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Studies indicate that firearms are used more than 2 million times a year for personal protection, and that the presence of a firearm, without a shot being fired, prevents crime in many instances. Shooting usually can be justified only where crime constitutes an immediate, imminent threat to life, limb, or, in some cases, property. Anyone is free to quote or reproduce these accounts.

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A man in Keithville, La., attempted to resolve a heated argument with a coworker on June 27 by getting into his truck. However, the coworker came to his truck as well and allegedly began hitting the first man in the head. Fearing for his life, the victim drew his gun and fired two shots at the assailant. The suspect suffered non-life-threatening injuries and faces a charge of simple battery upon release from the hospital. Investigators determined that the shooting was an act of self-defense. (ksla.com, Shreveport, La., 6/27/25)

On June 21, in Prichard, Ala., a gas-station clerk shot a masked robber who entered the establishment with a 9 mm pistol. The suspect was shot in the chest, but still managed to flee the scene before collapsing dead a few blocks away. The suspect was apparently wearing clothing that matched security footage from a previous robbery at the location on June 9. No charges were expected against the gas-station clerk. (weartv.com, Pensacola, Fla., 6/24/25)

On June 30, just before midnight, a man allegedly entered a home in Elkhorn City, Ky., and threatened the homeowner and family. The intruder reportedly had a gun, which the homeowner was able to take from him, but the assailant then allegedly pulled another gun and attempted to fire a shot. Fortunately, that gun did not discharge. The homeowner grabbed his own firearm and shot the home invader in the leg. Reports say the wounded man attempted to fire the malfunctioning gun again, this time pointing it at a woman in the residence, but it again did not fire. The homeowner forced the man out of the residence and called authorities. Troopers found the suspect in an alley nearby but noted that he still had the gun and appeared intoxicated. They finally took the man into custody after a standoff that lasted several hours. He faces numerous charges including alcohol intoxication, resisting arrest, attempted murder and terroristic threatening. (fox56news.com, Lexington, Ky., 7/1/25 and mountain-topmedia.com, Pikeville, Ky., 7/2/25)

Shortly before 5 a.m. on June 30, a family of three was sleeping inside their home in Jefferson County, Fla., when they were awakened by a suspect trying to break through their front door. The homeowner got his gun and told the

suspect several times to leave. However, the would-be home invader did not comply and eventually broke a window into the residence. The homeowner shot the suspect once, then retrieved his first-aid kit and rendered aid until paramedics arrived. The suspect was taken to the hospital and was reported in stable condition, and the investigation was ongoing. (tallahassee.com, Tallahassee, Fla., 6/30/25)

Around 8:30 p.m. on July 4 in Osceola County, Fla., a man noticed his mother's back door was open while she was away. He went inside the house, and, hearing strange noises, armed himself with a revolver. Once armed, the man called out, and an intruder reportedly emerged, then charged toward him. The son shot the man in the leg and then held him at gunpoint until police arrived. The suspect faces charges of burglary of an occupied dwelling and possession of burglary tools. (clickorlando.com, Orlando, Fla., 7/5/25)

Just after midnight on July 5, a 44-year-old man in Anderson County, S.C., attacked his father in his residence. The man was armed with an unspecified weapon and attempted to strangle the older man in his bed. Fortunately, the father was able to reach his gun and shot the assailant dead. Deputies said that, based on evidence and witnesses, the incident was deemed a justifiable homicide. (foxcarolina.com, Greenville, S.C., 7/5/25)

In Sullivan County, Ind., after midnight on July 10, a property owner reportedly found a man trespassing on his property and told the man "numerous times" to leave. However, the man apparently attempted to fight the property owner, who shot him. The alleged assailant was airlifted to the hospital but died of his wounds. The investigation was ongoing. (withitv.com, Terre Haute, Ind., 7/10/25)