

Ohio state senator's new gun bill drops red flag provisions, adds new restraints

In a last-minute change, Ohio state Sen. Matt Dolan, R-Chagrin Falls, has stepped back from his plan to establish a so-called red flag law in Ohio. In its place, Dolan proposed a restriction on future gun purchases after a person is deemed a threat to themselves or others.

Dolan described the changes as a way to better tailor the bill's impact.

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Weapons under disability

The measure now hinges on "behavioral risk assessments." Those reviews consider behaviors like suicidal tendencies, grievance collecting, or making threats. It also weighs contextual factors like whether a person has been through a "personal catalyst event."

"The idea is we want to make sure that we create a system where they have an assessment done, so we get the person help," Dolan said. "And if that assessment reveals that there they are a violent threat, that they are prohibited from getting firearms."

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Other provisions

In addition to its disability provisions, Dolan's measure makes a number of changes that intersect with firearm sales.

The bill requires agencies submit warrants and protection orders to background check databases. Although state law and his bill are silent on domestic violence disabilities, they do show up in background checks. Dolan noted getting those orders into the database is an important way to halt dangerous sales.

"That's a prohibitive factor from getting a weapon in Ohio," Dolan said in committee. "These orders are taking too long to get in the system. The background check is only as good as the information that's in it."

The bill also heightens the penalties on straw purchases from a fourth to a second-degree felony, with a two-year mandatory minimum sentence. Dolan's proposal would also add a question about whether a purchaser is receiving assistance like SNAP benefits. He argued people prey on SNAP recipients to get their hands on guns unlawfully. He believes asking about benefits on the form could be a disincentive for straw purchasers.

Funding & fears

In general, GOP lawmakers are loath to back legislation that even hints at new restrictions on gun owners. Dolan's original proposal was particularly notable coming from a high-ranking Republican.

But Dolan's idea also stood out because it came on the heels of a breakthrough compromise in the U.S. Senate. That law, the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, earmarks \$750 million to help states set up red flag systems.

Instead of attempting to tap those funds, Dolan's proposal asks for \$175 million in American Rescue Plan dollars to pay for mental health training and new regional healthcare crisis centers. As he described it, the approach will increase the number and distribution of mental health workers. The crisis centers in particular, he argued, would relieve pressure on jails who are ill-suited and ill-equipped to treat people in mental health crisis.

Still, the fears about new gun restrictions remain. Chris Dorr rolled his eyes theatrically as Dolan explained his measure is "about public safety." Dorr heads up the gun rights absolutist group Ohio Gun Owners. Shortly after the hearing he was live streaming on [rumble](#) from the rotunda.

"There's some idiots out there who've been saying stuff like this isn't really red flag — it's red flags on steroids," he told his audience, urging them to click a link to contact their lawmakers.

In committee, though, Dolan was at pains to emphasize the balance between protecting public safety and gun owners' rights. He even quoted Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia's opinion in [Heller](#), which

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granted an individual right to bear arms. "It is not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose," Scalia wrote about Second Amendment rights.

Dolan insisted, "The Second Amendment is not in any way violated by this bill."

"This bill works on the laws that we already have in Ohio. This

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bill works on the concept that we've already accepted in Ohio. That there are certain levels that if you have those characteristics, those traits, those facts, you shouldn't get a gun."

It is a Good Day for Liberty.

The Missouri Legislature has designated Archery as Missouri's State Sport. The compound bow was invented by a Missourian. I have a bow but am sad to say that does not make me an archer.

Miss Manners received a letter from a horrified hostess who discovered that one of her guests had a concealed

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By Kevin L. Jamison

pistol. Terrified she asked the guest to lock it in a spare room. This is arguably less safe, depending on the lock and room. The hostess was not concerned about such practical matters and wanted it out of sight. She asked Miss Manners how to request that guests disarm. As the owner of the house, she has the right to set the rules, however hysterical. Miss Manners gave her advice which respected the guest's desire to protect and the hostess's paranoia. The column generated a flood of comments by the usual suspects to the effect that guns cause crime, and no one has ever acted in self-defense. When we see these comments, they must be politely but sternly corrected.

In hearings to allow concealed carry on buses the usual suspects paraded witnesses to claim that federal law prohibited weapons on buses. This is not true. It is not remotely true. It is not arguably true. It is not a matter of opinion. It is a lie. In a California case the state put on an "expert" to support the notion that open carry has never been legal in the United States. The "expert" cited laws that did not exist for this proposition. President Biden claimed that at the time of the Constitution a person could not buy cannon. This is not remotely true, yet he repeats it. I am struck by the number of bald-faced lies told by the opposition. They tell these lies because they are not challenged on them. We must appear at legislative hearings and challenge them.

I was asking a gun shop to put up a sign for a candidate. The manager told me that they preferred to stay out of politics. I was trying to be nice but I wanted to say that, "Politics is not staying out of you!"

As of this writing the US Senate has 51 democrats and 48 republicans. Votes are still being counted and there may be recounts. Georgia will have a run off for a senate seat in December. If republicans win the runoff there will be a 50-50 tie in the senate with the Vice-President casting the decisive vote in any tie. That is how it has been the last two years. If the democrats win they have a 52-48 advantage; they will also have bragging rights. The bragging has already begun. President Biden took time from a speech at an international gathering to brag about the results. It would appear to be in our interests to support the Georgia republican, Herschel Walker.

As of this writing the republicans appear to have a slight majority in the House of Representatives. Our friend, Jacob Turk, lost his race in the Fifth District.

In Missouri the democrats won a few house seats; not enough to change the republican majority. We would like to see if we could make friends with these new representatives. The greatest need of a politician is for friends.

I mention the republican-democratic split. I must stress that we have friends in both parties and opponents in both parties. The parties follow their leaders who have decided views on our issue.

A lawyer in St. Louis is angry about cars stolen from his parking lot. He has armed his staff and offered self-defense training.

Oregon has passed an initiative petition to outlaw magazines over ten rounds and other mischief. This is an alarm bell for us. Missouri makes it easy to get an initiative petition on the ballot and pass it into law. The Oregon experience may inspire the usual suspects. We will have to be prepared to fight such a project. We cannot stop the petition itself. We can use advertising to discourage people from signing. This will soak up money. We could ask national organizations for help. National organizations have their own problems, and we must prepare to fight our own battles.

President Trump has announced he is running for President in 2024. I have under-estimated him before. There are other potential candidates who carry the same policies but not the same baggage. Of course, they do not carry the same accomplishments either. I hope the primary will not be bloody. Whoever the democratic nominee might be he/she/they are likely to be bad for us. We must present a unified front. We do not endorse in primaries but will support the nominee who supports us.

I wonder if we would get favorable press if we taught drag queens defensive shooting? The media seems to love them.

In the words of two great time travelers, "Be excellent to each other!"

We shall overcome.

"It is on great occasions only, and after time has been given for cool and deliberate reflection, that the real voice of the people can be known."

—George Washington

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

ELECTION EXPLAINED

K. L. Jamison

There is a simple explanation for the 2022 election. People voted weird. I don't know why. There will be a horde of explanations. None will explain everything. All will explain some part. Some will concentrate on the past; that is educational, but not helpful. Some will savage political figures like an animal biting its own wounds. This is self-destructive. Focus on the future and what we can do to improve it. My father was a salesman. He said that you don't make money by knocking the other guy's product. You make money by promoting your own product.

So, what is our product? We teach gun safety, true gun safety. We teach people how to be safe. We advocate for freedom. We have done so without payment or recognition. How do we promote our product? The Second Amendment Foundation has created commercials to take our message to the public. Local individuals and groups can help as well.

In the seminal work *How to Win Friends and Influence* the author advises that you cannot convince people by shoving your opinion down their throat. You do so by finding out what they are interested in and linking our issue to that interest.

First, see what has worked. Drag queens started reading to children in library programs. Now there are drag shows in school programs. Local clubs can start a reading program. They can start Eddie Eagle programs. They can work with Scout troops.

Years from now when their grandchildren ask, "What did you do to save our gun rights?" They will have an answer.

I thank-you for the honor of being your president.

LEGAL NOTES

STAND YOUR GROUND LAW

K. L. Jamison

A client told me of approaching a police car with a question. The officer told him to step back from the car. The client was outraged by the demand because he had a right to *STAND HIS GROUND*. We have a stand your ground law in Missouri; but that is not what it says. The law is limited to cases of self-defense. It is not so much a law as the absence of a law.

For many years Missouri law required a person to retreat before acting in self-defense.

California judge blocks sharing gun owners' information, citing 'massive' privacy breach

A California law that provided names and other information about gun owners to researchers analyzing the effectiveness of gun violence restraining orders was blocked by a judge, who ruled it may violate the privacy rights of gun owners. San Diego Superior Court Judge Katherine Bacal ordered a preliminary injunction against the state's Assembly Bill 173 last week. "Accordingly, plaintiffs have shown that the balance of harms weighs in favor of issuing the injunction," she wrote in her order on Friday, noting that the law's provisions threatened the privacy rights of gun owners.

Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the bill into law last September and requested that Attorney General Rob Bonta (D) send personal information on gun purchasers to the state Firearm Violence Research Center at the University of California, Davis.

Gun owners' information included when and where they purchased their guns, as well as details about the buyers' names, addresses, dates of birth, and what they purchased. The research center was also authorized to share the data with other research institutions outside UC Davis.

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Bacal, an appointee of former Republican Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, noted that the state accused the plaintiffs of failing to "establish irreparable harm" because the information in question has already been shared with researchers as nearly as November 2021. "Yet this does not account for the potential ongoing and future harms that could occur by continuous use of the information," Bacal said, referring to a June data breach that prompted the California Justice Department to remove its Firearms Dashboard Portal from its website. "Furthermore, and while this motion has been pending, a massive data breach reportedly occurred that leaked personal identifying information from the firearm databases for concealed carry applicants in or about June of 2022," the judge added.

The Firearms Policy Coalition, one of several gun advocacy groups that challenged the California law, lauded Bacal's decision as a victory for gun rights, as well as privacy rights.

"The California government has proven time and time again that it can't be trusted with the private personal information of its residents," said FPC Director of Legal Operations Bill Sack. "Today's ruling reinforces what FPC has been arguing all along; that you needn't be forced to open your front door to immoral government intrusion in order to exercise your fundamental rights."

California Rifle & Pistol Association President Chuck Michel told the *Washington Examiner* in June that the published data on gun owners could cause the "doxing of law-abiding gun owners," that is, the potential for someone to share information online about the location of a gun owner for malicious intent.

Bonta issued a statement after the decision expressing disappointment, adding that "research and collaboration would help protect our communities from gun violence and save lives."

"We will continue this fight in court," Bonta added.

IOWA, OREGON VOTERS GO OPPOSITE DIRECTION ON SECOND AMENDMENT

Voters in Iowa and Oregon made their voices heard at the ballot box on election day with vastly different outcomes.

One state reaffirmed its support for the Second Amendment while the other imposed crippling gun control laws on law-abiding citizens.

Iowa's "Freedom Amendment"

Voters in the Hawkeye state approved a ballot measure to add state-level Second Amendment guarantees to the Iowa Constitution, protecting gun rights from possible future questionable gun restrictions. After garnering more than **65 percent** of the vote, Iowans left little doubt that they believe in the Second Amendment.

The approved ballot measure means the state's constitution will be amended to add: "The right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed. The sovereign state of Iowa affirms and recognizes this right to be a fundamental individual right. Any and all restrictions of this right shall be subject to strict scrutiny."

The amendment also inscribed the right to keep and bear arms as, "a fundamental individual right," and requires any restrictions on gun rights to survive "strict scrutiny," the highest legal hurdle for state legislation to clear.

On election night, supporters of Ballot Measure 1, or "the Freedom Amendment" as it was called, praised the final outcome. "This is an historic day for freedom, civil rights and for the Hawkeye state," remarked Iowa Firearms Coalition President David Funk. "The right to self defense is here to stay in Iowa and we are grateful for the thousands of Iowans who took the time out of their days to cast a vote in favor of liberty."

Iowa had been one of only six remaining states that lacked specific state constitution Second Amendment protections. Now, only five are left: California, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey and New York.

Oregon Votes The Other Way

It took much longer for votes to be counted in the Pacific Northwest and in the end, voters in Oregon went in the opposite direction, approving a strict gun ballot measure that could "**virtually eliminate**" the firearm industry. Ballot Measure 114 was approved by a hair, 50.7 percent to 49.3 percent, a difference of less than 26,000 votes. It will become law on December 8, just three weeks from now.

Ballot Measure 114 expands background check requirements on all firearm transfers, including private transfers, instituting a statewide universal background check. The measure also requires gun owners to pay extra fees, enroll in

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hands-on firearm training and creates a system of finger printing and data collection. It also requires Oregonians to obtain a permit to purchase a gun, a costly and timely process even before they can pass an FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) verification. Lastly, the measure limits ammunition magazine capacity to only holding 10 rounds.

The law will do little to address criminals who don't follow the law anyways and misuse firearms to commit acts of violence. Law enforcement officials are already suggesting they won't enforce it. Local media reported that multiple county sheriffs across Oregon have suggested the law will be overturned on constitutional grounds.

"If you believe that this measure is going to cut the school shootings down, or cut the gun violence down, you're sadly mistaken," Union County Sheriff Cody Bowen **told** Fox News. "But what has proven [to work] time and time again is... supporting your law enforcement, responsible gun ownership, teaching our children at a younger age respect for human life. That's what we need to fall back on."

Jefferson County Sheriff Jason Pollack put it bluntly, **saying**, "The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office will not enforce Measure 114." Some estimates say the measure will cost local governments **\$30 million** per year in processing expenses. The measure's approval has led to a firearm sales boom proponents of gun control will not be happy about. Oregon State Police reported background checks for firearm purchases soared from averaging **850** a day before the election to more than 4,000 per day since. That trend aligns with NSSF data showing increased interest in firearm ownership in Oregon over the past few years. Since 2020, more than 1 million Oregonians have passed an FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check (NICS) verification to buy a firearm, according to NSSF data. Ballot measures in Oregon typically take 30 days to be fully enacted into law. For the time being **legal challenges** are already moving with the hope that courts will agree the measure is unconstitutional.

"The spirit of resistance to government is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it to be always kept alive. It will often be exercised when wrong, but better so than not to be exercised at all. I like a little rebellion now and then. It is like a storm in the atmosphere."

—Thomas Jefferson

"In the '70s and '80s, many of these guns were as available as they are now, but we weren't having these mass shootings that we have today. So I think we need to really ask ourselves the question of what has socially brought us to this point in history, and what have we done, and what can we do differently to change society. That's certainly a question that needs to be continued to [be] ask[ed], because I don't know that taking everyone's guns, and buying everybody's guns back, is going to cure the national massacres that we've had in recent history."

—Democrat Rep. Vicente González

"The Left likes to measure progress based how many people depend on government benefits like Obamacare, food stamps and welfare. Conservatives measure progress based on how many people are working and providing for themselves and their families."

—Gary Bauer

"A general dissolution of principles and manners will more surely overthrow the liberties of America than the whole force of the common enemy. While the people are virtuous they cannot be subdued; but when once they lose their virtue then will be ready to surrender their liberties to the first external or internal invader."

—Samuel Adams

"America's abundance was created not by public sacrifices to 'the common good,' but by the productive genius of free men who pursued their own personal interests and the making of their own private fortunes. They did not starve the people to pay for America's industrialization. They gave the people better jobs, higher wages and cheaper goods with every new machine they invented, with every scientific discovery or technological advance—and thus the whole country was moving forward and profiting, not suffering, every step of the way."

—Ayn Rand



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—Noah Webster



New study shoots holes in gun-control campaigners' biggest claim

Reveals 'no link' between legal gun sales and violent crime

Democrats long have demanded more and more gun control, trotting out their favorites plans to get rid of "assault" weapons and those huge magazines that hold multiple shots any time a criminal uses a firearm.

They idealize that removing guns from legal and responsible gun owners will cut down on crime.

Now a new study is blowing their arguments out of the water.

The organization Doctors for Responsible Gun Ownership, a project of the Second Amendment Foundation, has released a new study showing there is "no association between increased lawful firearm sales and rates of crime or homicide."

It was done by DRGO member Mark Hamill, an M.D., and was published in the Journal of Surgical Research by Hamill and a team of nine more doctors.

Hamill's work is online at ScienceDirect.com. It's titled, "Legal Firearm Sales at State Level and Rates of Violent Crime, Property Crime, and Homicides."

Dr. Robert Young, executive editor of DRGO, said, "This confirms what those of us already know who follow all the research by medical, criminology and economic experts. Lawful gun possession is in no way related to homicide or other crime rates, and the constant drumbeat of anti-gun researchers and activists is a house built on sand."

The new report is based on a detailed, objective 50-state analysis of data from the National Instant Background Check System, the Department of Justice Uniform Crime Reporting program, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System covering the years 1999-2015.

Hamill's work finds: "Nationally, all crime rates except the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-designated firearm homicides decreased as firearm sales increased over the study period. Using a naive national model, increases in firearm sales were associated with significant decreases in multiple crime categories. However, a more robust analysis using generalized estimating equation estimates on state-level data demonstrated increases in firearms sales were not associated with changes in any crime variables examined."

It continued, "Robust analysis does not identify an association between increased lawful firearm sales and rates of crime or homicide. Based on this, it is unclear if efforts to limit lawful firearm sales would have any effect on rates of crime, homicide, or injuries from violence committed with firearms."

Alan Gottlieb, SAF founder, said, "DRGO is an important project of the Second Amendment Foundation because anti-gun billionaires such as Michael Bloomberg are funding research that tries to portray guns and gun ownership as a disease."

He noted Hamill had done another prior study.

"The take-home from these two studies is that neither lawful gun ownership nor concealed carry regimes can be correlated with rates of homicide or other crime," Young said.

NSSF CHALLENGES DELAWARE, N.J., 'PUBLIC NUISANCE' LAWS ALLOWING FRIVOLOUS CLAIMS AGAINST FIREARM MANUFACTURERS

The Firearm Industry Trade Association, filed suits against the attorneys general of **Delaware** and **New Jersey**, challenging recently-enacted "public nuisance" laws in both states that are "specifically designed to evade the judgment of Congress – and the Constitution."

Both **Delaware** and **New Jersey** enacted public nuisance laws allowing the state and private parties to sue firearm manufacturers for the harm caused by the criminal misuse of lawfully sold firearms. In 2005, Congress barred these sorts of baseless lawsuits when it passed the bipartisan Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA). Delaware and New Jersey's laws are preempted by the PLCAA under the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause.

Public nuisance lawsuits brought by municipalities against members of the firearm industry arose in the late 1990s and early 2000s to "regulate through litigation." None of those dozens of lawsuits, including those by Wilmington, Del., and Newark, Camden County and the City of Camden, N.J., were successful. These municipal lawsuits intended to bankrupt the industry members or, through the massive cost of litigation, force them to accept settlement agreements that contained gun control provisions rejected by Congress and not supported by the American public. Delaware and New Jersey's new laws are a blatant and unconstitutional attempt to return to an era of "regulation through litigation."

"These laws enacted by the Delaware and New Jersey flout the will of Congress and undermine the U.S. Constitution," said Lawrence G. Keane, NSSF Senior Vice President and General Counsel. "These state laws are at odds with bedrock principles of American law, which does not hold manufacturers and sellers legally responsible for the actions of criminals and remote third parties over whom the manufacturer and seller have no control when they misuse lawfully sold products."

Delaware and New Jersey's laws also violate the First Amendment, Second Amendment, Due Process Clause and Commerce Clause. These laws would impose liability on industry members for firearms lawfully sold in other states that later find their way into Delaware or New Jersey through the independent actions of remote third parties and criminals.

These laws are in violation of the PLCAA, the bipartisan law Congress intended to stop these frivolous claims. Its constitutionality has been upheld by every appellate court in the nation to consider the issue.

The PLCAA simply codified black letter law. The PLCAA keeps activist lawyers from placing the blame on members of the firearm industry for the criminal misuse of legal firearms lawfully manufactured and sold. No other industry in America had been targeted by such baseless, politically motivated lawsuits.

NSSF is also filing motions for preliminary injunction to stop the states from enforcing these laws.



Texas judge rules taking guns from respondents of protective orders unconstitutional

A federal judge's recent ruling on gun rights raised a red flag for domestic abuse victim advocates.

District Judge David Counts, who serves in the western district of Texas, ruled it was unconstitutional to take gun rights away from people under a protective order.

In September, he made a similar ruling that people under federal indictment could legally possess a gun because they haven't been convicted.

Normally, under a protective order, judges who consider someone dangerous to their family or partners can require that person to hand over their guns.

Counts argued if a person hasn't been convicted, why take their second amendment rights away?

According to the Texas Council on Family Violence, or TCFV, in 2021 more than 70 percent of domestic violence victims killed, were killed with a firearm. And in Texas, over the last decade, the number of women killed by an intimate partner doubled. TCFV fears the number will increase if abusers are able to keep their guns.

"If the judge's logic is that there's not a history of domestic abuse law that allows people to have their guns taken away from them," Matt Manning, an attorney said. "Then, there frankly, is not a history, a long standing history at least to you having an individual right to own a weapon." Manning has taught constitutionality.

He said getting a protective order isn't just a matter of making accusations and taking away someone's gun, it's a process similar to when someone is put on bond.

"The idea of, there's been credible evidence, a judge has found that it's likely to occur again and is taking away the weapon in the meantime," Manning said. He said a judge has a responsibility to keep society safe.

"I think the judge's order is problematic because our individual right to own a weapon is a very new right in the context of legal right," Manning said. Manning said that right is only about 20 years old.

"Really, the question is how do you reconcile those two things and I think we as a society want to have safe communities think judges need to have the ability to take away weapons in instances where they think someone may be harmed by them," Manning said.

TCFV officials said they are agonizing over counts opinion and sent KRIS 6 the following statement:

"At the center of our efforts is a devastating threat to safety – when domestic violence and firearms intersect, it creates a proven lethal mix for victims, law enforcement and communities at large. TCFV applauds the Texas lawmakers who codified restrictions over two decades ago that temporarily prohibit convicted domestic violence perpetrators and respondents of protective orders from possessing firearms. These laws were enacted with a singular intent: to protect victims from individuals proven to be dangerous by Texas courts. TCFV is committed to continuing to educate Texas courts and policy makers about the importance of upholding these laws, including developing and carrying out protocols to transfer firearms from prohibited possessors at the local level in an efficient manner respectful of 2nd Amendment rights."

Des Moines Police: Robbery victim shoots 2 in self-defense, 1 dead

The Des Moines Police Department said a robbery victim acted in justifiable self-defense when he shot two people early Monday morning on the city's north side.

KCCI is reporting the shooting happened in the 1400 block of 13th Street, between Clark Street and Forest Avenue just before 6 a.m.

The robbery victim called police and told them he had been approached by two armed men who attempted to rob him, but, in self-defense, he shot them. One of the men died.

Police told KCCI detectives that both men were armed with handguns when they approached the victim and demanded that he empty his pockets.

The robbery victim is a concealed weapon permit holder.

Police didn't release the names of anyone involved in the incident.

KCCI reported this is the 18th homicide in Des Moines in 2020. It remains under investigation.

Delivery Driver Shoots Would-Be Carjacker in Kensington, Police Say

The suspect was taken to Temple University Hospital in critical condition. The delivery driver was not hurt.

A pizza delivery driver turned the tables on a would-be carjacker in Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood, shooting and critically wounding the suspect, police said.

The 39-year-old man was delivering food on the 3300 block of H Street Thursday night when a 35-year-old suspect walked up to him, pointed a gun at him and told him to give up his car, according to investigators.

The delivery driver then pulled out his own weapon and opened fire, shooting the suspect multiple times.

The suspect was taken to Temple University Hospital in critical condition. The delivery driver was not hurt.

The shooting was one of several recent incidents in which would-be robbers or carjackers were shot by their intended victims in Philadelphia.

Nearly two weeks ago a legally armed man shot a teenager who tried to rob him at gunpoint.

In early January, a legally armed Lyft driver shot and critically injured two suspects who carjacked him in Philadelphia.



WITNESS SHOTS AND KILLS ROBBERY SUSPECT

The St. Charles Police Department says a 26-year-old man from St. Louis City on a violent crime spree was shot and killed by another man who was witnessing an armed robbery in progress.

Police say the crime spree began around 3 a.m. Saturday morning with an armed robbery at Mobile On The Run. The suspect held a knife to the 43-year-old female clerk's throat while she opened the cash register. The suspect then pushed her to the floor, stole the money from the register, and then dragged her to the back of the store asking where the safe was.

The clerk wasn't able to access the safe and the suspect dragged her back to the front counter where she opened a second register in attempt to stop the assault on her. After going through the second register the suspect fled the store in a black SUV. The clerk suffered lacerations from the knife to her left wrist, right hand, and neck. She was taken to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

While police officers were on the way to that armed robbery at the Mobile On The Run, a call for an alarm sounding at Mid-Town Phillips 66 came in around 3:15 a.m. When officers arrived, they found broken glass indicating a burglary had just taken place.

As officers were investigating that burglary, another report of an armed robbery came in just a few minutes later, at 3:20 a.m. at the QuikTrip. There was a report of shots fired. When officers arrived, they found the suspect had been shot by a citizen during the armed robbery. The suspect was taken to a hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The witness who shot the suspect told police he had stopped at QuikTrip, used the restroom and made a purchase. The witness was walking back to his vehicle parked in front of the store when he saw a black SUV drive into the parking lot abruptly and stop directly in front of the door without pulling into a parking space.

The witness saw the suspect who was carrying a backpack run into the QuikTrip and turn toward the coffee pot area where the 26-year-old female clerk was standing. The suspect dragged the clerk toward the front counter while she was screaming. The witness saw the suspect holding a knife to her throat.

The witness retrieved his 9mm handgun, entered the store and confronted the suspect. The suspect grabbed his backpack and told the witness, "I have something for you." The suspect then came from around the counter and approached the witness who then fired several times at the suspect. The suspect fell to the floor. The witness and clerk were not harmed, and both called 911.

Investigators have determined that the suspect SUV, had been reported stolen in an armed robbery on July 15 from the 13500 block of Riverport in Maryland Heights. Items believed to have been stolen from the burglary at Mid-Town Phillips 66 were found inside the SUV.

The suspect's identity is not being released at this time.

Good Samaritan Shoots Knife-Wielding Lunatic Who Threatened EMTs

Like a good neighbor, a gun owner is there. That's exactly what happened in Gainesville, Georgia as a knife-wielding mental case who was "off his meds" prowled the parking lot of an apartment complex.

As EMTs treated an injured victim, the lunatic, Darrion Suave Fraley, approached and apparently decided he wanted to perform some thoracic surgery on the EMTs. At the same time, a neighbor saw the commotion and the obvious threat of death or great bodily injury to the innocents. He shot Fraley four times.

Turns out hot lead stops violent, psychotic behavior even faster than medication. But not before the mental case had injured the good guy with a gun, too.

In any event, perhaps that injury to the good guy with a gun proved the one which motivated him to open fire.

Gainesville police say that around 7:30 a.m., officers got a call about a man carrying knives, damaging cars, and threatening people on Shades Valley Lane. Before they could get there, one resident took matters into his own hands when the man allegedly tussled with medics, who were in the area tending to another person. "It was about four shots," said John Morea, who awoke to the incident. "Somebody outside popped him, and that was it..."

Fraley was charged with criminal attempt to commit murder, two counts of obstruction of an EMT, possession of a gun during the commission of a crime, possession of a knife during the commission of a crime, and aggravated assault. He was still in the hospital as of late Monday afternoon.

"They're very brave for doing that. It takes a lot to take that on yourself," said Carmella Neal, who lives near the scene. "I'm thankful they did it for the safety of others."

We've written before about the potential perils of using deadly force to protect innocent third-parties who are threatened. It's perilous on a good day. However, in times like this with an armed lunatic attacking first-responder EMTs with a knife, it's easier to discern the innocent from the armed attacker.

Even low-information types — and prosecutors — should be able to figure this one out.

"An entirely new and unique and dense sort of ignorance will be manufactured by a combination of censorship of the Press and censorship by the Press."

—G. K. Chesterton

"The only kind of freedom that the mob can imagine is freedom to annoy and oppress its betters, and that is precisely the kind that we mainly have."

—H.L. Mencken



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Bring your prospective new member to a general membership meeting and when the new member completes the membership application and pays their dues, you are handed a ticket, no charge! **The drawing will be in January 2024, either at the RK Shows or the WMSA General Membership Meeting.**



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