
Subject: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 06:25:50 GMT

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So basically, 3 robbers broke into a guys house. The homeowner got a gun, and the 3 guys ran away. As they ran away, he shot 2 of them in the back and killed them.

Here's the fucked-up part - The robber that didn't get shot to death, they charged HIM with murder! Do you think this is fair?

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,311894,00.html>

Quote:LAKEPORT, Calif. — Three young black men break into a white man's home in rural Northern California. The homeowner shoots two of them to death — but it's the surviving black man who is charged with murder.

homeowner Shannon Edmonds opened fire Dec. 7 after three young men rampaged through the Clearlake house demanding marijuana and brutally beat his stepson. Rashad Williams, 21, and Christian Foster, 22, were shot in the back. Hughes fled.

Hughes was charged with first-degree murder under California's Provocative Act doctrine, versions of which have been on the books in many states for generations but are rarely used.

The Provocative Act doctrine does not require prosecutors to prove the accused intended to kill. Instead, "they have to show that it was reasonably foreseeable that the criminal enterprise could trigger a fatal response from the homeowner,"

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [cheesesoda](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 06:48:30 GMT

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You rob someone, you suffer any and all consequences. I don't necessarily agree that the guy shot them in the back as they were running away, but they did beat up his stepson.

As for the whole racist claims in that article... I doubt they would be throwing the book at a white guy, but I think whites deserve it, too. I have no respect for those that have no respect for others.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

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Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 07:35:55 GMT

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Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Canadacdn](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 07:59:46 GMT

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Does the author really have to point out the colour of the robbers and the victim's skin? This article seems a bit racist to me.

Whatever, I don't think the guy should have shot the people as they were already running away, but they had broken into his house and the guy was probably unsure if they had weapons and was scared for his family. It makes no sense how the third guy is being charged though.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Ryu](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 08:03:37 GMT

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The homeowner should be charged with double murder, And the surviving thief should be sentenced for beating up the step son and attempted burglary.

If he IS charged for a murder he didn't commit, Isn't that a democracy?

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [nikki6ixx](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 08:24:39 GMT

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Well, if he successfully argues that he was acting in self-defence, and was protecting his property, then I don't see a problem.

The charge for murder, although kind of weird, will likely sit well with a jury.

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Yep, that'd be what happened.

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Same here. And there would be people marching in the streets against racism. Go figure.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [MexPirate](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 10:51:17 GMT

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assuming he was the one who organised the robbery, yes 100%, if that's the case he put them in

the position where their lives were at risk, hope he rots in jail for the rest of his miserable life.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Memphis](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 10:52:54 GMT

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You really would have thought stealing someones possessions and ending someones life are on two completely different scales. Having said that reading into it there was some justification here although I wonder what the outcome would have been if there were no gun around to shoot with.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Blazer](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 12:10:32 GMT

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Who said he organized it? It was just 3 potheads looking to steal some medical marijuana and things got out of hand. How is any 1 of the guys responsible for the death of the other two?

Using your logic, I'm driving a car with you and someone else riding along. A truck comes and hits us head-on, killing me and our buddy, and they charge YOU with our deaths...does that make sense?

Like I said in most states you are allowed to shoot and kill trespassers in your home, and I would be fine if he had shot and killed all 3 of them...but it just makes no sense that just because one of them survived, to charge him with the MURDER of his friends. He was running for his life, he didn't murder anyone!

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Goztow](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 12:26:23 GMT

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OK, I'll repeat...

IF he organised it...

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Posted by [CarrierII](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 13:38:58 GMT

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Posted by [sadukar09](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 15:12:43 GMT

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CarrierII wrote on Fri, 16 November 2007 14:38The surviving robber should be charged with attempted robbery. End of. The honme-owner did nothing wrong, although I personally wouldn't have killed them, just shot them in the leg.

Agree, that's really messed up, like would YOU end someone else's life because they stole your "property" ? Your stuff can be replaced, not a life. But, if only shot them in the leg, like Carrier said, then it would be ok as a warning. If the robber gets charged and put in prison...wow then US laws are more messed up than I thought. (lol, Canada has a law which you can't buy anything more than 25 Cents all in pennies.)

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At night, while you have a rush of adrenaline? If you hit their legs, great, but if you're firing at someone who broke into your home, beat up your stepson, and you're scared for yourself and your family, you're going to shoot at them and hit them whatever way you can. What's the easiest to hit? The upper body. Where were they shot? The upper body.

Edit: To all of those who feel that a life is more important than stuff, I agree. However, you forget one thing... the robbers were impeding on someone else's rights by trespassing on their property, they over-stepped their legal boundaries, and a person has the right to do WHATEVER THEY PLEASE to protect their home. While, the government has laid out some restrictions on that, which I feel are wrong, homeowners still are well within legal rights (and rightfully so) to use lethal force when they feel threatened.

I'm glad you people aren't in my country.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [PlastoJoe](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 15:28:37 GMT

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Blazer wrote on Fri, 16 November 2007 06:10

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You're comparing a traffic accident with a robbery? I don't think I have to tell you that that doesn't make any sense.

If you're drunk, yes it does make sense. If you're driving recklessly, either because you think it's fun or you're trying to hit someone, yes it does make sense.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Spoony](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 16:18:47 GMT

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the "you" in your scenario isn't breaking the law, let alone "rampaging through a house" and "brutally beating his stepson"

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Posted by [Kytten9](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 16:36:45 GMT

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None of that makes sense. I wish every country would just get laws straight....If they are in your home illegally with intent (any intent, whether assault, rape or robbery) you should legally be allowed to do whatever to secure your property and the safety of all those involved.

I disagree with charging someone for murder if that person did not "Pull the trigger" for lack of a better term. Because it isn't by the definition of 1st degree murder, 1st degree murder so why the fuck is he being charged with it? Doesn't matter if he is black, white, pink, blue or green with red stripes.....same thing goes for the "victims"

Some laws both in the USA and here in the UK impeach on basic human rights IMO.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [IronWarrior](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 16:46:02 GMT

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Posted by [Starbuzz](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 17:11:51 GMT

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Quote:rarely invoked legal doctrine...Provocative Act doctrine, versions of which have been on the books in many states for generations but are rarely used.

Well, they found a law that allows the charge to be carried out and they cannot be blamed for using it.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [jnz](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 18:39:37 GMT

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Yes, i think. He was aggravated the homeowner to shoot them. As a direct result of his actions, his friends got killed.

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White or black..these criminals beat the stepson with a baseball bat and now that poor bloke can't even talk due to brain damage.

They could have killed him.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [luv2pb](#) on Fri, 16 Nov 2007 20:51:01 GMT

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That is awsome. That kind of stuff needs to happen more often. That DA should get a medal.

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Note in my example I specifically said that I, the driver, was among the two killed, so it wouldn't matter if I was driving drunk or not...the irony of the situation is the same...the survivor of the group being charged with the murder of the other two, even though he had nothing to do with killing them.

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it kinda would actually... if you were driving drunk you're -a- breaking the law and -b- obviously greatly increasing the risk of this happening. if you were sober and paying attention to the road, that's not really comparable to breaking into someone's house and battering someone to the point of brain damage. The passengers in your car wouldn't be at fault at all if you were sober, I could understand if you were drunk they should've taken your keys or w/e, but otherwise it's a flawed analogy.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [z310](#) on Sat, 17 Nov 2007 09:50:49 GMT

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He didn't kill the two, so no.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 17 Nov 2007 16:47:58 GMT

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It doesn't matter if he organized it or not.. he didn't kill anyone.

If anyone should be charged with murder it is the homeowner. Obviously, if they were running

away, that means they gave up and weren't attacking back. Therefore he wasn't in any danger. Therefore it won't be counted as self defense.

The robber should be charged with trespassing, breaking and entering, however the home owner should be charged with the murder of 2 people.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Romaner](#) on Sat, 17 Nov 2007 19:04:48 GMT

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first off blazer, a guy i went to college with was injured in a car accident, caused by his drunk friend flipping the suv they were in while driving them home. now he has to go to the chiropractor every week to get his spine readjusted or w/e.

and he sued the driver (his friend) for driving drunk and flipping the suv and he won. so yes as a driver you do have the responsibility for all in the car. and if you are drunk and crash and kill someone you are going to get charged with it (manslaughter or whatever).

but back to the article, i would charge the remaining robber with break and entry, assault. or maybe even attempt at murder.

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Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 17 Nov 2007 19:13:45 GMT

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Murder is never in self-defense. If the shooter had established control of the situation before shooting them, he could be charged with manslaughter.

If the defense is smart, they'll plea-bargain for manslaughter for the criminal, since he clearly acted with disregard for his friends' lives.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Romaner](#) on Sat, 17 Nov 2007 20:50:36 GMT

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ok i guess i got to admit that shooting someone in the back is not what i mean by "they deserve it" but if they were in the process of beating someone from my family up then yes they would be shot. but as they are running away is a bit extreme.

but what would you do if you were in this guys shoes?

call the cops? they probably wont show up there until the next day let alone find anyone. and i didnt read the article but someone here said that the guys family member suffered brain damage. that brings me to a conclusion that he was beaten very badly, so what would you do in the home owners case, when you see your family member on the floor, badly beaten and 3 fuckers running away?

call me extreme but if someone fucks with my family i will take justice into my own hands.

and what do you mean you would put me in jail? i havent done anything wrong. its just my opinion that i am voicing right now.

im not a violent person but i go into rage when someone physically harms any member of my family. i dont attack first, never have and probably never will, but once provoked i loose control.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [R315r4z0r](#) on Sat, 17 Nov 2007 21:04:32 GMT

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What would I do? I, given the same position of having a gun while they where running away, I would shoot their legs. Immobilize them until the cops arrived.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [\[NE\]Fobby\[GEN\]](#) on Sat, 17 Nov 2007 22:14:05 GMT

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No one should be charged with murder though... it's the criminals fault they were stupid enough to go and rob a house and get themselves killed. I'd defend myself too.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

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Why the fuck is everyone talking about drunk driving now, and basically misquoting my post as saying I was driving drunk? In my example I the driver and another passenger are killed, and the other surviving PASSENGER gets charged with OUR murders. Driving drunk has NOTHING to do with the irony of the situation I was pointing out in that circumstance.

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sigh Did you even READ the post? We aren't talking about whether or not the owner should be charged, we are talking about why in the hell one of the robbers would be charged with the murder of his "friends", when he didn't kill them, and was doing nothing but running for his life. If you actually took time to read the thread, you would see that I even said I had no problem with the owner shooting them, what is fucked up however, is charging someone with murder who did not commit murder (regardless of what a piece of shit he is for breaking and entering and committing assault).

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Thats a pretty broken system...

Heres my take on this situation. If you don't rob someone, you won't get shot. It's a pretty simple concept. If someone robs me, even if they are fleeing, they can expect I'll shoot to kill. I wish my state was like Texas, where that right is extended to your immediate neighbors as well. That means if someone robs your neighbors, and you know about it, you can blow them away as if it were your own house.

Texas is a great state.

Subject: Re: Homeowner shoots and kills robbers...surviving robber charged with the murder!

Posted by [Rocko](#) on Thu, 22 Nov 2007 07:38:15 GMT

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everyone involved should be sent to iraq
