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**A** tow-truck driver responded to a crash involving a bus and multiple cars in Chicago, Ill., on Oct. 3. According to reports, more than a dozen people had exited their vehicles when a man in a white Dodge Durango began firing at them for unknown reasons, striking the bus driver in the leg. The tow-truck driver, who had a concealed-carry permit, ducked behind a vehicle and drew his own firearm, then returned fire. The assailant fled the scene after the armed citizen had fired two shots. The injured bus driver, whom authorities believe was not deliberately targeted, was taken to the hospital in stable condition, and no other injuries were reported. ([abc7chicago.com](http://abc7chicago.com), Chicago, Ill., 10/3/23)

**A** 26-year-old man was at home in Chicago, Ill., on Sept. 5 when a person allegedly entered without permission. The armed citizen fired at the intruder, striking him twice in the chest. The suspect fled, but was quickly located nearby and transported to the hospital, where he died. Neighbors around the home said a family with children lives there. The investigation was still ongoing. ([abc7chicago.com](http://abc7chicago.com), Chicago, Ill., 9/6/23)

**F**ive people wearing hoodies entered a jewelry store in Manhattan Beach, Calif., a little after lunchtime on Oct. 8 and reportedly began a "smash-and-grab" robbery, using hammers to strike the glass cases. An employee reacted by firing one shot toward the suspects, who then all fled the store and escaped in multiple vehicles. No employees were injured; it was unclear whether any of the suspects had been struck. No arrests had been made at the time of the reporting. ([foxla.com](http://foxla.com), Los Angeles, Calif., 10/8/23)

**A** man returned to his home, where he lived with two women, the night of Sept. 19 in Mesa, Ariz., to find a U-Haul moving van outside and four masked robbers inside—two women and two men. The robbers reportedly attacked the resident, who drew his gun and fired once, striking the two female assailants, whereupon all the robbers fled. The man then found his two female roommates in the bathtub with several injuries from being beaten, pepper-sprayed and restrained with duct tape at their wrists, ankles, mouths and eyes. All four suspects had been identified by police, one suspect reportedly confessing, and the two female suspects were being treated for their gunshot wounds; charges were pending. It was also discovered during

the investigation that one assailant had been in the home earlier in the day, pretending he wanted to do some work for the residents, and had unlocked the back sliding-glass door for easier entry when they knew the male resident had left and the two female residents were sleeping. Both of the female victims were expected to fully recover. ([azfamily.com](http://azfamily.com), Mesa, Ariz., 9/20/23)

**O**n Sept. 28 in Arlington, Texas, a car dealership erupted into chaos when a former employee allegedly began firing a rifle in the new-car area, making his way to the service area. One current employee told reporters, "I heard one of my friends say, 'Hey, he has a gun.' I look up and look him right in the face and he has a blank, very calm face." Another current employee drew his own firearm and returned fire, stopping the attack and causing the assailant to retreat to the parking lot. Police arrived shortly thereafter and, since the suspect reportedly continued to act aggressively, shot and wounded him. The suspect faces at least two counts of aggravated assault against a public servant and one count of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Texas is a constitutional carry state. ([nbcdfw.com](http://nbcdfw.com); Ft. Worth, Texas, 9/29/23)

**A** 51-year-old man in Verdi, Nev., entered his neighbor's home around 3 a.m. armed and dressed all in black "like an assassin." The homeowner told reporters he had just enough time to grab his own gun and shoot at the intruder, though he asked to not be identified. The intruder died at the scene. Police determined the shooting to be in self-defense. ([mynews4.com](http://mynews4.com), Reno, Nev., 10/11/23 and 9/26/23) 