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Norman Call, 47, a motel clerk in Apollo Beach, Fla., was alone late one night when two men entered and attempted to rob him. One demanded money, then viciously pistol whipped Call. Call managed to grab a .38 pistol and hit one robber in the back, wounding him critically, before the other shot him in the arm and fled. (*The Tampa Tribune, Tampa, Fla.*)

A thug who tried to hold up a food market belonging to Isam Asker of Detroit, Mich., fumbled his gun in an attempted fancy fast-draw. The store owner picked up the gun from the floor, and shot the robber in the stomach, killing him. Acker, who has been held up 10 times in the past three years, then captured the holdup man's accomplices. (*The Detroit News, Detroit, Mich.*)

Two gunmen who robbed Ed LaGory's liquor store in Cincinnati, Ohio, dropped their loot and ran when LaGory pulled a gun and fired five times. They escaped with only four cans of beer. (*The Plain Dealer, Cleveland, Ohio.*)

Two men, one armed with a machine gun, broke into a ski resort and tied up six employees in a daring holdup attempt at Soda Springs, Calif. Their plan failed, however, when they went next door to the home of Donald Schwartz, the manager. Schwartz got a shotgun and sent them fleeing with one blast. The two robbers were later jailed. (*San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco, Calif.*)

Gregory Putman, a Portland, Ore., cab driver, became suspicious of two men he picked up late one night. Stopping his cab, Putman pulled a gun and ordered them out. As one moved to get out, a pistol fell from his pocket. The two were charged later with attempted armed robbery and receiving stolen property. (*The Oregonian, Portland, Ore.*)

Jack Allen, an Anaheim, Calif., gunshop owner, pulled a .38 revolver when one of two would-be robbers reached into his waistband for a small pistol. Firing five times, Allen scared the pair out of his store. Police later arrested them and an accomplice. (*Santa Ana Register, Santa Ana, Calif.*)

Mere presence of a firearm, without a shot being fired, prevents crime in many instances, as shown by news reports sent to The Armed Citizen. Shooting usually can be justified only where crime constitutes an immediate, imminent threat to life or limb or, in some circumstances, property. The above accounts are from clippings sent in by NRA Members. Anyone is free to quote or reproduce them.

Hearing several shots from his son's store in Detroit, Mich., Anthony Radovic, 81, grabbed a gun, ran into the store, and found his son wrestling with an armed robber. The elder Radovic fired several shots, critically wounding the holdup man. (*Detroit Free Press, Detroit, Mich.*)

When two men attempted to rob his grocery store, W. J. Wilkinson of Beaumont, Tex., got his gun and fired. He wounded one. The other fled. (*Beaumont Journal, Beaumont, Tex.*)

When two ex-convicts forced their way into the home of Roy Ambrosen of Pacifica, Calif., the home owner tried to shove them out, but one of the men drew a knife and cut Ambrosen on the hand. Ambrosen's wife got a gun and gave it to him, whereupon the two men fled. The two were later arrested by police. (*Pacifica Tribune, Pacifica, Calif.*)

Samuel S. Cameron, associate principal of the Garfield High School in Garfield, Wash., spotted a youth who had caused a disturbance on the campus. When Cameron asked the youth to leave, the latter pulled what appeared to be a gun. Grabbing his own pistol, Cameron fired into the ground, causing the troublemaker to flee. (*Seattle Post Intelligencer, Seattle, Wash.*)

When a robber grabbed his wife and held a knife to her throat in an elevator in New York City, off-duty New York detective Stephen Hladek, 26, shoved his wife out of the way, drew his revolver, and shot the man in the heart. (*New York Daily News, New York, N.Y.*)

OUTCOME: A young mother who killed a 37-year-old felon after he forced his way into her home was cleared of manslaughter charges by District Court Judge Robert Simms in Tulsa, Okla. Mrs. Keith Boyce, alone with her nine-month-old baby in a home that had been burglarized twice before, shot the intruder with a .22 pistol while holding her baby in her other arm. (*The American Rifleman, June, 1971, p. 12.*) Judge Simms approved. "If more people did this," he said, "we would have less of the problem we have in this country." The slain man had a 20-year record on major crime, and was free on bond on a burglary charge when shot.