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Dear Subscriber,

With President **BARACK OBAMA** urging a Senate vote on his comprehensive gun control package, including a ban on semi-automatic assault weapons, gun rights defenders in Congress are up in arms.

OBAMA hosted a stageful of mothers of victims of criminal shooters and told White House reporters that **the nation should be ashamed if it has forgotten the Newtown school tragedy** that took 20 children and 6 staffers.

"Shame on you, Mister President," declared Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms Chairman **ALAN GOTTLIEB**, "for trying to **capitalize on that outrage** to push an anti-gun agenda that has been on your wish list since before you took office."

**AT THE
FEDERAL
LEVEL**

At the same time that **OBAMA** held his victim display, **New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg's Mayors Against Illegal Guns** launched a "National Day to Demand Action" campaign with its own website and more than 100 rallies planned from Connecticut to California. The campaign included a \$12 million TV ad blitz financed personally by Bloomberg that pressured senators in 13 states to expand background-check rules.

Senate Majority Leader **HARRY REID** (D-NV) backed up **OBAMA**, and vowed to forge ahead against any pushback.

Although the gun-control bill Reid outlined does not include the "assault weapons" ban, **Reid promised to hold a vote on that proposal**, as well as **limits on high-capacity magazines**, as an amendment to the bill.

REID said the assault weapons ban was kept out of the bill because it lacked the votes to pass.

Within days of **REID's** vow to push his gun control package, Senators **RAND PAUL**, R-Ky., **MIKE LEE**, R-Utah, and **TED CRUZ**, R-Texas, vowed to filibuster any new restrictions on guns. The pro-gun trio wrote to Reid, "We, the undersigned, intend to oppose any legislation that infringe on the American people's constitutional right to bear arms, or on their ability to exercise this right without being subjected to government surveillance."

Next, Senators **MARCO RUBIO**, R-Fla., and **JAMES INHOFE**, R-Okla., joined the trio, adding their signatures to the letter.

The Senate Judiciary Committee, chaired by Sen. **DIANNE FEINSTEIN** (D. Calif.), had already passed two gun-related bills when **REID** made his statement.

The committee approved a measure by Sen. Barbara Boxer (D-Calif.) that would provide **\$40 million a year for school safety programs**.

The key bill was sponsored by Sen. **CHARLES SCHUMER** (D-N.Y.), which would **expand required federal background checks** to private firearms transactions, including **gun shows**. Exemptions include transactions between immediate family members and weapons loaned temporarily during sporting events.

Currently, the checks are required only for sales by federally licensed firearms dealers.

Sen. **CHARLES GRASSLEY** of Iowa, top Republican on the Judiciary panel, said he believes **the measure will ultimately lead to a federal registry of gun owners which is illegal**. He also said that requiring additional law-abiding

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citizens to face background checks would have limited impact on public safety.

"Mass shootings would continue to occur despite universal background checks," **GRASSLEY** said. "Criminals will continue to steal guns."

With gun safety measures headed to the Senate floor, members of the House and Senate appropriations committees have quietly made permanent four formerly temporary gun-rights provisions largely favored by Republicans. Those provisions are part of a spending bill that would keep the government running through September 30.

The provisions: 1) prohibit the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives from requiring gun dealers to conduct annual inventories to ensure that they have not lost guns or had them stolen; 2) retain a broad definition of "antique" guns that can be imported into the United States outside of normal regulations; 3) prevent the A.T.F. from refusing to renew a dealer's license for lack of business; 4) require the bureau to attach a disclaimer to data about guns to indicate that it "cannot be used to draw broad conclusions about firearms-related crimes."

In another effort to preserve gun rights, Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, will offer an amendment to the Democrats' fiscal 2014 budget resolution that seeks to require a 67-vote (two-thirds) majority for the passage of any gun control legislation in the Senate.

It affects any bill that "prohibits specific firearms or categories or firearms" or "limits the size of ammunition feeding devices," and any bill that "establishes a record-keeping system for the sale of firearms."

With the Democratic majority in the Senate, the amendment is unlikely to pass, but gun advocates agree that the move has symbolic impact consistent with the GOP's announced "Second Amendment Initiative."

OBAMA and the Democratsí full-court press on gun control coincides with the introduction of the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty.

U.S. Senator Jerry Moran (R-KS) introduced a concurrent resolution co-sponsored by 28 of his Senate colleagues which outlines specific criteria that must be met for a United Nations Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) to be ratified by the U.S. Senate and recognized as customary international law.

"We must avoid a situation where the Administration, due to its continued willingness to negotiate, feels pressured to sign a treaty that violates our constitutional rights," Sen. Moran said. "It is now clear that Congress must reiterate its concerns with the latest draft of the treaty, and I am pleased to be leading this effort once again with Congressman Kelly."

The companion resolution was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA).

In addition, Sen. James Inhofe (R-Okla.) introduced an amendment during the Senate's budget "vote-a-rama" to prevent the United States from entering into the United Nations Arms Trade Treaty.

"We're negotiating a treaty that cedes our authority to have trade agreements with our allies in terms of trading arms," Inhofe said. "This is probably the last time this year that you'll be able to vote for your Second Amendment rights."

The full Senate passed Inhofe's amendment on a 53-46 vote.

UN negotiators ended their negotiations with no agreement and no treaty.

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he was deeply disappointed with the failure of the Final United Nations Conference on the Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) to reach an agreement among all 193 Member States on a treaty text during the last day of the conference.

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SIKH MAN CITES RELIGION IN LAWSUIT AGAINST GUN CONTROLS

A Sikh man is suing the state of California over its gun laws, arguing they violate his First Amendment rights to practice his religion by barring him from carrying the kind of weapons he says he needs for self-defense.

Gursant Singh Khalsa, a practicing Sikh for 35 years, charges in the lawsuit that California's laws banning military-style, semiautomatic weapons and high-capacity magazines violate mainstream Sikh doctrine requiring Sikhs "be at all time fully prepared to defend themselves and others against injustice."

LOUISIANA JUDGE RULES THAT VIOLENT FELONS HAVE GUN RIGHTS TOO

New Orleans Judge Darryl Derbigny has ruled that the state's newly amended constitution forbidding felons from owning firearms infringes their rights to keep and bear arms. The amendment requires judges to review gun-control legislation using "strict scrutiny," the most stringent standard of judicial review.

In his decision, Derbigny wrote that the law barring firearm ownership for people convicted of violent crimes, such as murder, assault, rape and battery, and certain misdemeanors, is "unconstitutional in its entirety."

IN THE COURTS

GUN RIGHTS BACKERS VOW COURT FIGHT AGAINST NEW COLORADO GUN CONTROL LAWS

Only a day after Colorado's governor signed laws setting limits on ammunition and imposing background checks, gun rights advocates have vowed to sue, some county sheriffs have declined to enforce the measures, and an ammunition magazine manufacturer is leaving the state.

The Denver-based libertarian group Independence Institute will file a lawsuit either in state or federal court against Colorado seeking to block the measures that are set to go into effect on July 1, said David Kopel, research director for the group.

FEDERAL APPELLATE COURT UPHOLDS MARYLAND HANDGUN PERMIT LAWS

A federal appeals court has upheld Maryland's handgun permitting law, reversing a lower court decision by concluding that the state can constitutionally require an applicant to show "good and substantial reason" that he or she needs a concealed-carry license.

Fourth Circuit Judge Robert King, writing for the three-judge panel, said the state had shown that the requirement "is reasonably adapted" to its "significant interests in protecting public safety and preventing crime." Alan Gura, a lawyer for the Second Amendment Foundation, said he intended to appeal the ruling.

NEW YORK JUDGE REJECTS INJUNCTION ON NEW GUN-CONTROL LAW

A New York state Supreme Court judge has denied a motion for a preliminary injunction of the state's new gun-control law.

A group of more than 1,200 plaintiffs representing themselves sued the state on the grounds that Gov. Andrew Cuomo and the Legislature's process for passing the law on the first day of session violated the state constitution.

Cuomo used a "message of necessity," which allows him to skip the otherwise mandatory three-day waiting period before final passage of a bill. The plaintiffs, led by Bob Schultz, argued that Cuomo's memo contained misrepresentations about what the bill would actually do.

Supreme Court Justice Thomas McNamara said he denied the motion because he was "constrained" by previous decisions of the state's highest court.

In New York, the "Supreme Court" is actually the lowest court, unlike other states where the name denotes the highest court.

"The Court of Appeals has been clear that judicial intervention with a message of necessity is not allowed," McNamara said.

Schulz said he was not surprised by the ruling and plans to appeal it.

He expects the lawsuit to go before the Court of Appeals.

The governor's office declined comment when contacted by media.

COLORADO Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper has signed gun bills into laws that ban ammunition magazines holding more than 15 rounds and require background checks for firearm purchases made online or through private parties. The laws, which take effect July 1, were signed by the Democratic governor the day after Tom Clements, executive director of the Colorado Department of Corrections, was gunned down in his home. Gun rights advocates vowed to fight the new laws in court (see story on Page 3). One provision of the bills states that anyone who legally owns a high-capacity magazine purchased prior to July 1 can maintain ownership without being in violation of the new state laws. Magpul Industries, a major manufacturer of gun accessories in Denver, has said it would leave the state if the bills became law. The company employs about 200 Coloradans.

IDAHO The Idaho House of Representatives on Monday approved a largely symbolic measure that would make it a crime for state and local police to enforce new federal firearms restrictions, in a show of defiance against gun control proposals from the Obama administration. The measure cleared the Republican-controlled House by a 55-13 vote and now heads to the state Senate.

Under the bill, state or local officials who help enforce any new federal gun limits could face up to a year in prison and a maximum fine of \$1,000. The legislative gambit represents the latest effort by lawmakers in certain states, mostly in the West and South, to undercut new federal gun restrictions even before they might become part of U.S. law.

IN THE STATES

KANSAS Kansas' public schools and colleges could allow employees to carry concealed guns under legislation that has cleared the state Senate. The Senate voted 35-5 to approve a bill that expands the number of public buildings into which people with concealed-carry permits can bring their weapons. House members also approved a separate bill declaring that the federal government has no power to regulate firearms, ammunition and accessories, such as holsters, that are manufactured, sold and kept in Kansas. The measure also makes it a felony for any employee or agent of the U.S. government to attempt to enforce any law, regulation, order or treaty affecting such items. The measure is a response to discussions among federal officials about gun-control measures – and concerns among some firearms owners that the federal government will attempt to ban and even confiscate some military-style weapons. "I think you're going to see states rising up against federal overreach," said Sen. Forrest Knox, an Altoona Republican.

MINNESOTA The farthest-reaching gun control bill in the Minnesota House, which would have expanded background checks to nearly all firearm sales, has been abandoned. The bill's sponsor, Rep. Michael Paymar, DFL-St. Paul, said he will instead focus on a plan to extend background checks to all purchases at gun shows, but not other private gun sales or transfers. It will also have provisions beefing up information included in the state's existing background check system and giving prosecutors more tools to crack down on illegal gun owners. Gun rights advocates vowed to fight the newest version as well, saying it still doesn't accomplish the end goal of keeping guns out of the hands of criminals. Democrats control the Legislature, but many rural DFLers are reluctant to support legislation that might appear to restrict the rights of gun owners.

MONTANA Montana Governor Steve Bullock has taken negative action on several gun measures, including vetoes of a bill that would have prohibited local and state police from enforcing any federal gun bans and another that would have allowed silencers when hunting wolves. House Bill 302 was backed by gun advocates who argued the state should be ready in case Congress enacts a gun ban. They said the measure would also send a strong signal that Montana opposes gun bans. The veto will go back to the Legislature, which can attempt to override the veto with two-thirds support in each chamber. The bill, originally advanced mostly along party lines, fell short of that level of support when it originally cleared the Legislature. Supporters of House Bill 27 argued that silencers only suppress the sound to make wolf hunting less harmful on the ears, and will ensure that wolf hunting is less disturbing to neighbors.

MISSOURI The Missouri Senate has given first-round approval to a proposed constitutional amendment bolstering certain gun rights after a Democratic state senator blocked a vote for several hours. Sen. Maria Chappelle-Nadal, of University City, stood and read news reports about gun violence in her urban district. She says the Legislature should focus on legislation curbing violence in urban areas. The amendment would declare gun rights "unalienable" and compel elected officials in Missouri to defend against any infringement on the right to bear arms. It would also allow people to use firearms in defense of their families. The sponsor, Republican Sen. Kurt Schaefer, of Columbia, says his amendment responds to proposed gun restrictions in the federal government. It needs one more vote before moving to the House, and would later need approval by Missouri voters.

NEVADA A bill mandating background checks for gun purchases, prohibiting armor piercing bullets and taxing firearm sales has been introduced in the Nevada Assembly. Majority Leader William Horne, D-Las Vegas, introduced AB234. It was one of two bills dealing with guns. The other, AB232, would allow the carrying of concealed firearms without a permit. "I believe in the Second Amendment rights, but like any other constitutional amendment we have, there are certain restrictions – the Second Amendment is no different," Horne said. "I believe you have the responsibility to have them fill out a background check," Horne said. "There is no criminal component in this, but it's there to put them on notice that your actions by selling this gun could have some civil repercussions."

IN THE STATES

SOUTH CAROLINA A Senate subcommittee passed a bill to thunderous applause that would allow people to carry guns in public in South Carolina without a concealed weapons permit. The vote was taken after a public hearing packed with gun supporters, who listened politely and cheered anyone who spoke about protecting the Second Amendment or pointed out criminals weren't likely to follow any gun laws. Supporters of the open-carry bill said it still needs some more work to make sure there aren't any loopholes. The subcommittee passed an amendment banning all felons from carrying handguns. Currently, only felons convicted of a violent crime are banned from carrying guns under state law. It goes before the Senate Judiciary Committee soon. Anyone who wants to carry a gun in public has to have a permit and keep it concealed. It takes at least eight hours of training to get permission to carry a concealed weapon.

SOUTH DAKOTA Despite opposition from the education community, the school sentinel bill was signed into law by South Dakota Gov. Dennis Daugaard. The bill gives school boards the authority to allow armed personnel in school buildings. The House had previously approved the plan, but the Senate added requirements that said school boards must discuss the program in open meetings and decisions to adopt the sentinel programs can be referred to public vote. Rep. Scott Craig, R-Rapid City, said the Senate amendments strengthened the legislation. "It is now a better bill and I ask you to support it again," he said. Educators remained unconvinced the legislation is needed. Don Kirkegaard, superintendent of the Meade School District, said he has never been in favor of the bill and would have preferred a summer study session on school safety.

UTAH In Salt Lake City, the Utah State House of Representatives voted to nullify all federal gun laws, rule, regulations and orders on firearms, firearm accessories and ammunition. House Bill 114 (HB114), introduced by Representative Brian Greene states, in part: An officer or employee of the federal government may not enforce or attempt to enforce any federal statute, order, rule, or regulation relating to the intrastate ownership, possession, sale, or transfer of a personal firearm, a firearm accessory, ammunition, or ammunition component. The Utah House passed the bill by a vote of 49-17. HB114 also takes the strong constitutional position that laws which are contrary to the 2nd Amendment are no law at all. The House also passed a bill giving rehabilitated mentally ill people in Utah a chance to re-establish the right to bear arms through a process involving courts, prosecutors and a psychiatric evaluation. Rep. Lee Perry, R-Perry, said it fixed a hole in Utah law that offered no recourse for people who were cured.

BUYING AMERICA: BLOOMBERG, MAYOR GROUP BEHIND \$12 MILLION GUN CONTROL CAMPAIGN

A \$12 million television ad campaign paid for by Mayors Against Illegal Guns hopes to push gun control efforts including comprehensive background checks. New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the group's co-chair, announced the ad buy. The New York Times reported Bloomberg is financing the campaign. The ads will target both Democratic and Republican senators in 13 key states. The ad urges viewers to tell Congress to vote in support of comprehensive background checks, Bloomberg told NBC News' David Gregory in an interview broadcast on "Meet the Press." There is no mention in the ad of an assault weapons ban, but Bloomberg told Gregory he still hopes Congress could pass one.

IS ANTI-GUN MAYOR MICHAEL BLOOMBERG THE ULTIMATE HYPOCRITE?

According to a *New York Times* piece in April 2010, when Bloomberg flew south he took along a "police detail... flying two officers on his private plane and paying as much as \$400 a night to put them up at a hotel near his house; the city pays their wages while they are there, as it does whether Mr. Bloomberg is in New York or not."

"Guns are largely forbidden in Bermuda – even most police officers do not use them – but the mayor's guards have special permission to carry weapons," the newspaper story noted. "A spokesman for the Police Department declined to comment."

**BLOOMING
IDIOT
WATCH**

MAYORS GONE WILD - ANOTHER MEMBER OF 'MAYORS AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS' ARRESTED

Mayors Against Illegal Guns member and Democratic Gainesville, Florida, Mayor Craig Lowe was arrested on charges of driving under the influence and property damage after police found him asleep in his car at the scene of a crash. Police said Lowe appeared intoxicated and his Honda Civic was badly damaged, according to WKMG in Orlando. "I regret that my actions Thursday morning have disappointed so many friends, supporters, and citizens of Gainesville," Lowe said in a statement. "I hope that in the future I will again prove worthy of the public's trust and confidence." The Gainesville Democrat faces a mayoral runoff election. His arraignment is scheduled five days before the election, according to the *Florida Alligator*.

ANOTHER MAYOR AGAINST ILLEGAL GUNS IN CRIMINAL TROUBLE

Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania. Mayor James "Jay" Schiliro's name has disappeared from the roster of Mayors Against Illegal Guns after being charged in an incident that allegedly involved demands for sexual favors from another man, firing a handgun and false imprisonment. Schiliro was one of 600 mayors to sign an open letter to the U.S. Senate demanding tougher gun laws.

According to the Philadelphia Inquirer, Schiliro has vowed to fight the charges, which include "unlawful restraint, reckless endangerment, false imprisonment, official oppression and furnishing alcohol to a minor." The victim in this case was identified as "a 20-year-old man" whom Schiliro allegedly had Marcus Hook police bring to his house in February. Schiliro allegedly offered the man wine and then offered repeatedly to perform oral sex on him. When he refused, the mayor then allegedly pulled out a handgun and fired a round into some papers.

Delaware County District Attorney John Whelan said, "The mayor, I believe, has indicated to the press that he has some issues." The 38-year-old former boiler maker has entered alcoholism treatment and he is a single father whose 13-year-old daughter was reportedly at home when the incident occurred, the Inquirer said.

It is the latest addition to a string of MAIG members exposed by the Bellevue-based Second Amendment Foundation as having criminal problems. Recently former New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin was indicted on various criminal charges, and he was also a MAIG member according to a 2009 roster. And ex-Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was denied leave from jail to see his family before being sentenced to prison for corruption. SAF's Alan Gottlieb has says it is public officials "like these guys" that caused him to create "Gun Owners Against Illegal Mayors."

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Tucson, Arizona:** A campaign promising free shotguns for people to protect themselves in Tucson's most troubled neighborhoods has divided some residents in a community still reeling from a shooting rampage in 2011 that killed six people, left a congresswoman and several others wounded, and made the city a symbol of gun violence in America. The Armed Citizen Project is part of a national campaign to give shotguns to single women and homeowners in the nation's crime-ridden neighborhoods, an effort that comes amid a national debate on gun control after mass shootings in Arizona, Colorado and Connecticut.

● **Syracuse, New York:** Talk about lax gun law enforcement! The districts that contain crime-ridden Chicago, Los Angeles and New York City ranked last in terms of federal gun law enforcement in 2012, according to a new report from Syracuse University's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse, which tracks federal data. Where are the feds if not where the crooks are? Hassling law abiding citizens?

● **Tucson, Arizona:** Mark Kelly, the retired astronaut and husband of former Arizona Rep. Gabby Giffords, will not be laying a hand on an AR-15-style rifle he paid for at a Tucson, Ariz., gun shop. Douglas MacKinlay, the owner of Diamondback Police Supply Co., announced he had determined Kelly's "intent" unworthy of one of his customers. "While I support and respect Mark Kelly's 2nd Amendment rights to purchase, possess, and use firearms in a safe and responsible manner, his recent statements to the media made it clear that his intent in purchasing the Sig Sauer M400 5.56mm rifle from us was for reasons other than for his personal use," MacKinlay said in the statement. "A full refund was sent to Mr. Kelly."

● **New York City:** Soon after Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nevada, announced an assault weapons ban would not be part of a gun control bill, a new CBS News poll shows support for stricter gun control laws overall has dropped since the shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School. Currently, support for stricter gun control laws stands at 47 percent today, down from a high of 57 percent just after the shootings. Thirty-nine percent want those laws kept as they are, and another 11 percent want them made less strict.

● **Hollywood:** A Jim Carrey vs. Fox News feud has begun, with the Hollywood actor accusing the cable news network of slander. Fox News' coverage of Carrey's video "Cold Dead Hand," where Carrey mocks gun owners as well as Charlton Heston, one of the most prominent supporters of the right to bear arms in America over recent decades. Fox News host, Greg Gutfeld, proclaimed that the late Charlton Heston has a "brighter future in films" than Carrey. However, despite Carrey's claims, a Fox News report has stated that the actor will not be attempting to sue the news network. Jim Carrey blasted opponents of gun control, calling them "heartless motherf--kers unwilling to bend for the safety of our kids."

● **Weld County, Colorado:** A Colorado sheriff has joined the list of at least 340 sheriffs who have vowed to uphold the Constitution against gun-control measures that violate Americans' Second Amendment rights. Weld County Sheriff John Cooke said he and many other county sheriffs "won't bother enforcing" laws poised to go into effect in Colorado because it would be impossible to keep track of whether gun owners are meeting the new requirements. He says the laws are "feel-good, knee-jerk reactions that are unenforceable" and would "give a false sense of security."

● **Washington, D.C.:** President Barack Obama's nominee to fill one of the vacancies on the powerful appeals court in Washington withdrew two weeks after the Senate blocked her from a getting a confirmation vote. Gun rights advocates had opposed New York attorney Caitlin Halligan due to her involvement while Solicitor General for the state of New York in a lawsuit against gun manufacturers. In a vote on March 6, the Senate fell nine votes short of the 60 needed under Senate rules to end debate on Halligan's nomination. The court on which Halligan would have served if confirmed, the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit, is the second most powerful in the federal judiciary because many federal regulations, from environmental rules to labor laws, are decided there.

Parting Shot

STOPPING CRIME IS A GOOD REASON TO HAVE A CARRY PERMIT

A woman in North Carolina heard a noise outside her home and saw two boys trying to break in. When she heard them start kicking the back door, she immediately armed herself with a pistol, grabbed a cell phone and hid in a bedroom closet.

The two teenage boys ransacked the home, but when they opened the closet door, the woman shot at them, striking one in the chest.

The two boys, later identified as 16-year-old Michael Daquarius Bynum and 18-year-old Christopher Devonte Joseph, ran out in the street, waving their arms and calling for help. They started towards a neighbor who had come outside, and had armed himself with a revolver and told them to "hold it".

The boys ran off into a wooded area nearby. Joseph was found by police and taken to a local hospital, where he is in stable condition, and will face charges upon his release. Bynum is now in the Wilson County jail.

In rural Oregon, Jim Brazel, 82, told police that his wife Miriam woke him up in the middle of the night. She heard something out in the machine shop, so he put on a bathrobe, grabbed his shotgun and headed outside with his wife. They entered the shop and Jim sensed something was wrong, something behind one of the tractors he had been working on for customers.

"I drew the gun up and was going to pull the trigger at whatever it was. ... I thought it was probably an animal to begin with," Brazel said. "The man stood up, so I did not shoot," he added. But Brazel kept the gun pointed at the burglar.

When police arrived they arrested Justin Dean Russell, 36, of nearby Albany, on a charge of second-degree burglary. His initial bail was set at \$6,000, and he was scheduled for a court appearance.

Brazel said burglars are taking a tremendous risk with their lives out in the countryside. He said he isn't going to hesitate to shoot if he feels in danger.

Charlie Blackmore, a Marine Corps veteran, stopped a man from kicking a woman to death. He was driving home from work at 4:00 a.m. when he saw the scene. He jumped out of his car with his handgun and ordered the kicker to the ground. "He starts coming towards me and that's when I drew on him," Blackmore said. He held his gun on the suspect and waited for police, who arrived and forced the suspect to the ground. They asked to see Blackmore's concealed carry permit, which he provided. The victim said the man was an ex-boyfriend. "She was not with him anymore and he attacked her on her way to work," Blackmore said. Police said they appreciate citizens watching out for each other as long as they do it legally and are willing to accept the consequences.

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