



Tactical Talk

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2006 Rangemaster Road Classes

Jan. 28-29 *Hinton, OK*
Combative Pistol 1

Mar. 25-26 *Baton Rouge, LA*
Combative Pistol 1

April 1-2 *Austin, TX*
(KR Training) Combative Pistol 2

April 22-23 *Las Vegas, NV*
Combative Pistol 1

April 29-30 *Atlanta, GA*
South River Gun Club, CP1

Jun. 23-25 *Nashua, NH*
3-Day Intensive Handgun

Sept. 23-24 *Harrisburg, PA*
Combative Pistol 1

Oct. 7-8 *Reno, NV*
Combative Pistol 2

Oct. 28-29 *Titusville, FL*
(Orlando area) Combative Pistol 1

Memphis #1 in Violent Crime Again

The FBI Uniform Crime Report for 2004 is now available, and once again it lists Memphis as the most dangerous metropolitan area in the US. Among cities with a population over 250,000 Memphis was #1 for violent crime, with a rate of 1,009.1 per 100,000 residents. That means you had a better than 1 in 100 chance of being the victim of a murder, aggravated assault, rape, or robbery in 2004.



Memphis came in at #2 for property crimes, with a rate of 5,952 per 100,000 residents. Please note that this applies to the entire metro area, not just to the City of Memphis.

Defensive Shotgun Course Feb. 4-5, 2006

In October, we conducted a Defensive Shotgun class, which was full. This class centers on using the shotgun in the home defense role. With the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina fresh in their minds, the students were highly motivated and learned how to use the shotgun effectively in the home defense role. We had to turn away students from this course, so we scheduled another for Saturday-Sunday, Feb 4-5, 2006. This class already has several people enrolled. Cost is only \$199.00, and Rangemaster supplies all ammunition. Call 901-370-5600 to register.

'Tis the Season to be Wary

The Holiday Season is upon us. Along with good times with family and friends, we can anticipate a sharp increase in crime.

Violent crime peaks in December, and we need to take a few simple precautions to keep this special time of year safe and happy.

1. Shop in pairs or in groups, particularly if female.
2. Don't try to carry too many packages at once. This makes you look vulnerable, and blocks your view.
3. Take packages to your car and place them in the trunk, out of sight.
4. Beware using outdoor ATM's, day or night. If you must use an ATM, find one inside a business, such as grocery store.
5. Avoid displays of packages piled around a Christmas tree in a front window, especially when you're away from home.
6. Keep your car doors locked at all times, including while you're in the car.
7. If you see someone approaching your car in an aggressive manner, or armed, hit the gas pedal and drive off!
8. If you use a live tree for decoration, be sure to keep it watered and have a fire extinguisher right at hand. Every year a number of fatalities are caused by house fires started by electric lighting and dry Christmas trees.



A DECADE OF SERVICE!

In 2006, Rangemaster enters its tenth year of service to the Memphis community. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of you. We



hope you and your loved ones enjoy a safe and merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Workplace Shooting Thwarted

A few days ago in Dallas, a fired worker stated that he would return to the business with a gun. He did just that. However, when the owner ordered him to drop his gun and he refused, he was shot dead by the business owner. No one else was injured. This is a perfect example of why decent people need to have access to guns. Had the owner been unarmed, this would likely have been another tragic and needless workplace rampage. Of course, you didn't hear about this in the media.

HUNTSVILLE POLICE OFFICER MURDERED

Lessons learned

Thursday, October 27, 2005

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Witness accounts detailed at hearing in Daniel Golden death. Witnesses said Huntsville police officer Daniel Golden was shot to death after his pistol apparently jammed in a gun battle with Benito Albarran on Aug. 29 in front of a Mexican restaurant on Jordan Lane, a Huntsville police detective told a judge Wednesday.

Investigator Charlie Gray described witnesses' accounts of the slaying this way:

When the shooting began, Golden was walking backward and returning Albarran's fire. Then Golden raised his hands in the air in front of him and seemed to be pleading for a halt to the gunfire before he fell on his back and lost his pistol.

Albarran then stood over Golden and fired two shots into his face. Albarran, 31, is charged with capital murder for allegedly shooting a police officer who was on duty. If convicted, Albarran would face life in prison without parole or execution by lethal injection.

Golden, 27, was answering a domestic violence call made to the 911 center by Albarran's wife, Laura, shortly before 3:30 p.m., Gray said. When Golden arrived at Jalisco, a Mexican grocery and restaurant at 2648 Jordan, Albarran came out the front door and started shooting, witnesses told investigators.

Albarran, an illegal alien, followed Gray's testimony during his preliminary hearing Wednesday through an interpreter. Albarran listened attentively with a pleasant smile.

When he was questioned by police on Aug. 29, Albarran denied knowing anything about the shooting, Gray said. He told investigators he was in back of the restaurant mowing grass when he heard the shots. After listening to the testimony during Albarran's preliminary hearing, District Judge Susan Moquin referred the case to a grand jury for more investigation.

Eight of 14 witnesses police interviewed said they saw some portion of the shooting, Gray said, and all eight identified Albarran as Golden's killer.

After Golden was shot, Albarran bummed a cigarette and a light from a bystander, leaned against a car and smoked until other officers arrived, Gray said. Albarran was arrested about 4 p.m.

Golden's Beretta 9mm semiautomatic pistol was still loaded with nine of its original 15 rounds when investigators found it, Gray said, and one bullet had not fed properly into the firing chamber.

Police also found two revolvers, a six-shot, .38-caliber Smith & Wesson and a five-shot, .38-caliber Rossi on the ground. Police traced the revolvers and they apparently were stolen.

An autopsy report prepared by a state medical examiner concluded that Golden died from several gunshot wounds. He was wounded in the lower abdomen and twice in the head.

One of the facial wounds had powder burns indicating the shot was fired at close range, Gray said.

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As distasteful as it may be to critique the actions of a person who was murdered, there are some very important learning points in this incident. If one person learns a lesson from this that helps them survive a conflict later, then perhaps some good can come from this episode. Here are some observations, in no particular order:

1. **It appears that the officer got off six or possibly seven shots before his pistol malfunctioned, without hitting the suspect with any of them. If gunfire is called for, it must be accurate gunfire to be of any value. Most law enforcement "qualification" firing is a joke, with no real relevance to fighting. If you're going to bet your life on your skill with a pistol, you had better get some competent training and practice.**
2. **You must learn how to quickly and efficiently fix common handgun malfunctions. Pistols often malfunction during fights, from causes ranging from poor, hasty grip to getting caught on clothing. You need to know how to quickly fix it and drive on.**
3. **Always have a Plan B. It appears that when the officer's gun malfunctioned, he had no idea what to do, so he did nothing. This could have been an ideal time to deploy a back-up gun. If no BUG is available, transition to a blade. If nothing else, running like Hell to cover, then trying to fix the gun would have been better than just standing there.**
4. **According to witnesses, when the officer's gun malfunctioned he attempted to surrender to his murderer. What the? A police officer's job is to take suspects into custody when possible. The bad guy has no such intention.**
5. **The killer was an illegal immigrant with 2 stolen guns. (Note that the bad guy had a back-up gun, the officer did not.) According to the article, the killer smiled pleasantly as the witnesses recounted the killing at his hearing. The odds are this guy is a member of a gang, and he will enjoy maximum status in prison as a cop killer. Remember that the other side does not share your morals, and has motivations that are completely foreign to you. Don't expect mercy.**

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Tennessee honors any state issued handgun carry permit, regardless of the state of issue. There are also a number of states that allow carry on a Tennessee permit in that state. These other states are:



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