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This is Phil Arnott for community comment on K INS radio.

I have been a member of the National Rifle Association for many years as I have in the past been an avid hunter for waterfowl pheasant and deer. For over 40 years my friends and I have hunted in the Tule Lake region of northeastern California. For years the ducks and geese were plentiful and flew over our property several times a day. We built a pond with blinds around the exterior and today that pond is still there for our friends, children and grandchildren to hunt as they desire.

Because of my membership in the NRA I have read their magazine for long time and enjoy a experiences of the armed citizen. One of the stories that was published in the September issue was about a burglary at a home in the state of Georgia at about 11 PM in the evening. A ^{wife} 56 and women and a 15-year-old son were at home when two armed men broke in through the front door and demanded money. During the robbery, the son was shot in the leg by one of the intruders and the mother was shot in the arm when she attempted to escape. Fortunately the woman's husband was in a different part of the home when he heard the gunshots. He retrieved a firearm and walked in on the robbery in progress and fired several shots's striking both of the intruders. The intruders fled and warrants were issued for their arrest. Fortunately both the mother and the son were treated for their injuries and are expected to recover.

In another story about an armed citizen, the father of a two-year-old girl did what he could protect his child. He and his daughter were sightseeing at a lake in Idaho when they were approached by a man wielding a knife. The man demanded money. The father eat immediately thwarted the robbery attempt when he pulled out his concealed firearm, prompting the man to flee in a van. Fortunately no shots had to be fired and no injuries were reported.

Fortunately for many citizens gun ^{protection} bills are passed in various states. For example in Michigan the Gov. signed into law bills aimed at protecting gun owners privacy by making firearm records confidential.

I leave you with a point to ponder: do you agree with Detroit police chief James Craig when he announced that criminals are getting the message that good Detroiters are armed and will use their weapons if necessary and that part of the drop in crime is because criminals are thinking twice that citizens could be armed.

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