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Dear Subscriber,

Outgoing Attorney Gen. **ERIC HOLDER** says the **OBAMA** administration's inability to enact more gun control regulations is among the biggest failures of his tenure. "I think the inability to pass reasonable gun safety laws after the Newtown massacre is something that weighs heavily on my mind," he told reporters.

After re-election, **President Obama's** call for more gun control prompted a flurry of anti-gun bills, and all failed in crushing defeats, even in a Senate controlled by Democrats, **HOLDER** noted.

Gun rights advocates will not miss Mr. **HOLDER's** anti-gun, scandal-ridden programs such as Operation Fast and Furious and Operation Choke Point.

President BARACK OBAMA has issued an executive order to protect employees of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, one of the most scandal-plagued agencies in the federal government.

The order gives ATF agents i*career-employee* classification, which is a civil service rank. **OBAMA** appears to be giving cover to ATF special agents, most likely those that intimidate legal gun dealers, who might be cut in a future administration.

Firing bad agents who don't have civil service protection is easier than dumping corrupt agents with career employee status. **OBAMA's** order also allows ATF agents to get into civil service jobs without going through a rigorous competition process.

The Washington-based watchdog group Judicial Watch has obtained public records showing that in 2011 **President OBAMA** brought in trusted senior advisor, **VALERIE JARRETT**, to manage the fact that Attorney General **HOLDER** lied to Congress.

Judicial Watch had to sue the Department of Justice for the records after the **OBAMA** administration failed to provide them under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). A federal court ordered the DOJ to provide the records over the agency's objections.

HOLDER denied that he knew about the disastrous ATF Operation Fast and Furious while it was smuggling guns into Mexico to sting drug cartels. He knew that hundreds of the guns were lost and later used in an unknown number of crimes, including the murder of a U.S. Border Patrol agent in Arizona.

Judicial Watch published three emails that passed between **HOLDER** and **JARRETT** on October 4, 2011, one day after CBS news released documents showing that **HOLDER** received a briefing paper on Fast and Furious on June 5, 2010, which directly contradicted **HOLDER's** May 3, 2011 testimony to the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, during which he stated that he "probably heard about Fast and Furious for the first time over the last few weeks."

HOLDER lied to a congressional investigation and got found out. **JARRETT** was Obama's fixer. She told **HOLDER** in an email how he should be "outlining and discussing preferred course of action for future responses in light of recent development in congressional investigation."

JARRETT is now clearly a key player in the Fast and Furious cover-up, and neither she, nor **OBAMA** nor **HOLDER** are in jail yet. --continued on Page 2

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DARRELL ISSA, Chair of the **House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform**, and **JIM JORDAN**, Chair of the **Economic Growth, Job Creation and Regulatory Affairs Subcommittee**, have launched a probe after uncovering evidence the **Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation pressured banks to terminate accounts with disfavored businesses including firearms-related businesses**. They requested replies from Federal Reserve Chair **JANET YELLEN** and Comptroller of the Currency **THOMAS CURRY** to determine actions by federal banking regulators in the multiple federal agency Operation Choke Point initiative.

The two chairmen said, "In the course of its investigation of Operation Choke Point, the Committee has learned that federal regulators are pressuring banks to terminate relationships with legal yet disfavored industries, without regard to the legitimacy or risk profile of individual companies."

Gun owners have already seen discrimination against the industry by private companies, such as JP Morgan Chase **closing the account of Defense Distributed**, and credit card reader **the Square changing its sellers' agreement to prohibit firearms-related transactions** on its device.

SPECIAL FEATURE

The GT Report has obtained a copy of a letter concerning Operation Choke Point signed by 33 Members of Congress and addressed to the Department of Justice Inspector General Michael Horowitz and the Office of Professional Responsibility:
Congress of the United States

**AT THE
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We write to request an immediate investigation into the Department of Justice program known as Operation Choke Point and the DOJ officials and staff involved in its creation and execution.

By way of background, Operation Choke Point is a DOJ-initiated effort that aims to force businesses, many of which are licensed and legally-operating, out of the financial services space and therefore, out of business. DOJ officials are working in collusion with federal banking regulators, including but perhaps not limited to the Federal Deposit Insurance Commission, to apply regulatory pressure to financial institutions that offer banking services to specific industries targeted by DOJ.

There is no doubt in our minds that DOJ officials have abused their authority to advance a personal political agenda. One need look no further than a September 2013 presentation made by Joel Sweet, a trial attorney housed in DOJ Civil Division, in which he describes the termination of banking relationships for legal internet payday lenders as a "collateral benefit" of Operation Choke Point. Furthermore, Department officials are perfectly aware that Operation Choke Point is forcing legally-operating businesses out of the financial services space. Included in the internal memoranda obtained by Congress was evidence that senior staff had informed the Attorney General that Operation Choke Point had a detrimental impact on legitimate businesses and that the program was causing banks to exit entire lines of business. Despite this knowledge and admission, Operation Choke Point continues.

Operation Choke Point is a blatant abuse of legal authority on the part of DOJ. This situation merits your full and immediate attention, and we request that you launch a comprehensive investigation on Operation Choke Point and the individuals charged with creating and carrying out this unprecedented initiative. We ask that, to the extent possible, you keep Congress informed of your efforts. In the event that we fail to hear from you by November 12, 2014, we request a meeting with you so that Members of Congress can directly express to you our concerns.

Signed by 33 Members of Congress.

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CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR VETOES 'GHOST GUN' BILL

California State Senator Kevin de Leon introduced a bill in the state's legislature that would have banned the sale, manufacture, purchase, and trafficking of what he called "ghost guns," meaning those with neither a lawful serial number nor a background check. "The threat of plastic and self-assembled firearms should not be underestimated," Leon said. "There is an emerging industry and market for untraceable and undetectable ghost guns."

The Los Angeles Democrat said he decided to take on the issue because "There is no way to know if criminals or other dangerous individuals are circumventing firearm laws by making these guns."

The bill, Senate Bill 808, got all the way to California Gov. Jerry Brown's desk but the liberal Democrat governor vetoed it. "I appreciate the author's concern's about gun violence, but I can't see how adding a serial number to a homemade gun would significantly advance public safety," Brown said.

It was a sigh of relief for gun rights supporters not only in California, but across the country in the hobbyist and sport shooting community.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S NEW RESTRICTIVE CONCEALED CARRY LAW CHALLENGED

IN THE STATES

Mayor Vincent Gray signed legislation legalizing the concealed carry of handguns in the District of Columbia in response to a ruling in *Palmer v. District of Columbia*, a lawsuit brought against the city by the Second Amendment Foundation. The law allows D.C. residents who own registered handguns and non-residents who have state-issued carry licenses to apply to the police for carry permits, but would have to demonstrate the need for carrying a gun, a process ruled by a hostile "Concealed Pistol Licensing Review Board," virtually guaranteeing no new permits.

SAF attorney Alan Gura filed a motion asking U.S. District Court Judge Frederick J. Scullin Jr. to block the legislation "unless and until such time as the District of Columbia adopts a licensing mechanism consistent with constitutional standards enabling people to exercise their Second Amendment right to bear arms."

ILLINOIS CITY SCRUBS THUMBPRINT RULE AFTER LEGAL ACTION PROMISED

A Peoria, Illinois ordinance requiring a thumbprint to purchase a handgun within city limits has been repealed in the wake of possible legal action from the Illinois State Rifle Association on grounds that the thumbprint requirement was at odds with the state's concealed carry legislation.

The Peoria City Council approved a measure that vacated portions of the deadly weapons ordinance without discussion.

NEW HAMPSHIRE CANDIDATE RUNS ON BACKGROUND CHECK PLATFORM

New Hampshire State Rep. Elaine Andrews Ahearn, D-Hampton Falls, is campaigning for re-election on a platform of reintroducing her gun purchaser background check expansion bill that died in the last Legislature. "I would put in exactly the same bill, immediately," she said. Referring to state polling that has been conducted on this issue, she said, "This is something just everyone agrees should be passed."

PENNSYLVANIA ADVANCES GUN RIGHTS CAUSE

Pennsylvania lawmakers passed a preemption law, allowed gun groups standing to sue municipalities on local issues, and decisively defeated a bad background check bill. State Representative Mark Keller's amendment to House Bill 1243, strengthening firearm preemption to provide consistency for Pennsylvania's firearm and ammunition laws throughout the state, passed in the state House of Representatives by a 143 to 54 vote.

The state Senate approved a measure that would give gun groups standing in court to sue municipalities that enact their own gun laws. The amendment, which passed 32-16, has its origins in a legal battle between the city of Philadelphia and the National Rifle Association, which sued over gun control ordinances more restrictive than state law.

In addition, state Rep. Steven Santarsiero's anti-gun amendment mandating the expansion of so-called "universal" background checks to ALL firearms purchases -- including rifles and shotguns -- was defeated by a 132 to 64 vote.

SAF SUES ILLINOIS OVER RESTRICTIVE CCW RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

The Second Amendment Foundation has filed a lawsuit in federal district court in Illinois, challenging the state's concealed carry statute, which restricts otherwise qualified non-residents the right to carrying concealed firearms based solely on their state of residence.

SAF is joined by the Illinois State Rifle Association, Illinois Carry, Inc., and ten individual out-of-state plaintiffs with licenses to carry in their states. The restrictive Illinois statute allows licenses only to residents from states with "substantially similar" licensing requirements.

Only Hawaii, New Mexico, South Carolina and Virginia currently qualify under that provision. None of the individual plaintiffs reside in those states.

According to SAF founder and Executive Vice President Alan Gottlieb, this situation is not simply unfair, it is untenable and we believe unconstitutional.

"Our plaintiffs have qualified for carry permits or licenses in their own states," Gottlieb said, "which means they have gone through background checks and other requirements that show they are responsible, law-abiding citizens. Yet, because of the current Illinois statute, their self-defense rights are suspended immediately after they cross the Illinois state line."

**IN THE
COURTS**

JUDGE DENIES DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA'S REQUEST TO RECONSIDER HANDGUN RULING

U.S. District Senior Judge Frederick Scullin Jr. denied the District of Columbia's request for the court to reconsider his July ruling declaring the city's concealed carry ban unconstitutional.

A District lawyer argued, in part, that the second amendment just guarantees the right to own a gun, not to carry that gun in public. The judge called the District's arguments "somewhat disingenuous" and questioned whether the lawyers had thoroughly read through his decision.

The District plans to appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia now that the judge has said he won't reconsider.

The city recently passed emergency legislation that, in light of Scullin's original ruling, defines who can obtain a permit to carry a gun in public. City officials says that this legislation meets Scullin's findings and will protect residents.

Attorney Alan Gura, who successfully overturned the city's ban on carrying a hand gun in public, has challenged the legislation in court, arguing on behalf of the Second Amendment Foundation that it is too restrictive and unconstitutional.

FEDERAL COURT IN IDAHO STRIKES DOWN ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS GUN BAN

Plaintiffs Elizabeth Morris and Alan Baker, represented by Mountain States Legal Foundation, have won their lawsuit against a regulation banning the use of handguns on Army Corps of Engineers property by law-abiding citizens for self-defense purposes. Chief Judge B. Lynn Winmill of the United States District Court for the District of Idaho granted the plaintiffs' motion for summary judgment and a permanent injunction. Winmill rejected Corps arguments that its recreation sites are public venues where large numbers of people congregate, so it's "imperative" that firearms be tightly regulated.

Winmill ruled that the Corps' regulation entirely "destroys" the core Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens to carry operable firearms for the lawful purpose of self-defense. The injunction is limited to Idaho because its scope was dictated by the allegations of the plaintiffs.

LAWSUITS FILED AS CHICAGO DENIES BLACK PEOPLE CONCEALED CARRY LICENSES

Why are Caucasians being given Concealed Carry Weapons licenses by a secretive Chicago Police "special review board," while African Americans and others with clean records are turned away? "There are law-abiding citizens in the state of Illinois who are fully eligible to carry, and they are denied the right and not given any notice as to why," according to David Thompson, a Washington, D.C., attorney hired to file lawsuits in Illinois state court and U.S. District Court. "We want a process established that gives people notice of what evidence the state used to make the determination and an opportunity to rebut by putting in their own evidence."

JUDGE UPHOLDS BAN ON CONCEALED WEAPONS AT NORTH CAROLINA STATE FAIR

Superior Court Judge Donald Stephens has ruled that concealed handguns will not be allowed at the North Carolina State Fair, a decision that disappointed gun rights advocates who asked for the ban to be overturned. Stephens said he believed "it would be unwise and imprudent to allow firearms into the State Fair."

An attorney for the state warned that people often lose items while on rides. The North Carolina Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, as it has in previous years, said it plans to put up signs warning against lawful conceal carry at the 11-day event and will ask anyone with a weapon going through metal detectors at fair gates to leave it in their vehicle.

Gun-rights group Grass Roots North Carolina says there is nothing in the law that requires Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler to prohibit guns. The group said it believes the commissioner is choosing to keep permit-holders from protecting their families.

IN THE COURTS

MISSOURI ATTORNEY GAINS FIREARMS PERMIT FOR MAN AFTER STROKE

Dr. George L. Kraft III, a chiropractor in St. Louis County, is now the owner of a .357 revolver with a six-inch barrel after his attorney successfully challenged Missouri statutes and federal classification that prohibited Kraft from owning a firearm.

The state of Missouri disqualified Kraft from the right to own firearms after he suffered a stroke in 2005 until attorney Christopher J. Zellers of the Zellers Law Firm, LLC, gained a judgment in St. Louis County Circuit Court overturning the disqualification after an 18-month legal process.

GUN GROUP SUES COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE AND LEFT-WING GROUP

Rocky Mountain Gun Owners (RMGO) is suing the Colorado Secretary of State and a left-wing group after the agency claimed that RMGO violated disclosure laws. RMGO reportedly spent more than \$1,000 on promoting two Republican state Senate candidates and didn't report it, a violation of Colorado's disclosure law. The nonprofit group Colorado Ethics Watch made a formal complaint with the Colorado Secretary of State, prompting their claim. RMGO said the disclosure law is "unconstitutional and violates the public's First Amendment right to free speech and participation in elections." RMGO Executive Director Dudley Brown said in a statement. "We are confident the courts will side with the Constitution and throw these invasive laws out."

SUPREME COURT WEIGHS GUN RIGHTS OF FELONS

The Supreme Court is taking up a case that pits property rights against firearm regulations, with the justices poised to decide what becomes of a person's guns after they are convicted of a crime. It centers on Tony Henderson, a former U.S. Border Patrol agent who was charged with selling marijuana in 2006, and later convicted of a felony. Federal law prohibits felons from possessing firearms, and Henderson turned 15 personal weapons over to the FBI while his case was pending, and then sold them. The government refused to transfer the guns, and Henderson sued; the weapons had nothing to do with his crime. By denying his sale of the guns, the government is trampling on his property rights, his lawyers argued in a petition seeking Supreme Court review of the case, which has been granted for hearing this term.

PROSECUTOR LOSES APPEAL OVER CHEBOYGAN GUN CLUB

Cheboygan Sportsman Club, a northern Michigan shooting range that has been around since 1952, has won an appeal in a dispute with a prosecutor over firing guns near a residence. Former club member Roger Watts moved into a home near the club and complained that people were violating a Michigan law that bans shooting within 150 yards of a residence.

County Judge William Whitbeck ruled that the club was violating the Michigan law and the Cheboygan County prosecutor subsequently threatened to file criminal charges against members. But the appeals court overturned Whitlock, and ruled 2-1 that the restriction applies to hunting, not target shooting.

The appeals court says it would be "absurd" to believe that anyone who purchased the lots didn't know about the range nearby.

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Niagara Falls, New York:** A controversial gun-rights sign that reads "N.Y. IS NOT SAFE!!! FIGHT CUOMO PRESERVE YOUR RIGHTS," was ordered to be taken down in the New York town of Hamburg but will be allowed to stay up in Niagara Falls, on the other side of Buffalo. Code Enforcement Director Dennis Virtuoso, who is also the Democrat minority leader in the Niagara County Legislature, said the anti-NY SAFE Act sign attacking the bill's main supporter Gov. Andrew Cuomo, also a Democrat, is allowable under the city ordinance that covers signs, explicitly stating that political speech on specific candidates and issues is legal. "We made a decision that it is allowed to stay there," Virtuoso said.

● **Orlando, Florida:** A bevy of anti-gun law enforcement officials from across the country called for background checks on all gun purchases, including private and gun-show sales. "We must close off all avenues for dangerous people to acquire firearms," Orlando Police Chief John Mina said, during a press conference for the National Law Enforcement Partnership to Prevent Gun Violence at the Orange County Convention Center. They sounded like Bloomberg-funded zealots who don't care about the rights of the safe people who want to acquire firearms.

● **Capitola, California:** Silicon Valley startup Yardarm Technologies' announced that police agencies were field testing its new product: a wireless sensor that transforms officers' weapons into smart guns with real-time telemetry. Yardarm's sensor is a small device that goes inside gun handles and provides dispatchers with real-time geo-location tracking information on the weapon. The Yardarm Sensor also sends alerts when a weapon is unholstered or fired, and it can "record the direction of aim, providing real-time tactical value for commanders and providing crime scene investigators valuable data for prosecution," the company said. The 10-employee company said it was deploying the technology on a trial basis. The first takers have been the Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department in California and the Carrollton Police Department in Texas.

● **Bellevue, Washington:** Margot Blacker, 74, a former City Council member in Bellevue, Washington, has been accused of stealing campaign signs urging voters to support a statewide ballot measure protecting gun buyers from intrusive checks, police said. A police report said the political left's Blacker, who served on the City Council from 1989 to 1997, admitted taking the signs last week because she believed pro-gun groups had stolen her signs promoting tougher firearms laws. Blacker supports Initiative 594, a state ballot measure that would expand background checks on gun buyers to include private sales and transfers of weapons.

● **Albany, New York:** A newly created database of New Yorkers deemed too mentally unstable to carry firearms has grown to roughly 34,500 names, a previously undisclosed figure that has raised concerns among some mental health advocates that too many people have been categorized as dangerous. The database, maintained by the state Division of Criminal Justice Services, is the result of the Safe Act, which compels licensed mental health professionals in New York to report to the authorities any patient "likely to engage in conduct that would result in serious harm to self or others." Sam Tsemberis, a former director of New York City's involuntary hospitalization program for homeless and dangerous people, said "That seems extraordinarily high to me." Tsemberis, now the chief executive of Pathways to Housing, which provides housing to the mentally ill, said, "Assumed dangerousness is a far cry from actual dangerousness."

● **Phoenix, Arizona:** GoDaddy founder Bob Parsons, a gun owner and member of the National Rifle Association, says that firearms aren't to blame for mass shootings. That's a hotly-debated and emotional topic, especially after a gunman killed 20 people at Sandy Hook Elementary School in 2012. "Just the other day, an individual went berserk on a bus and started stabbing people," Parsons said. "Well, you know, the knife wasn't the problem, even though the knife was the tool of the destruction. The problem was the individual." Parsons spoke to a reporter during a video interview at the Inc. 5000 conference in Phoenix.

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Denver, Colorado:** Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper's (D) own words and actions suggest that he is a liberal who did the bidding of out-of-state anti-Second Amendment groups during the gun control push that turned Colorado upside down in March 2013. He has since admitted that he talked to Michael Bloomberg three times during the same period in which sheriffs were warning that the new gun measures would be "unenforceable." His anti-gun victory brought revenge: Coloradans recalled two state senators who helped Hickenlooper ramrod the gun control legislation through--state Senators Angela Giron (D-Pueblo) and John Morse (D-Colo. Springs)--and Evie Hudak (D-Westminster), another state senator, resigned under pressure of recall. Hickenlooper has lost his mojo, too. He is trailing Republican challenger Bob Beauprez in the coming gubernatorial election.

● **Newington, Virginia:** The Newington-based Virginia Citizens Defense League, a gun rights group, wants a public apology from Stafford County Sheriff Charles Jett because it believes gun owners' rights were subverted at a crime prevention event at a Target parking area in August. But the Sheriff's Office stands by the event's restriction on the open carry of firearms. The VCDL lost approval for a booth at a recent National Night Out event in Stafford because the group wanted to openly carry their guns. The sheriff had no authority to stop the open carry, so he pressured Target to ban it. VCDL was planning to launch a boycott campaign against the store until the group's president, Philip Van Cleave, realized the restriction was the sheriff's idea, and does not plan any legal action against the sheriff.

● **Brisbane, Australia:** Recreation and competition shooting associations are reporting a surge in junior members, particularly girls, a trend that is firing up Gun Control Australia which is pushing for a ban on under-18s handling firearms. The Sporting Shooters' Association of Australia has several thousand Queensland children as members and president Geoff Jones reports a recent spike in girls' involvement. There is a similar trend in competition shooting. In 2010, 18 per cent of Queensland Target Shooters juniors were female. This year one third are girls. In Queensland, kids aged 11 and over can obtain a minor's gun licence.

● **London, England:** A new firearm policy from the United Kingdom Home Office, put in force on October 15, has accelerated the once-proud nation's devolution into a police state. The Home Office's October 2014 "Guide on Firearms Licensing Law" adds a new rule allowing for police to conduct warrantless surprise inspections of a gun owner's firearm storage practices. As bad as that is, what's far worse is that the President of the United States cites England's gun control policies as a model for America to follow. Prior to the new rule, UK gun owners were already subject to arranged home visits by government agents to inspect their firearm storage arrangements.

● **Cincinnati, Ohio:** A gun control group, Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, delivered a petition to the Cincinnati-based Kroger store chain asking that the stores request customers not to openly bring firearms into their outlets. Shannon Watts, founder of Moms Demand Action, said, "It's well past time Kroger President & COO Rodney Ellis and CEO W. Rodney McMullen listen to their customers, employees and elected officials and prohibit open carry inside their stores." So far, the grocery chain has not succumbed to the relentless assault of phone calls, text messages, petitions, emails and social media barbs tossed its way from the pressure group.

● **Newtown, Connecticut:** More than eight out of ten Americans say that the misuse of guns in violent crimes is a matter for the criminal justice system, not a public health issue, and that the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) should not spend resources on the study of "gun violence" but instead concentrate on viruses and disease. An overwhelming 84 percent of survey respondents said gun violence is a criminal justice issue, rather than a public health issue. 88 percent of respondents said they do not think the CDC should spend resources on studying the use of guns in crime rather than on studying viruses and disease.

Parting Shot

SELF-DEFENSE KEEPS VICTIMS OF CRIME ALIVE

Two Pennsylvania state legislators, Democrats Marty Flynn of Lackawanna and Ryan Bizzarro of Erie were walking to their Harrisburg residence after a late dinner when two teenagers approached.

One pointed a gun and demanded their wallets. Flynn, who is a former Lackawanna County corrections officer and has a concealed carry permit, drew his pistol and fired.

The gunman also shot, but no one was injured as the two groups ran off in different directions.

Harrisburg police caught up to the two would-be robbers blocks away, and rounded up two other alleged accomplices.

Then there was Candy Strange of Mississippi, who didn't expect to wake up at 5:20 one morning to a gun pointed at her head but, unfortunately, that's what happened.

A home invader pulled Strange and her 17-year-old daughter out of their beds and into the living room where he tied them both up before stealing two wallets and fleeing the home.

Once the two women were able to untie themselves, Strange's daughter rushed off to find a gun. Strange tried to close the front door but the burglar returned and several shots were fired between the burglar and Strange's daughter and, while no one was hurt, the burglar fled the home again.

In California, about 10:45 p.m one night a woman found a man trying to force his way into her home and told the intruder that her husband had a handgun. The husband, who is in his 40s, warned the man that he was armed and would shoot if he continued. The intruder did not heed the resident's warning, breaking a window, and the homeowner opened fire and hit the intruder. The man was taken by ambulance to Inland Valley Medical Center in Wildomar, where he died of his injuries.

Home defense has been a recurring theme in the news with multiple stories in recent years of firearms and other tools being used to fight off crime.

A 67-year-old Philadelphia man shot three home invaders who tried to steal money and rape his 19-year-old granddaughter.

A Detroit woman shot and killed a home invader in March.

According to FBI Crime Statistics, there were an estimated 2,103,787 burglaries in 2012, nearly 75% of those being residential home invasions.

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