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Dear Subscriber,

A clumsy **Washington Post "Fact Checker"** column recently tried to deny that **HILLARY CLINTON** doesn't believe in your right to keep a gun at home for self-defense, but ended up admitting that *she doesn't believe in it*. The columnist probably didn't realize it, but he admitted it with the quote, "**In a private fundraiser in 2015, CLINTON was recorded as saying that the Supreme Court was "wrong on the Second Amendment" [in the Heller case] and added, "I'm going to make that case every chance I get."**"

**CLINTON
WATCH**

Trapped by an interviewer pressing her about the Heller decision that gun ownership is a constitutional right, **HILLARY** said, "If it is a constitutional right, then it - like every constitutional right - is subject to reasonable regulation." The WaPo columnist knew that "If" is a **CLINTON** weasel-word indicating disagreement and pretended she's harmless by listing "what she really wants."

HILLARY wants devastating regulations, including universal background checks, repeal of protections from frivolous lawsuits against the gun industry, harsh new requirements on licensed gun dealers, new statutes to prohibit gun purchases for more people, and banning the possession of firearms the left describes as "assault weapons." **Combined, that ends your gun rights.**

CLINTON believes you have no right to keep a gun at home for self-defense. **WaPo** tried to deny it, but only gave us a non-denial denial.

Billionaires are bankrolling **CLINTON's** gun-ban campaign, which should come as no surprise. She knows them all. She herself is one of the wealthiest women in politics, with a combined income of \$30 million, she travels the world in private jets and has been protected by armed guards for 30 years. **Two big money contributors** are former New York City mayor **MICHAEL BLOOMBERG** and international financier **GEORGE SOROS**. Gun control has been one of **BLOOMBERG's** favorite causes over the years, from "Mayors Against Illegal Guns" to "Everytown for Gun Safety" to "Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America" and **SOROS** has pledged or given more than \$25 million to help **CLINTON** and other anti-gun rights Democrats. *Forbes* magazine warned that **HILLARY's** gun-control efforts are supported by everyone from Microsoft co-founders **BILL GATES** (richest man in the world) and **PAUL ALLEN**, to **OPRAH WINFREY** and **WARREN BUFFETT** (the third-richest person in the world).

The **Washington Times** wrote that poll after poll shows clearly that most voters share the belief that **HILLARY CLINTON** cannot really be trusted or believed. Her penchant for lying was on display during her acceptance speech at Philadelphia's Democratic National Convention and said with a straight face, "I'm not here to repeal the Second Amendment. I'm not here to take away your guns."

Based on her earlier statements on the issue, it was a lie. Mrs. **CLINTON** is neither likeable nor trusted, and even while trying to reassure gun owners, has been pretty clear as to what she would like to do. As noted above, she told donors the Supreme Court **Heller** case affirming the right of citizens separate from a militia to "keep and bear arms" was "wrongly decided." To reverse **Heller** would be to, in effect, abolish the Second Amendment and the right of private citizens in this country to own firearms even for self-defense. **President HILLARY CLINTON** would create a court majority that would do just that.

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TOWNHALL published an interview with **MARY BAYER**, an alternate delegate for **HILLARY CLINTON**, who explained how Democrats will ban guns. The journalist asked her, "How do we ban guns? What do we have to do?" **BAYER** began with the obvious and went to the strategy, making no pretense that she was part of the insider bunch, but just an alternate delegate: "I don't know. It's hard because the country is split, you know? And all the money, the big money is with the NRA, well you know how you do it. You got to get Democrats in office. That really is, you got to get enough people in there to vote the right way." The plan is simple: *elect more Democrats*.

The strategy is the same as we have seen coming from Democrats for years: "You got to say you want common sense gun legislation." **BAYER** said, "You just can't take extreme positions, like saying you want to ban guns outright. You need to frame it as a gun safety issue that will also protect children's lives."

She also said that **CLINTON's** misrepresentation on offering a definite position on some issues, like the Second Amendment, could be used to her advantage in pushing her gun control agenda. Asked whether she thought **CLINTON** supported banning guns, **BAYER** said yes. Just "yes." But she added that this won't be successful unless more Democrats are elected.

**CLINTON
WATCH**

Townhall said, "We all know **CLINTON** is anti-gun. She supports Australian-style gun control—anti-gun policies grounded in confiscation and bans, policies that have led to a violent black market in Australia, and could be exported here *if CLINTON gets her way*."

"Any Second Amendment supporter should not walk, but run away from any negotiating table regarding **CLINTON** and gun rights," said Townhall. "You give Democrats an inch and they take many, many miles – and we cannot afford to play that game with them on this issue."

Fox News examined "**CLINTON'S COURT**" – *The Supreme Court*. It's no secret it's at stake in the 2016 election. But legal experts say the impact will be far more sweeping if **HILLARY CLINTON** wins in the fall, and is able to fill the seat of the late **JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA** with a left-leaning judge. **DAVID BERNSTEIN**, a law professor at **George Mason University**, said a **CLINTON** appointee could mean the court would no longer consider Americans to have an individual right to "keep and bear arms" – a right the court only affirmed by a narrow 5-4 decision in 2008.

"They may reverse that decision, or they may limit it so it doesn't mean much," **BERNSTEIN** said. The court would most likely take a stealthy approach to avoid causing too many political problems. But it would still mark a change in the judicial winds for gun rights.

"They would say 'you have the individual right to bear arms, but it's subject to reasonable regulation -- loosely defined,'" **BERNSTEIN** said, noting that the "reasonable regulation" could include policies such as a handgun ban for all citizens unless a person could convince authorities they have a "good reason" to own one.

Sen. **CHRIS MURPHY** (D-Conn.) said in a news interview that it's important for top Democrats to have the right opinions on gun control. "This has become a litmus test issue for leadership in the Democratic Party," he told *Politico's* **GLENN THRUSH**. "I mean, if you want to be a leader in the Democratic Party, I think this presidential election has proven that you have to be right on the issue of guns." **MURPHY** said polling shows that swing-state voters are willing to vote on the issue.

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GUN CONTROL WILL BE ON THE CALIFORNIA BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER

California Lt. Gov. Gavin Newsom (D), who is running for governor in 2018, spearheaded an effort in the state to get voters to decide on the "Safety for All Act." The initiative received enough signatures in June to appear on the ballot. The measure, if enacted, would require background checks for all bullet buyers and impose a ban on ammunition magazines holding more than 10 rounds. It would also mandate felony charges for gun thefts and would take strict measures to get guns out of the hands of felons and other people prohibited from owning firearms.

GOV. NIKKI HALEY SIGNS GEORGIA GUN RECIPROCITY BILL FOR THE SECOND TIME

For the second time, Gov. Nikki Haley made a show of signing legislation twice. On her second trip she traveled to North Augusta where she re-signed a concealed weapons bill. It allows South Carolina to recognize carry permits issued to residents of Georgia. The measure became law nearly three months ago. College of Charleston political scientist Kendra Stewart said the event keeps Haley's name tied to a pro-gun topic.

IN THE STATES

ILLINOIS GOVERNOR SIGNS TOUGH PENALTY LAW FOR GUN TRAFFICKING

Traffickers who take advantage of looser laws in neighboring states to illegally import guns to Illinois will face tougher penalties if caught under a measure Gov. Bruce Rauner signed into law. The new law, which passed both chambers of the General Assembly without opposition, makes it a felony for a person who has not been issued a state firearm owner's identification card to bring guns into Illinois with the intent to sell or deliver them. Penalties will be stricter for those who've previously been convicted on related charges.

INDIANA MAYORS WANT TO REPEAL STATE FIREARMS PREEMPTION LAW

Some mayors in Indiana want to repeal the preemption law that was passed in 2011. An Indiana gun rights activist advised, "If your mayor is one of them you might want to let them know your position on the Second Amendment. How many gun owners in Indiana are even aware of the legislation that was passed in 2011 that stopped local governments from suffocating the Second Amendment?"

GUN CONTROL WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN MAINE

In Maine, voters will vote on expanding background checks to all gun sales and to close the "loophole" that allows people to buy guns without screening from private sellers or from non-licensed sellers at gun shows. Pro-gun Gun Owners of Maine called the proposal "the most sweeping infringement on gun rights in Maine history" and the NRA has called it an "unnecessary and unenforceable proposal." Gun control groups have outspent gun rights advocates, which are expected to ramp up their opposition and the election nears.

NEVADA OFFICIALS OPPOSE BACKGROUND CHECK BALLOT MEASURE

Nevada Gov. Brian Sandoval has issued an official statement opposing the background checks initiative, Question 1 because it does not address keeping firearms out of the hands of criminals." Also, Nevada state Attorney General Adam Laxalt says he's opposing a background check initiative supported by gun control advocates on the November ballot, saying it would cost Nevada residents "time, money and freedom," but wouldn't keep guns out of the hands of criminals.

NEW JERSEY GOVERNOR VETOES BILL REQUIRING "SMART GUNS" BE SOLD

Gov. Chris Christie rejected legislation to increase the sales of smart guns, saying it would make the state "inhospitable" to legal gun ownership. Christie, a Republican, conditionally vetoed the measure that would have required state gun retailers to keep an inventory of smart guns, which can be fired only by authorized users. Gun rights activists argued that the law was an attempt to compel the market to accept "dangerous and unreliable technology."

GUN CONTROL WILL BE ON THE BALLOT IN WASHINGTON THIS NOVEMBER

In Washington, the Alliance for Gun Responsibility collected signatures for Initiative 1491, which would take guns out of the hands of people judged threats. Family members, partners, housemates, or law enforcement officials would be able to file an affidavit listing a concern - mental illness or domestic violence. If a judge determines the person is a threat to themselves or others, his guns would be taken away and he would be prevented from purchasing firearms for up to a year.

TEXAS ATTORNEY GENERAL SUES TO ALLOW GUNS IN COURTHOUSE COMPLEX

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has sued Waller County, Texas, over the right to bear arms in the Waller County Courthouse complex. Advocates have protested the County's actions in preventing lawful carrying pursuant to the protection of a new state law. In a statement obtained by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton he said, "A local government cannot be allowed to flout Texas' licensed carry laws, or any state law, simply because it disagrees with the law or doesn't feel like honoring it." He added, "I will vigilantly protect and preserve the Second Amendment rights of Texans." Second Amendment advocates descended on Waller County on August 12th to support a fellow Texan who was sued by the County after he served notice on them alleging a violation of Texas gun rights.

JUDGE STRIKES DOWN GUN MEASURES, UPHOLDS CLEVELAND'S GUN OFFENDER REGISTRY

A Cuyahoga County judge ruled that some of Cleveland's new gun control laws violate the state constitution, but left intact a controversial gun offender registry that drew the ire of gun-rights groups. Common Pleas Judge Shirley Strickland-Saffold ruled Monday that three of Cleveland's laws enacted in April 2015 violated a state law that gives state legislators preemptive control over gun laws, including a provision that allowed police officers to confiscate guns. The ruling came after Ohioans for Concealed Carry filed a constitutional challenge against the ordinance just days after it was passed by city council.

**IN THE
COURTS**

COURT REJECTS CHALLENGE TO RESTRICTIVE 'MAY-ISSUE' CONCEALED CARRY

A federal appeals court sided with California Attorney General Kamala Harris and declined to rehear a combined case that the Second Amendment protects the right to carry a firearm for self-defense in public. The cases, *Peruta v. San Diego* and *Richards v. Yolo County*, reversed lower court rulings by the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in 2014 which found that California sheriffs used unconstitutional policies to limit the right to carry under the Second Amendment. An en banc rehearing by an 11-judge panel of the court in June reversed the decisions. A petition for a "super en banc" by the full court to restore the decisions was rejected.

LAWSUIT CALLS NEW JERSEY STUN GUN BAN UNCONSTITUTIONAL

A gun rights group filed a federal lawsuit challenging a New Jersey law that bans private individuals from owning stun guns, Tasers and other electronic weapons as unconstitutional. The complaint, filed by the New Jersey Second Amendment Society in U.S. District Court for New Jersey, cited a U.S. Supreme Court decision in March that suggested possessing such arms was protected by the U.S. Constitution. Gun rights advocates filed a similar lawsuit to invalidate a stun gun ban in Washington, D.C. In addition to New Jersey, several states including Hawaii, Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island have outlawed electronic weapons like Taser guns.

JUDGE UPHOLDS ATF'S DECISION BANNING AMMO DESIGNED FOR AK-47

A federal judge in Seattle has upheld a decision by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to ban ammunition originally designed for AK-47 assault rifles. The decision by U.S. District Judge John C. Coughenour came in a lawsuit brought by Redmond-based P.W. Arms Inc., which obtained permits to import more than 100 million rounds of the Russian - and Eastern European - made ammunition known as 7N6. When the first shipments arrived in early 2014, the ATF deemed them "armor-piercing" and barred their importation for civilian resale. Coughenour noted that P.W. Arms never disputed the bullets can pierce body armor.

FIFTH CIRCUIT DEEMS GUN RIGHTS MORE IMPORTANT THAN EMPLOYER RIGHTS

A federal appeals court reinstated a lawsuit brought by an employee who alleged he was wrongly terminated for possessing a concealed weapon on company property. In a decision filed in the case of *Robert Swindol v. Aurora Flight Sciences Corporation*, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit said the plaintiff has a claim for wrongful discharge after being fired in May 2013. Swindol, who was working for Aurora in Columbus, Miss., at the time, had a handgun locked inside his vehicle while the vehicle was parked in the employee lot. Management fired Swindol after learning about the handgun and claiming that it violated company policy that prohibits such weapons on the property.

GUN-RIGHTS ADVOCATES FILE SUIT CHALLENGING CALIFORNIA OPEN-CARRY RESTRICTIONS

Gun-rights advocates filed a new legal challenge to California's open-carry restrictions - arguing a recent court decision denies residents "their fundamental rights to bear arms" and contradicts the Supreme Court *Heller* ruling. Plaintiffs say the case, *Flanagan v. Harris*, is a "direct response" to a recent ruling that preserved a California county sheriff's restrictive concealed weapon policies. The state's additional restrictions on carrying openly in public, plaintiffs argued that they have been "completely barred from exercising their right to bear arms in any manner." The suit contends, "the Supreme Court has made clear that the right to bear arms cannot be completely foreclosed." The plaintiffs include resident Michelle Flanagan as well as the California Rifle & Pistol Association.

TEXAS, UNIVERSITY ASK JUDGE TO THROW OUT LAWSUIT CHALLENGING CAMPUS CARRY

The Texas Attorney General's Office and University of Texas at Austin asked a federal judge to throw out a lawsuit brought by three UT-Austin professors seeking to keep guns out of their classrooms despite the state's new campus carry law. In two separate court filings, lawyers for the university and the state argue that the professors' claims that the law violates their First Amendment rights are unfounded. They also argue that the federal court doesn't have jurisdiction to rule on the state law. Professors Jennifer Lynn Glass, Lisa Moore and Mia Carter argued that the law will stifle discussion and cause people to censor themselves in their classrooms. The law made it possible for people who have concealed handgun licenses to carry their weapons into classrooms and most other campus buildings.

IN THE COURTS

DC RESIDENTS LIKELY TO STUN CAPITAL CITY IN YET ANOTHER SECOND AMENDMENT CASE

Gun rights advocates have fired a new salvo in the ongoing saga against the District of Columbia's overly restrictive gun laws. Three District residents have filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia seeking to overturn a law making it a crime to "receive, possess, control, transfer, offer for sale, give or deliver any destructive device," which would include "any device intended to stun or disable a person by means of electric shock." They are likely to win. From 1976 until 2008, when the Supreme Court issued its decision in *District of Columbia v. Heller*, the District banned the ownership of handguns by private citizens. In *Heller*, the court held "the District's ban on handgun possession in the home violates the Second Amendment, as does its prohibition against rendering any lawful firearm in the home operable for the purpose of immediate self-defense."

CIVIL RIGHTS GROUPS FILE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT EQUALITY LAWSUIT

A civil rights lawsuit challenging a special, legislatively-created exemption to the "California Gun-Free School Zone Act" for retired government employees as unconstitutional under the Fourteenth Amendment's Equal Protection Clause is being appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals following a Federal District Court order granting the State of California's motion to dismiss. The lawsuit, filed by eleven individuals and four nonprofit civil rights groups, argues that the state's many special statutory exemptions to gun laws for retired "peace officers" are a violation of their Fourteenth Amendment rights. The Court's order said that "the government interest here is one of private protection and self-defense" for the retired government employees, and, "therefore, is rationally related to the legitimate state interest of ensuring their protection."

CALIFORNIA RESERVE POLICE OFFICERS SEEK TO CARRY PATROL RIFLES

A statewide reserve police officers association is seeking a court order to allow reserve officers to possess "assault" rifles, noting that one of its members was equipped only with a handgun when he responded to the mass shooting carried out by a pair of home-grown terrorists in San Bernardino. The California Reserve Peace Officers Association and reserve San Bernardino police Officer Martin Llanos filed the petition in Los Angeles Superior Court against state Attorney General Kamala Harris and Stephen Lindley, chief of the Bureau of Firearms. The plaintiffs maintain that reserve officers deserve the same exemption as full-time sworn peace officers: "Officer Llanos was one of the first responders in the recent terrorist incident and was only armed with his duty handgun, no match for the terrorists."

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:** A Pew Research Center survey shows majority support for protecting the right to gun ownership versus passing more laws to control who can own a gun. According to Pew, 52% of the public want to "protect the right of Americans to own guns" while 46% support passing more laws "to control gun ownership." The gap between the two positions was even larger when the question was posed to Donald Trump supporters, who chose gun ownership instead of controlling gun ownership roughly "nine-to-one." On the other hand, when Clinton supporters were asked the question they responded in favor of more gun control by a "more than four-to-one" margin. Viewed head-to-head it means "79% of Clinton supporters" believe gun control most important while only "9% of Trump supporters" do.

● **Washington, D.C.:** After a steady decline in gun ownership in recent years, more homes are reporting having a weapon inside, according to a new survey. Pew Research Center, in a poll on guns, showed that 44 percent of the country has a gun in the house. Some 51 percent don't. The survey firm didn't break those numbers out for special attention in reviewing American attitudes about background checks, an assault weapon ban or other gun issues, but it shows a jump in ownership from the mid-30 percent found in other recent polls. CBS, for example, had gun ownership at a low of 36 percent. Gun sales have been on a tear over the past year, giving support for growing household ownership. Interesting, those with guns and those without don't have major differences on some of the issues Pew surveyed, such as allowing gun ownership by those on no-fly lists - Paul Bedard, the *Washington Examiner's* "Washington Secrets" columnist.

● **Asbury Park, New Jersey:** Despite a concerted effort by Hillary Clinton, gun control advocates and the liberal media to demonize the NRA and restrict law-abiding citizens' Second Amendment rights, a new Rasmussen Reports survey finds that 54% of likely voters view the National Rifle Association favorably, including 32% of voters who share a "very favorable" opinion of the NRA. The same voters also confirmed that their Second Amendment right to own a firearm is important to their vote in the upcoming elections. The poll comes after a recent barrage of attacks on the NRA with tens of millions of dollars in campaign advertising advocating for gun control. In stark contrast to the NRA's favorability is Hillary Clinton. While voters' positive opinions of the NRA have held relatively steady for the past five years, the public continues to share an overwhelmingly unfavorable view of Ms. Clinton. A Gallup poll conducted during roughly the same period as the Rasmussen poll found that a mere 40% of U.S. adults held a favorable opinion of Hillary Clinton, with 54% sharing an unfavorable view of the Democratic candidate.

● **Davis, California:** The UC Davis Medical Center will house the nation's first state-funded "firearm violence" research center, an effort backed by health organizations and opposed by gun rights advocates. The University of California Firearm Violence Research Center - notice it's not criminal violence - will be under the direction of Garen Wintemute, an emergency room physician, professor, researcher and ideological activist on "firearm violence". The Sacramento-based center will build on his work with the UC Davis Violence Prevention Research Program, established in 1989. "This is an opportunity that anybody in my shoes would wait a lifetime for," said Wintemute, who has researched "gun violence" since the early 1980s. "What makes it a model is that the Legislature and the governor stepped up and said California is going to do something about this." What does he hope "research" will do? The new center is funded by a \$5 million, five-year state grant.

● **Springfield, Massachusetts:** Smith & Wesson Holding Corp. has contributed \$500,000 to the gun industry's largest association to support voter registration and gun owners' rights, citing Attorney General Maura Healey's recent crackdown on "copycat" assault weapons. The National Shooting Sports Foundation, a lobbying group based in Newtown, Connecticut said that Smith & Wesson's gift to its "#GunVote" campaign was the largest contribution it has received so far.

Smith & Wesson said, "We are honored to support this effort."

GUN NEWS TICKER - QUICK TAKES ON THE NEWS

● **London, United Kingdom:** An increasing number of Europeans are turning to firearms and other self-defense weapons to protect themselves, according to a Reuters report. Many have attributed the spike in permits to heightened fears caused by recent terrorist attacks. Applications for gun permits are climbing in at least three European countries, according to figures cited by Reuters. In the Czech Republic, the number of gun permit holders grew by almost 6,000 to nearly 300,000 in the first five months of 2016. The report comes after Czech President Milos Zeman announced he was in favor of residents owning firearms in the wake of the Munich mall shooting in July. "Citizens should be able to arm themselves...in order to be able to act against these terrorists," he told TV Nova at the time. Switzerland has also seen a drastic rise, with all 12 cantons which responded to a Reuters inquiry reporting an increase in gun permit applications in 2015. Interim 2016 figures show a further rise. Gun sellers in Austria also said that interest in weapons grew after a large number of refugees arrived in the country via the now-closed 'Balkan Route.'

● **Kingsburg, California:** The new school year starts with a big question at one central California high school and the question is: Who is carrying a gun? Kingsburg High School near Fresno is now one of three school districts in the state where staff members are allowed to carry a gun. Earlier this year, the district approved allowing up to five school personnel to be armed. The district has limited it to no more than five and the weapons, along with their identities, must be concealed. The 1,000 students at Kingsburg High are being protected by up to five secretly armed teachers or staff members and School Superintendent Randy Morris is behind the plan. "We want to protect our students and staff and our school community," Morris said. Only employees who have Concealed Carry Weapons Permits issued by the Sheriff's Department and have undergone training and personnel evaluations are allowed to be armed and they could take action before police arrive in the event of danger.

● **Austin, Texas:** Hundreds of demonstrators carrying sex toys gathered at the University of Texas to protest a new state law that allows concealed handguns in public college classrooms. The religious, spirit and sporting groups that set up tables every year near the student union were joined by others handing out free sex toys. Protesters came and went throughout the afternoon, holding signs that read "wangs not bangs" and "guns do not equal freedom." The exuberant crowd was met by a small number of gun-rights advocates. And though leaders of one pro-carry group, Students for Concealed Carry, welcomed the demonstration, Forrest Sullivan, a junior chemical engineering student, said he thought it was "very childish."

● **Alamogordo, New Mexico:** A New Mexico affiliate of United Way is resuming raffles of firearms to raise money. United Way of Otero County had suspended the raffle after a complaint letter by New Mexicans to Prevent Gun Violence co-president Miranda Viscoli. The Alamogordo Daily News reported that the United Way of Otero County confirmed last week that it received permission from United Way Worldwide to continue raffle sales. The organization had been selling 2017 calendars with a raffle entry ticket attached for \$50. Buyers had the chance to be entered into a twice-weekly firearms raffle. The firearms being raffled include shotguns, handguns and an AR-15.

● **Berlin, Germany:** The leader of the populist Alternative for Germany (AfD) party has spoken out in favor of people arming themselves with guns and self-defense devices following a series of violent attacks. The anti-immigrant AfD has won growing popular support in Germany due in part to Europe's migrant crisis, which has seen more than 1 million refugees arrive over the past year, and it now has seats in eight of Germany's 16 state assemblies. After two Islamist attacks and a shooting rampage by a mentally unstable teenager, Germans are on edge and the AfD is expected to make a strong showing in votes next month in Berlin and Mecklenburg-Vorpommern. "Many people are increasingly feeling unsafe. Every law-abiding citizen should be in a position to defend themselves, their family and their friends," Frauke Petry told the Funke Media Group. "We all know how long it takes until the police can get to the scene" she said.

Parting Shot

CRIME CAN BE HAZARDOUS TO YOUR HEALTH

A 91-year-old Eastpointe, Michigan man shot and wounded a man in his 20s who tried to rob him in a pharmacy parking lot near Detroit. The unidentified elderly man was getting out of his car when he noticed someone coming up to him, acting erratic.

The older guy let the younger one know he was packing, telling him he had a license to conceal carry a gun. CNN affiliate WXYZ reports the suspect pointed something at the older guy. But the nonagenarian wasn't waiting around to find out what. He pulled out his weapon and fired, hitting the suspect in the neck.

"This was an attempted robbery of the shooter. The person who fired the shots had a concealed pistol license," Eric Keiser, the deputy police chief in Eastpointe, Michigan, told WXYZ, "and was lawfully carrying a handgun and said that he defended himself when he was attacked." The would-be robber ended up in the hospital, and in police custody.

A man and woman were house-sitting in La Vista, Nebraska when they woke up about 2 a.m. to an intruder already inside the home, kicking in the door of the bedroom. One of the house sitters, Zachary Schmid, 19, managed to grab a gun and shoot the suspect, later identified as 26-year-old Darrick Minner, who, as it turns out, is an ex-boyfriend of the homeowner. Minner immediately fled the scene upon being shot, but was found by police and medics nearby. He was transported to Nebraska Medicine, where he underwent surgery. His injuries has been described by police as non-life-threatening. Schmid, meanwhile, was questioned by investigators and released.

A 19-year-old clerk shot an armed robber in his mother's corner store in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, but it didn't make him skittish. If an armed suspect tried to rob the store again, Daneurys Santo said, he wouldn't hesitate to pull the trigger again. "He come again, I do the same," Santo said.

As Santo was ringing up a customer, a masked male entered the store and demanded money from him at gunpoint at about 8:40 p.m., police said. Santo, whose mother also was also in the store, said the suspect first told him to hand over cash in English. He then said the same thing in Spanish. That's when Santo grabbed a shotgun he had hidden below the counter and fired a round into the suspect. The suspect, described as a black male who is about 6 feet tall, ran out of the store after he was struck. Police responded, but were unable to find the suspect. Santo was praised for his brave response.

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