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

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A man returned to his Los Angeles, Calif., home around 7:30 p.m. the evening of Nov. 4, and was about to unlock his front door when two men jumped over a short wall by his driveway. One man ran up behind the homeowner and shoved his gun at him, but the homeowner immediately responded, dropping his keys and slamming his cup of hot tea in the assailant's face, then drawing his own gun and firing several shots. He then moved out of his front-door corridor to use his vehicle as concealment. The assailants returned fire as they fled. The homeowner told reporters his wife, their five-month-old baby, a friend and the family's nanny were inside during the attack; no injuries were reported. In later reports, the homeowner implored their district attorney to "stop 'picking the wrong people to go after' and to charge the criminals." (kfta.com, Los Angeles, Calif., 11/6/23; foxnews.com, Los Angeles, Calif., 11/12/23)

A man was driving in Forsyth County, Ga., on Oct. 5, when the person driving in front of him slammed on his brakes. Both vehicles then stopped at a red light, whereupon the man in the vehicle that had braked suddenly reportedly rolled down his window and began yelling obscenities at the other driver, then exited his vehicle and allegedly physically attacked the other driver through his open window. The road rager then stabbed the other driver's tire, then reportedly advanced on him with his knife in hand. The driver still in his vehicle feared for his life and shot the other man in the hand. The suspect was arrested and was to be charged with aggravated assault, criminal damage to property and battery. (fox5atlanta.com, Atlanta, Ga., 10/5/23)

On Oct. 5 near 11 p.m., a 30-year-old man began pounding on a window of a home in Phoenix, Ariz. He succeeded in breaking into the home and entering, whereupon a resident inside shot him. The armed citizen lived there with his spouse and two young daughters, according to reports. The intruder died later at the hospital from his wounds. (fox10phoenix.com, Phoenix, Ariz., 10/6/23)

A homeowner in Bismarck, N.D., was awakened at 3 a.m. on Oct. 6 by loud noises coming from a child's unoccupied room. When he went to investigate, he reportedly discovered a naked man throwing toys and clothes around. The homeowner yelled for his wife to call police, retrieved his gun and held the intruder at gunpoint until help arrived. The intruder, who had apparently entered through an unlocked back door and seemed intoxicated, told the homeowner he was there for his clothes. He was to be charged with felony burglary and

misdemeanor counts of criminal mischief and disorderly conduct. (bismarcktribune.com, Bismarck, N.D., 10/6/23)

On Oct. 12 at 11:20 p.m., two men in a Tucson, Ariz., parking lot were suddenly approached by two armed and masked men. The would-be robbers demanded money at gunpoint, but the two other men drew their own guns and fired, killing the assailants. They immediately called 911 after the incident. No charges had been filed at the time of reporting. (kvoa.com, Tucson, Ariz., 10/13/23)

A couple in Bellefontaine Neighbors, Mo., had just dropped off their child at school around 9 a.m. on Oct. 13, but came back to their house to retrieve a forgotten item. The woman exited the vehicle and went inside, leaving the front car door open, while the man stayed in the back seat. A male reportedly jumped out of a vehicle that had followed them home and entered the open car door. The man in the backseat shot the would-be carjacker, who then fled to the waiting vehicle. The occupants of that vehicle fired at the defender as they left, striking him in the elbow. Police later arrested the suspected carjacker. (kmov.com, St. Louis, Mo., 10/13/23)

A homeowner in Kokomo, Ind., awoke around 8:45 p.m. on Oct. 15 to strange noises in his living room. He investigated and discovered a stranger in his home. He attempted to get the intruder to leave, but the man instead attacked the homeowner, who then fired at the assailant and killed him. The homeowner was treated for minor bruising and abrasions, and the investigation was still ongoing at the time of reporting. (fox59.com, Indianapolis, Ind., 10/16/23) 