



“... the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

EXERCISING THE RIGHT

Pro-Second Amendment Advocate Elected N.C. Attorney General

While Second Amendment supporters might have been dismayed on election night, the Blaze reported on November 5 about one victorious Republican candidate whose strong pro-gun views are what originally propelled him into the spotlight. Mark Robinson won the race for attorney general in North Carolina with 52 percent of the vote, and it all started with a speech Robinson gave back in 2018. Shortly after the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting, Robinson spoke to the Greensboro City Council in a speech supportive of the Second Amendment. The rousing speech was recorded and shared on social media, where it ended up going viral and being shared millions of times. The speech is so powerful that some key portions of it are reproduced below:

It seems like every time we have one of these shootings, nobody wants to blame, put the blame where it goes, which is at the shooter's feet. You want to put it at my feet. You want to turn around and restrict my right — constitutional right — it's spelled out in black and white.... You want to restrict my right to buy a firearm and protect myself from some of the very people you're talking about in here tonight. It's ridiculous; I don't think Rod Serling could come up with a better script. It does not make any sense.... That's the reason I came down here today.

Gun show or no gun show, NRA or no NRA, I'm here to stand up for the law-abiding citizens of this community, because I'm going to tell you what's going to happen. You can take the guns away from us all you want to, you all write a law, I follow the law, I'll bring my guns down here, I'll turn them in. But here's what's going to happen: The Crips and The Bloods on the other side of town, they're not going to turn their guns in, they're going to hold on to them. And what's going to happen when

you have to send the police down there to go take them? The police can barely enforce the law as it is, as what I see we demonize the police, criminalize and vilify the police, and we make the criminals into victims. And we're talking about restricting guns? How are you going to do that? How are you going to do that when the police department is already hamstrung? You guys aren't going to be able to go down here and take these guns from these criminals, so the criminals are going to hold on to their guns, they're still going to have them. They're still going to break in my house and they're still going to shoot me with them, and guess who is going to be the one that suffers? It's going to be me. Well, I'm here to tell you tonight, it is not going to happen without a fight, and when I say fight, I don't mean shots fired, I don't mean fists thrown, I mean I'm going to come down here to this city council and raise hell just like these loonies from the Left do until you listen to the majority of the people in this city, and I am the majority. The majority of the people in this city are law-abiding, and they follow the law and they want their constitutional right to be able to bear arms. They want to be able to go to the gun show and buy a hunting rifle or a sport rifle.... So, we need to dispel all these myths and we need to drop all this division that we got going on here, because the bottom line is, when the Second Amendment was written, whether the framers liked it or not, they wrote it for everybody, and I am everybody, and the law-abiding citizens of this city are everybody, and we want our rights and we want to keep our rights. And by God we're going to keep them, come hell or high water.

Last-minute Robbery

Fox Carolina reported on October 14 about a shooting in a parking lot that was later determined to be a justifiable homicide. The

incident occurred in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where a suspect physically attacked a concealed-carry holder and ended up getting shot. Investigators had to piece together what happened, but after reviewing security footage and interviewing witnesses, it appears the victim was targeted because he was known by the suspect to be carrying a large amount of cash. Investigators believe the suspect was in a nearby CVS and overheard his intended victim trying to buy money orders. The victim then asked the CVS employee where the nearest ATM was so he could withdraw cash. The victim left the CVS and went to the nearest QT convenience store to use the ATM. The suspect was observed on video monitoring the victim's activity and leaving the CVS to go to the QT parking lot. Once the victim left the QT after withdrawing cash, the suspect ran up to him and tried hitting him. Investigators say that was when the man pulled out a concealed handgun, which he was lawfully licensed to carry, and shot the suspect in the stomach. Police and EMTs were called to the scene, and the wounded suspect was transported to a nearby medical facility, where he died in the operating room.

Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Lieutenant Kevin Bobo later told the media that investigators met with the Spartanburg County Solicitor's Office and, after reviewing the case file, ruled that the shooting was a "justifiable homicide" because the shooter was in fear for his life when he was violently attacked. Bobo added that the shooter did cooperate with the investigation. "The person that shot him remained on scene, cooperative through the whole thing." Police also said that based on the video and witness statements, the victim and the suspect never interacted before the violent encounter.

These details imply that the deceased suspect simply overheard the man talking about withdrawing large amounts of cash and made a last-minute decision to try to take the man's money from him by force. Unfortunately for the deceased suspect, the intended victim had a gun and knew how to use it. ■

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