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Dear Subscriber,

Two big **gun issues** roiled in Congress just before the July 4 recess: **tightened background checks for the mentally ill and the ban on release of gun trace data to politicians for lawsuits against gun dealers.**

"The NICS Improvement Amendment Act" (H.R. 2640), which **provides federal funding to states that make sure mental health adjudications are properly included in the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS)**, passed the U.S. House of Representatives on a voice vote.

It went to the Senate with the support of the **National Rifle Association.**

A news release by NRA emphasized that **the bill is "not gun control!"** and only reflects their long-standing support for ensuring that those *currently prohibited under federal law* from owning a gun because of mental health adjudications **are included in NICS** as "disqualified persons."

But some gun owners are worried that H.R. 2640 **is** gun control.

Gun Owners of America issued a counter-release saying, "Rep. CAROLYN McCARTHY and Sen. CHUCK SCHUMER are the lead sponsors of this legislation! These two have NEVER once looked out for your Second Amendment rights!!!"

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) said the bill "may not go far enough to protect the rights of American gun owners while apparently making it easier to prevent mentally ill persons from legally buying guns at retail outlets."

CCRKBA said **the Department of Veterans Affairs** should be required to remove the names of some 83,000 veterans that it entered into the system seven years ago, for what the media have identified as 'alleged mental health reasons.' **"Soldiers should not have to petition or pay for that,"** said CCRKBA Public Affairs Director JOHN SNYDER.

"This proposal is in response to the Virginia Tech shootings in April by Seung Hui Cho," SNYDER noted, "and **such tragedies might be stopped by legally armed students or professors.** Schools that prohibit those citizens from defending themselves should have their federal funding withheld."

SNYDER also reported on **wrangling** in the **Senate Appropriations Committee** over the Tiahrt Amendment, which prevents the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives from **sharing gun trace data with city police** if it could **jeopardize active federal investigations** and be used by **anti-gun mayors in civil lawsuits.**

Sen. DICK SHELBY (R-AL), Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies, introduced his own amendment to provide that **law enforcement must also give a reason when requesting information** (which would prevent anti-gun mayors from getting it from politically appointed police chiefs who could pass it on to them for use in civil lawsuits).

Anti-gun Sen. FRANK LAUTENBERG (D-NJ) introduced an amendment that would have gutted Sen. SHELBY's, **but it was voted down in the full committee** and **SHELBY's was approved.** Subcommittee Chairman Sen. BARBARA MIKULSKI (D-MD) was truly upset. **It's not often that a full committee rebuffs a subcommittee chairman like that.**

It's not over yet. The pro-gun measures still face a full Senate vote.

Also in this issue: ● Jesse Jackson arrested for gun shop protest ● Gun rights advocate in jail for threats ● Delaware gets "Katrina" gun law ● Law firm wants documents from Bloomberg group ● Japan jittery about recent shootings ● Not a good month for burglars, in our Page Eight "Parting Shot"

**AT THE
FEDERAL
LEVEL**

ANTI-GUN JESSE JACKSON CAMPAIGN BRINGS PRO-GUN ACTION

When Rev. Jesse Jackson protested a suburban Chicago gun store, he expected to be arrested, but he didn't expect it to spur a federal law being drafted to stop him.

Late last month Jackson and a Catholic priest, Michael Pflieger, were arrested and charged with trespassing for blocking the entrance to Chuck's Gun Shop in Riverdale, Illinois, so that customers could not go where they had a right to go. Jackson plans on continuing the protests and expanding them nationwide to gun shops and gun shows.

**JACKSON
WATCH**

The Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms (CCRKBA) immediately began drafting federal legislation that would prevent anti-gun demonstrators from blocking access to gun shops.

CCRKBA Public Affairs Director John Snyder said the draft bill doesn't stop Jackson or anyone else from peacefully protesting a gun shop. "We are, however, seeking the same protection from interference that is now guaranteed by federal statute to reproductive health services facilities."

Snyder noted that it is illegal for pro-life activists to block access to abortion clinics, "and it should be just as illegal for anti-gunners to block access to gun shops."

He added, "This is neither a First or Second Amendment issue but rather a Fourteenth Amendment issue relating to equal protection."

According to a *Cybercast News Service* report, three weeks before the protest and arrest Pflieger told anti-gun activists they should find gun shop owner John Riggio and "snuff him," an unusually violent remark for a priest.

Jackson made an odd remark of his own after his arrest, telling the *Chicago Tribune*, "I think people have the right to bear arms at a hunting reserve."

That's like telling inner-city voters they have a right to vote, but only at a rural city hall.

Critics have noted that Jackson is selective in what he thinks is a civil right. It's like, "What's mine is mine; what's yours is optional."

To Jackson, *voting* rights are civil rights, but *gun* rights aren't civil rights, even though both are protected by the same U.S. Constitution.

There's no reasoning with such blindness, so the only recourse is to Congress and a law to restrain his irrationality and that of like-minded anti-gun zealots and demagogues who appeal to the prejudices of the populace.

Dave Workman, CCRKBA spokesman, said that "a couple of congressmen who support the Second Amendment were giving it a pretty good look."

CCRKBA's John Michael Snyder is also known as the author of *Gun Saint*, the story of Catholic seminarian St. Gabriel Possenti, who rescued Italian villagers from a gang of terrorists in 1860 with a striking single-shot demonstration of handgun marksmanship. Pope Benedict XV canonized him in 1920.

Snyder was particularly offended by Rev. Michael Pflieger's call for the protest crowd to "drag" gun shop owner John Riggio out "like a rat" and "snuff him."

Pflieger's statement "is an absolute outrage," Snyder said. "He ought to be defrocked. There are ecclesiastical penalties which can be invoked against Pflieger. Hopefully, Chicago-area Catholics will demand that church authorities initiate canonical proceedings against this loose Cannon."

Several Members of Congress, meanwhile, are examining CCRKBA's protest bill to see about co-sponsors and the possibility of passage in a Democrat-controlled House and Senate. Despite the odds, the bill has a chance.

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APPEALS COURT RESTRICTS GUN SENTENCES

A 3-0 ruling by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals (New York) has instructed judges to not consider the level of local gun violence in handing down sentences. Charles Sifton, a Brooklyn federal judge, had cited the danger that guns pose to cities as a reason to impose longer prison terms on federal defendants in gun crimes. The court explained its decision as an effort to impose greater uniformity in federal sentencing across the country. Otherwise, the court said, it would "open the door" to unequal penalties for similar crimes in rural and urban areas.

ON THE LEGAL FRONT

FLORIDA HIGH COURT: CASTLE DOCTRINE NOT RETROACTIVE

Florida's "Castle Doctrine" self defense law went into effect on October 1, 2005, but West Palm Beach cab driver Robert Lee Smiley Jr. fatally shot unruly fare Jimmie Morningstar 11 months earlier. The new law was on the books by the time Smiley went to trial, so he used it on a first-degree murder charge. The lower court suspended his trial until the Appeal Court could rule.

No deal, said the 4th District Court of Appeal: Florida's Constitution is clear in prohibiting retroactive criminal laws. The Appeal Court sent the case to the Florida Supreme Court as an issue of great public importance. The high court agreed, Chief Justice R. Fred Lewis wrote for the court.

The ruling won't affect Smiley, who signed a guilty plea in return for a reduced charge of manslaughter and a 4 year sentence.

OHIO PROSECUTOR DISMISSES OPEN CARRY CASE

On May 30, 2006, Dan Sayers, a Concealed Handgun License holder, was open carrying two handguns while at a Sunoco gas station when a "concerned citizen" called 911 to report "a man with a gun," even though Sayers was doing nothing except filling up, checking his oil, and paying his bill. City of Oregon, Ohio police performed a felony arrest, forcing Sayers to exit his car through the window and being held at riflepoint laying face down on the pavement. It took more than a year, but the prosecutor recently dismissed the case.

JURY RULES AGAINST GUN MAKER

An Ohio jury has ruled against Freedom Arms Inc of Wyoming and awarded \$300,000 damages to Robert Taylor of Adamsville, Ohio, who lost his right leg in a .454-caliber Model 85 revolver accident four years ago. Taylor's attorney argued that the handgun design was faulty and caused a holstered gun to fire when Taylor removed his jacket and it snagged on the hammer of the gun, which discharged into his lower right leg, shattering it beyond repair so it had to be amputated at the knee.

PRISON TERM UPHELD IN JUDGE THREAT BY GUN RIGHTS ADVOCATE

The Colorado Court of Appeals has upheld the six-year prison term of gun-rights advocate and 2002 Libertarian Party U.S. Senate candidate Rick Stanley for threatening two county judges.

Stanley, who lives in Denver, was convicted of two counts of attempting to influence a public servant after he sent "notices" threatening to have an armed militia force arrest the two judges unless they overturned a previous conviction.

The two judges had heard a case in which Stanley was arrested in November 2002 for attending Harvest Fest in Thornton, Colorado, carrying a loaded revolver.

Judge Jerry Jones wrote for the appeals court rejecting Stanley's contention that he was exercising his First Amendment rights, saying "true threats" are not protected speech. Rather, the "notices" expressly threatened the judges with "arrest" by a "Mutual Defense Pact Militia," an act in which the prospect of physical violence is inherent," Jones said.

Appeals Judge JoAnn Vogt said Stanley sent out a "preliminary militia alert" replete with references to the weapons Stanley and his militia would use if Stanley ended up in a standoff. It was not clear whether the militia really existed.

ARIZONA GOVERNOR GETS TWO GUN BILLS - WILL SHE SIGN THEM?

Governor Janet Napolitano has received a bill that would let a person take a gun into a public event or building if the operator bans weapons but doesn't provide individually locked storage spaces. Gun owners would have to be provided the keys for the lock boxes. If there were not enough boxes, a person could enter with the firearm.



A second bill is a reworked version of one vetoed earlier this year: the bill would allow a law altering the self-defense statutes that took effect in April 2006 to apply retroactively to any cases that had not yet gone to the jury on that date. It is an effort to help two gun owners claiming self defense, but charged with murder before the April law went into effect. But Rick Unklesbay, chief criminal deputy attorney for Pima County says it's still ill advised and should be vetoed.

CALIFORNIA MICROSTAMPING BILL OPPOSED

AB 1471, which would require semiautomatic pistols to be equipped with microscopic identifying markings which are transferred to each cartridge case when the firearm is fired, would be tantamount to a gun ban, warned the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF). To require microstamping would mean that firearms manufacturers would be forced to stop sales into the state because completely reconfiguring their manufacturing and assembly process would be cost prohibitive.

CONNECTICUT GOVERNOR SIGNS BILL ON LOST AND STOLEN GUNS

Gov. M. Jodi Rell has approved a new law that will penalize gun owners if they fail to report lost or stolen firearms to police within 72 hours. The bill is being called a "gun trafficking" law to stop straw purchases - legal buyers who sell to disqualified persons - but its effectiveness is in question. Police often trace a crime gun back to an owner who says it was lost or stolen, and can't do anything about it. Now you can get up to 10 years in prison. First time failure to report gets a \$90 fine, but any subsequent failures get up to five years and \$5,000. Intentionally failing to report can bring a sentence of 10 years.

DELAWARE HOUSE PASSES "KATRINA" BILL

Delaware lawmakers have passed a bill that ensures gun owners they can keep firearms during a state of emergency, a response to New Orleans police confiscation of lawfully owned guns during Hurricane Katrina. The bill passed the House of Representatives with only one negative vote, Democrat Dennis Williams. The bill now goes to the Senate, where it is expected to pass.

NEW JERSEY ASSEMBLY PASSES ONE-GUN-A-MONTH BILL

The New Jersey Assembly has voted 51-25 to prohibit people from buying more than one handgun a month. This is another so-called "gun trafficking" bill designed to combat straw purchasers who illegally buy firearms in bulk to sell on the black market.

The bill now goes to the New Jersey Senate, where it is expected to face opposition from gun rights advocates. If the bill passes there, New Jersey will become the fourth state to impose one-gun-a-month limits, joining Virginia, Maryland, and California.

NEW YORK .50-CALIBER BAN DIES IN SENATE

Bill A 02772, which would ban the use, sale or possession of .50-caliber rifles and impose additional penalties for felonies committed with the firearms, passed the Assembly two months ago, but did not move in the Senate.

The so-called "sniper rifle" bill was pushed by Assemblywoman Patricia Eddington, Democrat of Patchogue and sponsored in the Senate by another anti-gun Democrat, Sen. Eric T. Schneiderman of Manhattan.

Eddington said of the failure of her bill, "When we have a Democratic Senate, in a year, it will pass. I have lots of patience."

BLOOMBERG BUNCH HYPOCRISY: KEEP SECRETS, DEMAND OTHERS REVEAL THEIRS

Poor anti-gun Mayors Against Illegal Guns! New York City's no-longer-Republican Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his group members are upset by freedom of information requests from a California law firm about their activities.

Yet they have no problem demanding complete access to sensitive gun trace data to use in civil lawsuits against innocent gun dealers.

**BLOOMING
IDIOT
WATCH**

Trutanich Michel LLP, a law firm in Los Angeles and San Diego, has been filing formal freedom of information requests with the 225 mayors in Bloomberg's Blooming Idiot Club for several months, provoking flat refusals and whines that the information is "privileged," accusing the NRA of trying to spy.

The National Rifle Association's Andrew Arulanadam said the NRA had nothing to do with the FOIA requests.

Gavin Newsom, mayor of the Left Coast's far-out "city-state" of San Francisco, even had his aide Joseph Arellano go public, complaining that Trutanich Michel had asked for all their records relating to the Bloomberg group and said they would not comply because the information is "privileged."

The Second Amendment Foundation (SAF) issued a news release pointing out, "That information couldn't be anywhere near as privileged as the gun trace data kept by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) that these anti-gun mayors want to get their hands on."

If they don't comply, does that make them the "Illegal Mayors Against Guns"?

"It is arrogant beyond words for these mayors to demand access to gun trace data, and then turn around and declare that information about their coalition's activities is privileged," said the SAF release.

Like who's paying for all this anti-gun commotion and are these mayors taking time away from their proper duties to hobnob with Bloomberg?

Five mayors have quit Bloomberg's group, citing serious problems. In early 2006 Bloomberg hired private investigators to do undercover sting operations at 45 gun stores in Georgia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina and Virginia. Guns involved in New York City crimes had at some point been sold in these stores. Bloomberg then used the phony setups to file civil lawsuits against several of the targeted stores, most of which were Mom and Pop businesses unable to afford the legal fees to defend themselves.

This Bloomberg out-of-jurisdiction private detective shenanigan has brought calls for a federal investigation into possible criminal violations.

The departed mayors are from Anchorage, Alaska; Carmel, California; Idaho Falls, Idaho; Rio Rancho, New Mexico; and Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

The Bloomberg group has been trying (and failing) to repeal the Tiarht Amendment, named for Rep. Todd Tiahrt (R-KS), which limits the release of BATFE gun trace data to city police only for legitimate local criminal investigations that will not interfere with ongoing federal investigations.

When Dick Shelby's amendment (Page 1) passed the Appropriations Committee, Bloomberg's office screamed that it "would prevent police departments from releasing aggregate trace data to mayors and would mandate five years in prison for any police officer who uses the data for anything except a criminal investigation."

And what legitimate use does federal gun trace data have except a criminal investigation? None, of course. And what legitimate business do city mayors have with federal aggregate trace data? None, of course.

Yet Bloomberg, feeling the sting of defeat from the Shelby amendment, made no attempt to apologize for his misuse of private investigators or say why he wanted the trace data, but only hurled insults, saying "the vote showed Congress at its most craven, buckling to pressure from the gun lobby to protect those who traffic in illegal guns - even if it means locking up police officers. The new amendment will empower criminals, undercut cops, and endanger innocent citizens."

Such warped and false logic can only be dealt with by exposing the secrets of Bloomberg's Mayors Against Illegal Guns. Trutanich Michel needs to keep up their freedom of information program, and tell the nation the truth about Bloomberg.

UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL WARNS AGAINST SMALL ARMS TRADE

The Security Council of the United Nations has called upon member nations to observe embargoes against small arms and destroy surplus stockpiles. Council President for June, Johan Verbeke (Belgium), read a statement that the trade of small arms is increasing the intensity and duration of armed conflicts, as well as hindering humanitarian aid. He urged member nations to implement the UN's 2001 "Programme of Action to Prevent, Combat, and Eliminate the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons." Verbeke also reaffirmed "the right of individuals and States to self-defence," as consistent with Article 51 of the United Nations Charter. This was seen as a bow to American gun rights advocates who are concerned about United Nations infringement of their right to keep and bear arms.

**AROUND THE
WORLD**

EUROPEAN UNION PARLIAMENT SUPPORTS INTERNATIONAL ARMS TRADE TREATY

Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) have adopted a resolution on the establishment of common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional weapons, including small arms such as handguns. MEPs also called upon all 153 States which voted for the UN resolution to send their submissions supporting an Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) to the UN Secretary General without further delay. MEPs denounced violations of embargoes, but carefully tiptoed around questions of the United States' Second Amendment rights without tipping their hand on the intent to ban all private handguns worldwide.

MORE CRIMINALS USING GUNS IN JAPAN

Japan has recently seen a rise in crimes with guns despite strict gun control laws. Nagasaki Mayor Itcho Ito was shot down by a yakuza mobster during his April re-election campaign. A gangster holed himself up a few days later in western Tokyo after fatally shooting a fellow yakuza. A former mobster in Nagakute shot and wounded his two children and a police officer in May and fatally shot an assault squad officer the next day. Although all these crimes involved yakuza mobsters, the Japanese public has become worried that shootings will become more prevalent in the general public.

ECUADOR LAUNCHES POLICE OPERATION AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS

Ecuador's Interior Minister Gustavo Larrea has announced that the government began a police operation to seize illegally-owned firearms to boost citizens' safety. Authorities are patrolling highways, streets, squares and areas where crime is high. "Illegally bearing arms is a crime carrying a sentence of up to five years in jail," he said, adding that those with illegal weapons should hand them in to the nearest police station.

The new gun seizure operation is part of Ecuadoran President Rafael Correa's Ecuador Without Weapons program, following six deaths this year of minors in gun fights in coastal Ecuadoran city, Guayaquil. Correa said, "Ecuador is going to be a nation without guns, where our children can walk the streets in peace."

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FACES TOTAL GUN BAN

Dominican Justice Minister Radhames Jimenez said he agrees with a civilian disarmament proposed by Supreme Court Chief Justice Jorge Subero, but partially, leaving some people able to obtain gun permits after close military and law enforcement investigation. Subero wants to take the guns from all civilians.

SWISS SENATE DEBATES GUN CONTROL

The Swiss Senate has passed a law forbidding the carrying of dangerous objects (including baseball bats, metal pipes and bicycle chains) and anonymous purchase of arms over the Internet. The Senate did not ban keeping military weapons at home, which has been a Swiss custom for decades. However, the Senate did in principle approve a ban on keeping army ammunition at home, with the exception of a few thousand soldiers currently supplied with ammunition to be kept at home.

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

●**Neptune, New Jersey:** Rasmussen Reports has found in a telephone survey that 49 percent of respondents believe there is no need to introduce stricter gun control laws, up 12 points since mid-April. 43 percent of respondents said yes, there is a need. In the past 2 months, said the Rasmussen survey, almost 4,000 Americans have joined Students for Concealed Carry on Campus (SCCC), in the belief that licensed gun owners with their own guns on campus could prevent new episodes of school violence.

●**Santa Fe, New Mexico:** Bill Richardson, New Mexico governor, presidential candidate - and hunter, but not much of one. Just enough to cover himself when he got an NRA endorsement for signing New Mexico's concealed carry law. Richardson took up hunting only about four years ago, when he became governor. But he seems to have some of the skills. He's bagged quail and doves with his 12-gauge Browning over-and-under shotgun, and has borrowed rifles to hunt big game such as elk, deer and even an oryx, a long-horned antelope native to Africa, during a guided outing on a New Mexico ranch owned by media mogul Ted Turner.

●**Harrisonburg, Virginia:** Responsive Management conducted a survey of hunters and anglers to track shifts in voting, surveying 603 sportsmen nationwide and 1,014 in the Rocky Mountain West. The survey found that sportsmen voted for Pres. Bush over John Kerry by over a 2-to-1 margin in '04, but in '06 the two parties virtually tied: GOPers claimed 36% and Dems took 35%. The main reason Republican sportsmen supported Dem candidates in '06 was their "conservation platform," while Democrats who voted for Republican candidates cited gun rights and the Second Amendment. The survey was commissioned by the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership (see next item).

●**Washington, D.C.:** The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership has formed the Union Sportsmen's Alliance, taking on 20 solidly Democrat labor unions as partners and two labor leaders on its board of directors. The Partnership is working quietly to shift the "hook and bullet" vote to the Democrat column, according to congressional staffers who watched union members jam a recent hearing (called "Access Denied") against oil and gas drilling in the Rocky Mountain West, which the Partnership (falsely) said was crowding out hunters and fishermen. The US is energy self-sufficient in natural gas, but won't be for long if the Partnership has its way: it got a \$600,000 foundation grant to block gas production on government lands. Congressional staff said the Partnership is making a stealth raid on the NRA's hunting members, wooing them with over-dramatized hunting rights issues and downplaying self-defense gun rights.

●**Los Angeles:** Anti-gun advocate Hector "Big Weasel" Marroquin, 51, who founded "No Guns" in 1996 to work against inner-city gang and gun violence, has been arrested and charged with selling an "assault rifle," a machine gun, two pistols and two silencers, said BATFE spokeswoman Susan Raichel. It is his second gun-related arrest in as many years. Marroquin entered a not guilty plea.

●**New Orleans:** Rep. William Jefferson (D-LA) has had his gun collection confiscated by federal authorities after being indicted on bribery and corruption charges in June. Jefferson has been in Congress since 1991, and an ardent foe of gun owners since taking office. Ironically, he told U.S. District Judge T. S. Ellis III that he has been an avid hunter since the age of 10. Some gun owners, despite believing that he is guilty of the corruption charge, have expressed concern that Jefferson's guns were confiscated without a conviction.

●**Springfield, Massachusetts:** Smith & Wesson Holding Corporation, the parent company of Smith & Wesson Corp., the legendary 155-year old company in the global firearms business, has posted record annual revenues of \$234.8 million and record earnings per share of 31 cents for fiscal year 2007. Smith & Wesson Chairman of the Board, Barry M. Monheit, congratulated top executive Mike Golden and his team for delivering ten consecutive quarters of double-digit sales growth.

Parting Shot

NOT A GOOD MONTH FOR BURGLARS

A 49-year-old homeowner in Shreveport, Louisiana found Jonathan Sternitzky, 19, trying to break into a car and a storage shed in his townhouse complex. The homeowner, whose name was not released by police, tried to hold the burglar at bay until officers arrived, but the burglar tried to attack him. The homeowner shot him once in the chest and killed him.

Gregory Lawrence Powers, 36, broke into an Albuquerque yard around 10 pm when a neighbor saw him and came with his gun, telling Powers to leave. Powers instead attacked the neighbor with a crowbar and the neighbor shot him three times, twice in the chest, once in the groin. Officers took both men to University of New Mexico Hospital. The neighbor was treated for bruises. Powers was treated for three gunshot wounds, released to police, and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

James McArthur Johnson Jr., 31, and Elvin Tolliver, 39, walked up to a Lakeland, Florida apartment where several people were outside visiting the residents. The pair forced them into the apartment, demanding money and jewelry from them. Johnson went toward the bedroom and when he opened the door, one of the residents shot him once with a shotgun. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Tolliver fled, but was arrested later and charged with second-degree murder and a life-felony count of burglary of an occupied dwelling.

Charles Donnelly, 44, a youth pastor at Wagoner Church of God in Muskogee, Oklahoma, and a 17-year-old member of his youth group were staying all night at the church fireworks stand at the local K-Mart. About 3 am a group of five or six individuals arrived in one vehicle and began stealing firecrackers and money. One of the group attacked the youth and knocked him down. Three of the attackers rushed Donnelly, who shot one of them, Darnell Gilbert, once in the chest. Gilbert was taken by police to a Tulsa hospital where he was stable after surgery. Four juveniles and one adult are in custody in connection with the attack. The pastor had completed law enforcement training as a young adult.

Three men broke into a home about 11 pm in Orlando, Florida, not far from Disney World, and each fired shots into the living room. The three men attempted to rob six people who were in the home. The six people scattered throughout the house. One of the residents ran to a bedroom and got a rifle from the closet. One of the intruders tried to enter the room and was shot once in the chest, killing him. Deputies were searching for the two other intruders, who fled. A neighbor, Bob Whalen, said "It just blows my mind to think this goes on in Orlando. You just really got to be on the defense." One of the robbers was reportedly stabbed by one of the people in the house.

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