill the Senate seat vacated by Senator Barack Obama after he was elected President. It's not known what the now-removed "Blago" saw in Burris, but on page 142 of Alan Gottlieb's 1996 book, *Politically Correct Guns*, it says "Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris was a major promoter of the 1993 Gun Turn-In Day in Chicago, but he somehow failed to turn in his own handgun." He told reporters he just didn't get around to it. "It's just a little, small thing," he added, presumably talking about his gun size, not his brain size. "If I ban them, I'm going to be the first one to burn mine." Burn it? Has he got a blast furnace in his new Senate office? Or just a load of hypocrisy?

● **Bismarck, North Dakota:** Gun-friendly states have lower murder rates: That's the conclusion to be drawn from North Dakota's experience. Attorney General Wayne Stenehjem says his state had only two murders in 2008 (both stabbing deaths with no guns involved), the lowest yearly number in at least 30 years. North Dakota averaged about 11 homicides annually for the past several years, after a high of 22 in 1993. 16 were reported in 2007. North Dakota law has very few restrictions on gun rights.

● **San Antonio, Texas:** According to San Antonio Police Department statistics, justified homicides in 2008 rose significantly, from seven in 2007 to 17 mirroring a nationwide trend. Of the 17, city and other area police officers were involved in seven. While the total number of killings in San Antonio barely budged in 2008 – up only slightly from the 134 recorded the prior year – detectives noted an upswing in cases in which the shooter was found to be within his rights, from instances of apparent self-defense to protecting one's home and family.

● **North Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:** Five anti-gun protesters inside a North Philadelphia gun store were arrested after they refused to leave when ordered by police. Police said they gave the five, who are connected with the religious coalition, "Heeding God's Call," three warnings before the arrests were made. The incident happened inside Colosimo's Gun Center, owned by 77-year-old James Colosimo. Police said the five were arraigned on charges of defiant trespass.

● **Santa Ana, California:** Orange County Sheriff Sandra Hutchins ordered more than 20 deputies to a public Board of Supervisors meeting where she believed pro-gun citizens would speak out against her proposed harsh rules on gun permits. Deputies targeted only residents wearing pro-gun buttons, searched, followed and questioned them. That sheriff fails the First and Second Amendment.

Parting Shot

GUN OWNERS TO THUGS: THINKING OF A CAREER CHANGE?

The depressed economy is hard on robbers, home intruders, and thieves.

People have armed themselves against bad times (economic *and* political), and most states now have "Castle Doctrine" laws that permit the use of deadly force for self-defense.

That means more criminals should think things over, like their line of work:

Altha Rider, who lives alone in Batesville, Arkansas, was awakened one recent Thursday night at about 10 p.m. by the sound of someone kicking in her front door.

She is 87 years old and keeps a .38-caliber pistol by her bedside. She got up to take care of whoever was smashing her front door, and strode into her living room yelling and screaming. She and her handgun were clearly visible to the kicker, who ran away before police could get there.

Granny and her protector scared him away.

But the next day, police responded to another break-in nearby. It was an empty house up for sale, and the key holder called 911 after seeing the door had been kicked in.

Inside, police found Keith Eugene White, 33, who was out of prison on parole for burglary. In the empty house police identified many items stolen in several earlier burglaries in the neighborhood.

White was arrested on burglary charges, and held without bond.

In Orlando, Florida, a man was washing his car at Mr. Big's Super Car Wash off Orange Blossom Trail. Two men approached him, one with a sawed-off shotgun, and demanded money.

The man stopped washing his car, reached in his jacket, pulled out his handgun and fired several shots into the robber with the sawed-off shotgun.

The wounded robber ran about fifty feet and fell dead. The other robber just ran. The shooter holds a concealed carry permit.

Orange County Sheriff's Office Commander Paul Hopkins said the modus operandi fitted a series of recent holdups.

"We've responded to about five robberies in the last week with similar events, the sawed-off shotguns."

Hopkins noted that a recent incident in an Ocoee car wash ended up with a concealed carry permit holder shooting a robber who was beating a store clerk.

"For the bad guys out there, you never know who you're dealing with," Hopkins said. "When you go out to commit this crime, you might be the one who's lying dead in the parking lot."

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