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Dear Subscriber,

The nation did not hear President OBAMA mention gun control in his State of the Union speech, but his new chief strategist, DAVID PLOUFFE, says that **it was deliberate**, and a **White House campaign to get Congress to pass anti-gun legislation would come later in a separate speech.**

OBAMA did give attention to the shootings in Tucson, Arizona, where 19 people were shot, including Democrat Rep. GABRIELLE GIFFORDS, but by then, the gun control lobby's own campaign to exploit the tragedy was already under way.

Gun control groups said they were burned by the lack of any mention of guns in the biggest presidential speech of the year.

"President Obama failed to challenge old assumptions on the need for, and political possibilities of, reducing gun violence – which he suggested should be done two weeks ago in Tucson," said PAUL HELMKE, president of the Brady Campaign to Prevent Gun Violence.

No group said it had been consulted by the White House regarding legislative suggestions for the upcoming OBAMA strategy.

However, only three days after the Tucson shootings, U.S. Rep. CAROLYN MCCARTHY, D-NY, sponsored a bill in the House to ban high-capacity ammunition clips. McCarthy exploited the fact that shooter JARED LEE LOUGHNER, 22, used a gun with a 30-round magazine and killed six people before he was overwhelmed and disarmed.

The Brady Campaign's HELMKE joined MCCARTHY in the U.S. Capitol, saying, "There is no Second Amendment or God-given right to be able to maim and kill your fellow Americans with military-style arms." His ghoulish rhetoric was like dancing in the blood of the victims to promote his long-time political agenda.

The Violence Policy Center (VPC) got into the act, too, with Legislative Director KRISTEN RAND joining MCCARTHY and saying, "Semiautomatic firearms loaded with high-capacity magazines make mass shootings possible."

The VPC used the occasion to release a report, "Accessories to Murder," which "shows the variety of high-capacity magazines the gun industry currently markets to its shrinking customer base."

(In fact, the FBI background check system, NICS, has shown growth in gun purchase applications every quarter for more than a year.)

Joining the gun control feeding frenzy, Senator FRANK R. LAUTENBERG (D-NJ) introduced a package of three common-sense gun safety bills that would ban high-capacity gun magazines and keep deadly weapons out of the hands of criminals and terrorists," according to his news release.

LAUTENBERG's Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Device Act would "prohibit the manufacture and sale of ammunition magazines that have a capacity of, or could be readily converted to accept, more than 10 rounds of ammunition."

The Denying Firearms and Explosives to Dangerous Criminals Act would "close a dangerous loophole known as the "Terror Gap" that prevents law enforcement from stopping a person on the terrorist watch list from obtaining firearms or explosives."

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**LAUTENBERG's Gun Show Background Check Act** would "require that sellers at gun shows perform the same background checks that licensed gun dealers are required to perform under the Brady Law."

**LAUTENBERG's bills were co-sponsored by the usual anti-gun suspects**, Democrat Senators BARBARA BOXER (D-CA), RICHARD DURBIN (D-IL), DIANNE FEINSTEIN (D-CA), AL FRANKEN (D-MN), JOHN KERRY (D-MA), CARL LEVIN (D-MI), ROBERT MENENDEZ (D-NJ), JACK REED (D-RI) and CHARLES SCHUMER (D-NY).

**Sen. BARBARA BOXER also entered the fray three days after the shooting.** She said in a news conference - and we need to see her entire statement:

"**We should look at sensible gun laws...the kind we have here in California** that give people their gun-ownership rights while also preventing the sale of guns to criminals, people with serious mental illnesses and people who abuse a spouse or partner.

"California law requires someone who wants to carry a concealed weapon to **first receive a permit from their local sheriff or police chief.**

"In California, you need to be at least 21 years old, show good cause for carrying and show good moral character to carry a concealed weapon. There is a check - an important check - on who is carrying a concealed weapon.

"**The federal law banning people with serious mental illnesses from owning guns needs to be implemented better** so that those with mental illness get into the FBI database and do not get guns."

Two weeks later, **BOXER introduced her iCommon-Sense Concealed Firearms Act of 2011,i** which would require all states that allow residents to carry concealed weapons in public to have minimum standards for granting permits, and all the other agenda items from her news release.

**New York Republican Rep. PETER KING joined the early-bird gun control chorus**, saying, "As chairman of the Homeland Security Committee and co-chair of the Congressional Task Force on Illegal Guns, I will be introducing legislation that would make it illegal to knowingly carry a gun within a 1,000 feet of certain high-profile government officials."

**Speaker JOHN BOEHNER (R-Ohio) rejected gun-control legislation offered by KING** in response to the shootings of Rep. GIFFORDS and 19 others in Arizona.

Two representatives, Republican JASON CHAFFETZ of Utah and Democrat HEATH SHULER of North Carolina, announced **they would start carrying a gun during public events.** Would there be an exemption for members of Congress in KING's plan?

**Senate Majority Leader HARRY REID** appeared to open the door to pushing legislation that would **revamp the waiting period and background checks** administered to prospective gun purchasers.

REID told a reporter, "There should be a waiting period for the purchase of a handgun to stop someone who has mental problems from buying a gun. We can check instantly, it is so easy to do."

**But REID did not support the legislation introduced by his fellow Democrats.**

REID spokesman JON SUMMERS cautioned that now is not the time to consider legislative responses to the GIFFORDS shooting.

Sen. TOM COBURN (R-OK) told a reporter that **he is willing to work to make sure the mentally ill cannot get and use a gun**, but gave no specifics on what such legislation would contain.

**Mental health is emerging as the hot button issue on the debate over what, if anything, Congress will do about the Tucson shootings.**

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## FACT AND FALLACIES IN THE WAKE OF THE TUCSON SHOOTINGS

The Second Amendment Foundation condemns the attempted assassination of Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords and the murders of six people including a federal judge and a 9-year-old child, for which Jared Lee Loughner, a 22-year-old Tucson man, is now facing charges. This special report takes us to the shooting and surrounding events in an effort to understand what happened and why.

Perhaps one of the most revealing facts is that local police were sent to the home where Loughner lived with his family on more than one occasion before the shootings, but the reasons why were not released because the case is still under investigation. There was trouble of some kind in the Loughner household.

More revealing was a New York Times interview with Zane Gutierrez, 21, who met Loughner near the trailer where he lived when both went for target practice shooting tin cans. Two key facts about the shooter emerged: Loughner was skilled with a .9 mm pistol since high school and had talked about Nietzsche's philosophy of fostering chaos.

### **SPECIAL TUCSON REPORT**

Gutierrez said, "He was a nihilist and loves causing chaos, and that is probably why he did the shooting, along with the fact he was sick in the head."

One of the first stories that broke immediately after the tragedy was the inflammatory rhetoric of Pima County Sheriff Clarence Dupnik, who blamed the shootings on talk radio hosts such as Rush Limbaugh and Glenn Beck and political figures such as Sarah Palin whose conservative views he called uncivil and implied they were possibly illegal incitements to violence.

Sheriff Dupnik even said that Arizona is a mecca for anger, hatred and bigotry. He also said he opposed the state's tough new immigration law and would not enforce it.

Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said that if Dupnik were an appointed police chief instead of an elected sheriff, he'd be fired for making such public comments, since he was the head investigator of the shooting case and might gain too much pre-trial publicity and give the shooter the opportunity to use those remarks to try to get out of the charges.

Two lawmakers said Reps. Jason Chaffetz (R-Utah) and Rep. Heath Shuler (D-N.C.) they'll pack heat back home after the deadly attack on Rep. Gabrielle Giffords.

"After the elections, I let my guard down," Shuler, an ex-NFL player, told Politico. "Now I know I need to have my gun on me."

The U.S. Marshals Service can deputize a member of Congress as a special deputy marshal if a threat assessment shows they are in danger. Carrying a special deputy badge allows the bearer to carry a concealed handgun anywhere, including inside a federal building like the U.S. Capitol.

Within days of the Loughner shootings, the "bloody-shirt brigade" began a concerted campaign to ban guns, some proposals small incremental measures to make them seem like "common sense", some big proposals with no chance of passage.

Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg used a procession of relatives and friends of victims of shootings at a City Hall news conference to urge Washington to strengthen federal gun laws to prevent firearms from falling into the hands of buyers with a history of violence or mental illness.

Bloomberg and his anti-gun allies took aim at the national instant background check system (NICS) "because it does not have records on millions of people who should be disqualified from buying or possessing guns," said Mayor Bloomberg.

"Ten states have not submitted any mental health records to the background check system, and 18 states have provided fewer than 100 mental health records," he added.

The mayor also urged President Obama to talk about gun control in his State of the Union address, but Obama did not.

The largest media clamor for the first two weeks after the shooting was about the incivility of political debate causing violence. That died down substantially, and now worries about improper use of mental health records by NICS is emerging.

### GEORGIA JUDGE UPHOLDS BAN ON GUNS IN CHURCHES

A federal judge has upheld the Georgia law banning firearms in churches, mosques and synagogues, saying gun rights advocates had not shown that carrying a firearm is necessary to practicing any religion.

U.S. District Judge Ashley Royal dismissed a lawsuit filed by the gun rights organization GeorgiaCarry.org and the minister at the Baptist Tabernacle of Thomaston. Royal wrote that Georgia law did not violate the First Amendment right to freedom of religion or the Second Amendment guarantee of a right to bear arms.

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COURTS**

### CALIFORNIA JUDGE STRIKES DOWN NEW AMMUNITION LAW

Second Amendment activists are celebrating a California court's decision to block a pending state law that would restrict the sale of certain types of handgun ammunition.

A Fresno County Superior Court Judge says parts of the measure, set to take effect next month, would overstep constitutional bounds, calling the law's definitions for 'handgun' and 'ammunition' too vague. However, the bill's author plans to appeal the ruling, claiming that California has recognized its definitions for three decades.

### MARYLAND COURT OF APPEALS UPHOLDS STATE HANDGUN LAWS

Maryland's highest court has ruled the state's handgun laws are still constitutional despite a 2008 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court that gutted gun statutes in D.C.

In an opinion issued Wednesday, the Maryland Court of Appeals affirmed a gun possession charge levied in Prince George's County against Charles F. Williams, Jr., who said the state's gun regulations violated his right to "keep and carry arms" under the Second Amendment, and based his argument in part on the Supreme Court's decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*.

### OHIO COURT UPHOLDS STATE LAW LIMITING CITY GUN CONTROL

The Ohio Supreme Court reversed a ruling that struck down a state law preserving Ohioans' right to bear arms, finding that the legislation did not trample on the home-rule powers of cities like Cleveland with gun laws.

The Ohio General Assembly passed an ordinance in 2006 holding that only federal or state regulations could limit Second Amendment rights. Cleveland filed suit against the state since the new ordinance would wipe out their gun laws, including possession of weapons in public places.

### LAW STUDENT SUES UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO OVER GUN RIGHTS

The University of Idaho is being sued by one of its law students who claims he should have the right to keep firearms in his on-campus apartment.

Aaron Tribble, a second-year law student at the UI, is representing himself in the suit, which he filed in Latah County Second District Court. Tribble, 36, and his family live in one of the university's South Hill Vista apartments for married students and students with children. He claims the UI's policy violates his Second and Fourteenth Amendment rights.

### ACLU SUES TO EXPAND IMMIGRANT'S GUN RIGHTS IN SOUTH DAKOTA

The ACLU has filed a lawsuit on behalf of a non-U.S. citizen that alleges South Dakota's concealed weapons law is discriminatory - a legal move that one gun-rights group warns will open the door to arming illegal immigrants. The lawsuit was filed on behalf of British national Wayne Smith, who legally immigrated 30 years ago, and for years was able to get a concealed license. In 2002, however, South Dakota amended the law, making U.S. citizenship a requirement to carry a concealed weapon. When Smith went to renew his long-held permit last July, he was denied because he is permanent legal resident, not a citizen.



**WISCONSIN COPS PAY BIG SETTLEMENTS FOR ILLEGALLY MAKING GUN ARRESTS**

A state constitutional provision in Wisconsin that allows citizens to carry a handgun openly - except for specific locations like in government buildings and in school zones - is costing police departments big bucks over their officers' insistence on arresting people anyway, using "disorderly conduct" to dodge the constitutional Second Amendment issue.

Then an opinion from state Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen said that those "disorderly conduct" charges were outrageous.

Already, Racine has had to pay \$10,000 in a settlement.

**IN THE COURTS**

**WISCONSIN TOWN PAYS WOMAN \$7,500 FOR WRONGFUL GUN ARREST**

Wisconsin Carry, a gun-rights group, and a woman who was arrested at gunpoint after she lawfully wore her gun to a church in Brookfield, have settled a lawsuit for \$7,500 against the city and the officers who arrested her.

Krysta Sutterfield sued the city and officers last October. She was arrested in July after attending services at Unitarian Universalist Church while wearing her holstered handgun in a completely lawful manner.

There was no disturbance, but after the service someone called police to inquire and they responded, stopped Sutterfield as she was driving away and arrested her. Now they get to pay for their arrogance.

**GUN FAIR ORGANIZER ACQUITTED IN BOY'S UZI DEATH**

Edward Fleury, a gun fair organizer, has been acquitted of manslaughter in the 2008 death of an 8-year-old boy who accidentally shot himself in the head with an Uzi at a machine gun expo.

A Hampden Superior Court jury found former Pelham, Mass., Police Chief Edward Fleury not guilty of involuntary manslaughter and three counts of furnishing machine guns to minors in the death of Christopher Bizilj of Ashford, Conn.

The charges carry up to 50 years in prison.

**WASHINGTON D.C. MAN ALLOWED TO APPEAL 1996 GUN CONVICTION**

In 1996, police arrested Dave Magnus for having two handguns in his home. He entered a guilty plea and served a one year probation sentence. Then the Supreme Court ruled in the *Heller* case that not allowing possession of a loaded gun in the home was a violation of the Second Amendment. Magnus has been allowed a hearing at the DC Court of Appeals to overturn his conviction, because the D.C. law has been declared unconstitutional. If Magnus wins, it will allow many others to challenge unconstitutional convictions.

**CHICAGO MAN CLAIMS VIOLATION OF RIGHTS AFTER GUN PERMIT WAS DENIED**

Shawn Gowder has filed a lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court claiming that his constitutional right to bear arms was violated when he was denied a Chicago firearm permit.

Gowder claims that he lives in a high crime area of Chicago and wished to keep a handgun in his home for self-defense. He holds a state firearm owner's identification card. The three-count suit seeks a reversal of the decision and an order to the Chicago Police to issue Gowder a firearm permit.

**NEW JERSEY: GUN ID CARD BILL PASSES COMMITTEE; GOVERNOR COMMUTES GUN SENTENCE**

New Jersey's Attorney General has moved to dismiss the Second Amendment Foundation lawsuit against the state's subjective handgun carry laws. The lawsuit challenged the constitutionality of the "justifiable need" gun permit standard. The Attorney General's brief asserted, "When a handgun is carried in public, the serious risks and dangers of misuse and accidental use are borne by the public." But SAF Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb said, "Considering that many gun owners have prevented crimes by their mere presence, New Jersey's position on this issue simply defies common sense."

## GUN RIGHTS ISSUES AT THE STATE LEVEL

**ARKANSAS:** Arkansas Carry, a gun rights group behind legislation to allow concealed weapon permit holders to carry a gun openly, will ask lawmakers to specifically authorize permit holders to carry a gun on a college campus, chairman Steve D. Jones said. The director of the state Department of Higher Education noted that a 2003 attorney general's opinion said colleges and universities could legally ban all concealed weapons from their campuses as long as signs are posted.

**CALIFORNIA:** A gun show held at the Cow Palace prompted a Bay Area state senator to renew his call for such events to be banned at the state-owned property in Daly City. Firearms enthusiasts lined up outside the Cow Palace for the Crossroads of the West gun show, but State Sen. Mark Leno worked to block it last year. The bill he authored was vetoed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger. With a new governor, Leno said that his office was considering reviving the bill.

**IN THE STATES**

**MASSACHUSETTS:** A legislative committee has repealed the ban on carrying guns in the State House complex. The 10 Republicans on the Joint Legislative Facilities Committee voted to repeal the ban; the only dissenter was Senate Minority Leader Sylvia Larsen, a Concord Democrat. The repeal "will restore Second Amendment rights to the people of New Hampshire in what we've come to recognize as the people's house," said House Majority Leader D.J. Bettencourt, a Salem Republican.

**NEBRASKA:** Nebraska Sen. Mark Christensen has submitted legislation that would allow teachers to carry concealed weapons in Nebraska schools. A school shooting in Omaha on Jan. 5, when a student killed a vice-president and himself, convinced Christensen to introduce the bill that would allow teachers, as well as administrators and security staff, to carry concealed weapons.

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** The state's Joint Committee on Legislative Facilities voted 10 to 1 to change the House rules and restored the Second Amendment at the State Capitol complex by allowing the possession of firearms by concealed carry permit holders. The House of Representatives also approved a change to the House Rules allowing its members to carry concealed firearms on the House floor.

**OKLAHOMA:** Two state lawmakers said they will introduce bills this year for a second time to allow the open-carry of guns in the state. Similar legislation passed the Republican controlled legislature last year but was vetoed by the governor at the time, former Gov. Brad Henry. But with a new Republican governor, supporters of open-carry laws said they expect a different outcome. "It's a Second Amendment right and there shouldn't be any restrictions at all on the Second Amendment," said Rep. Paul Wesselhoft, R-Moore.

**UTAH:** People convicted of violating the Utah sodomy law before such laws were determined in 2003 by justices of the U.S. Supreme Court to be unconstitutional won't be restricted from being issued a Utah Concealed Firearm Permit, according to a new state-rule amendment which has the effect of law. The permit is popular throughout the United States because it is valid in 34 states and doesn't require Utah residency. The amendment was adopted on Jan. 7 and reversed a three-month-old requirement to restrict the permits of applicants who were convicted of state sodomy-law violations.

**WASHINGTON:** A proposed amendment to an existing state statute that could have a significant impact on outdoor shooting ranges now suffering from human encroachment, and indoor ranges located in urban and suburban settings is being sponsored by State Rep. Brian Blake and several other lawmakers from both sides of the aisle (a signal that state lawmakers understand their sole authority over gun laws and are not about to let that be eroded). Blake's sensible amendment to RCW 9.41.250 would legalize the use of sound suppressors on firearms, provided the suppressor is legally registered and possessed in accordance with federal law.

**WYOMING:** Despite opposition from some police organizations, a Wyoming Senate committee has recommended approval of a bill that would place the state among just a few others nationwide that allow people to carry concealed handguns without a permit. At the Wyoming committee hearing, however, one lobbyist said the Tucson shootings point out the benefits of having more responsible citizens carry guns.

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

● **London, England:** It may be three inches long and made of plastic - but that didn't stop a toy soldier's gun being branded a "firearm" by zealous Gatwick Airport officials. Ken Lloyd and his wife bought the "signaller crouching" figurine during a recent visit to the Royal Signals Museum at Blandford Garrison. But when the box containing the figure passed through the scanning machine at Gatwick airport, security officials declared the tiny plastic rifle a "firearm". They had to go back to the concourse and mail it home to Canada.

● **Salt Lake City, Utah:** The bill to make the Browning M1911 the official state gun breezed through a House committee hearing and passed Utah's House of Representatives. Republican Rep. Carl Wimmer told the committee that the state should have the gun as one of its state symbols to honor John Browning, a Utah native who invented it in 1911. "He invented a firearm that has defended American values and the traditions of this country for 100 years," Mr Wimmer said. A Senate committee has passed the bill, which now heads for the full Senate. If passed into law, Utah will be the first with an official State Gun.

● **New York City:** The Voice of Russia, a 24-hour radio service owned by the Russian government, ran a story reporting, "Sales of firearms have surged in the United States following the recent shooting in Arizona. The most dramatic increase in sales has been reported in Ohio, where weapons sales went up 65 percent against the same period last year. Arizona reports a 60-percent rise, and Illinois - 38. On January 8th a gunman shot 6 people, including a judge and a 9-year-old girl, and wounded 14, including Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, in Tucson, Arizona. The culprit, 22-year-old Jared Loughner, is under arrest. The right to acquire and carry weapons is guaranteed by the Second amendment to the American Constitution."

● **Washington, D.C.:** The FBI has released its National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) figures for December 2010. National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF)-adjusted figures (1,133,371) show a 9.9 percent increase over December of last year (1,031,344). The adjusted NICS data were derived by NSSF by subtracting out NICS purpose-code permit checks used by several states such as Kentucky and Utah for CCW permit application checks as well as checks on active CCW permit databases. Though not a direct correlation to firearms sales, the NSSF-adjusted NICS data provide a more accurate picture of current market conditions.

● **Washington, D.C.:** The District finished 2010 with 131 homicides - a 9 percent reduction from 2009 and the lowest number of killings in the nation's capital since 1963. The drop, from 143 killings, was the second straight decline and the seventh time in the last 10 years that the city once referred to as the "murder capital" of the U.S. recorded fewer than 200 homicides. Around the region, the results were mixed. Prince George's County police reported 90 homicides, down from 99 in 2009. That total was the lowest since the county, which routinely finishes behind the District in the region in homicides, recorded 67 killings in 2000. It also comes just five years after the county set a record with 173 killings in 2005.

**ATF = WTF**

● **Special Take on the News:** President Barack Obama has, in the new Congressional session, again submitted the name of anti-gun extremist Andrew Traver to become the director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE, but still known as ATF). Most observers expected Obama to bypass the Senate's near-certain rejection of Traver, and appoint him during the recess. Traver seemed unlikely to be approved by even the previous Senate, and the 2011 Senate, with its significantly weakened Democrat majority, would seem still less likely to confirm the appointment. No one really knows why Obama didn't punt on this nomination with a recess appointment, but it could give Senators the opportunity to ask all kinds of uncomfortable questions about recent allegations of stunning malfeasance on the part of ATF officials, which would have to be answered under oath. Every gun group's Senate voting scorecard for the 2012 election would likely count the vote on Traver.

# Parting Shot

## RESPONSIBLE SELF-DEFENSE: ARMED CITIZENS WHO FIGHT CRIME BY SHOOTING BACK

With so many states now recognizing the right to self defense without fear of lawsuits from wounded thugs and their lawyers, the true value to society of the armed citizen is showing up in news stories every day. Here are a few:

In Gallatin, Tennessee, two suspected burglars got more than they bargained for when a homeowner caught them in the act and shot at them. Homeowners Jeff and Tammy Gibson were returning home from an evening church service when they came face-to-face with the suspects, David Kuhn and Calvin Sinn. The two fled and Gibson fired at least 8 shots at their fleeing vehicle. He then chased them in his own car and the fleeing suspects crashed into a telephone pole. Both men were arrested for allegedly breaking into the Gibson home.

Charlotte, North Carolina: An employee of a Subway restaurant shot two men who were trying to rob the store, killing one of them and wounding the other, police said. The clerk refused the robbers' demands for money, they tried to pistol-whip him, and the employee fired his weapon, striking both suspects, said police. The men ran from the sandwich shop. Officers responding to reports of gunshots found a man lying at the end of a strip mall near the Hidden Valley neighborhood, dead of an apparent gunshot wound. Shortly after that, a man showed up at Carolinas Medical Center suffering from a gunshot wound. Police say they believe that man was the second robbery suspect. The clerk will not be charged.

San Antonio, Texas: A 64-year-old woman shot and killed an intruder and police caught a suspected accomplice in a Northwest Side home invasion. The woman was upstairs with her husband when they heard a loud bang. They went to check downstairs and found a man in his late teens or early 20s inside. He had broken a sliding glass door with a hammer. "What are you doing in my house?" the husband asked, while his wife grabbed a gun and fired one shot, killing the intruder. Police soon arrested a man blocks away from the shooting scene who they believe was the dead man's accomplice. Police said the shooting appeared to be justified, and no charges were filed.

Hot Springs, Arkansas: Police say a 14-year-old boy home alone shot a 17-year-old boy in the face, ending an attempted burglary. An 18-year-old and two 17-year-olds tried to burglarize the home before the 14-year-old fired at them, hitting one of the 17-year-olds. Police said the two uninjured suspects dragged their wounded colleague down the street, left him in a car and tried to flee, but police apprehended the pair moments later. Police say the injured suspect is in critical condition at a Little Rock hospital, and the two other suspects face felony burglary charges.

That's responsible self defense. Regardless of age.

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