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A man in Las Vegas, Nev., showed up intoxicated to his house-remodeling job on August 1 and was immediately fired. The ex-employee then got into an SUV and attempted to run over his former boss, chasing him up and down the street and through yards until he finally struck him, catapulting him into a wall. At least one neighbor in the area was also injured as he tried to avoid the SUV. A different neighbor witnessing the incident told her adult grandson to retrieve her shotgun. He did, and then he fired at least three shots into the window of the moving SUV as it raced directly toward him, successfully subduing the driver and stopping the attack. Witnesses said they saw injuries to the suspect’s face, and he died from his injuries. The incident was all largely captured on video, and the armed citizen who stopped the attack was only briefly detained. (8newsnow.com, Las Vegas, Nev., 8/2/24)

A 67-year-old man in Orion Township, Mich., reportedly used an ax to break into a home where his ex-girlfriend had taken refuge after a breakup on July 17. The woman and her stepson retreated to an upstairs bedroom; he braced the door while she further retreated into an attached bathroom. However, the man pursued them upstairs and fired a shot through the bedroom door, miraculously missing the stepson. He then entered, pointed his gun at the stepson and said, “I’m here for her.” When he turned toward the bathroom where the woman had retreated, however, the stepson fired one round from his own gun and killed the assailant. (fox2detroit.com, Detroit, Mich., 7/17/24)

In Indianapolis, Ind., on July 18, a road-rage incident broke out between the owner of a black Honda sedan and a white pickup truck. Although it’s unclear what incident occurred in traffic to cause the two men to become irate, a witness’ video shows the man who had been driving the Honda get out of his vehicle carrying a firearm. He reportedly approached the driver of the white truck and attempted to punch him, but the punch was deflected by the other driver. The suspect reportedly continued to berate the other man while still brandishing the gun. The other driver then fired at the alleged assailant, killing him. The man driving the white truck was initially detained, but was released upon the preliminary finding of self-defense. (nypost.com, Indianapolis, Ind., 7/18/24)

On July 29, a 22-year-old man armed with a rock and a three-foot wooden stake attempted to enter a home in Oceanside, Calif., through an open sliding-glass door to the bedroom. A woman was inside the bedroom at the time and apparently alerted others. A 54-year-old male resident confronted the suspect, who then threw the rock, striking

the homeowner in the face. The 54-year-old responded by firing three shots from a Glock, striking the intruder at least once in the chest, killing him. The investigation was ongoing but had revealed that the intruder likely had also broken into an unoccupied home nearby by throwing a rock through a sliding-glass door. (fox5sandiego.com, San Diego, Calif., 7/29/24; sandiegouniontribune.com, San Diego, Calif., 7/30/24)

In Crisp County, Ga., on August 7, a man driving a gray Dodge Charger reportedly parked behind a road construction truck he apparently intended to steal. He exited the vehicle and approached the workers, allegedly threatening to kill them, then struck a worker with rebar. Another worker retrieved a gun and fired one round at the assailant, ending the attack. The suspect was reported as being in stable condition, and was airlifted to the hospital. An investigation revealed drugs in his car and that he had likely been in a hit-and-run accident just prior to this incident. (crispcountysheriff.com, Cordele, Ga., 8/7/24)

On August 8, a man in Las Vegas, Nev., was reported to police for “acting erratically” around a few apartment complexes. The first time he was reported, he was apparently “checking door handles.” The man left that complex on foot without shoes, but then showed up at another apartment complex. Seeing some residents outside their apartment, he charged at them and attempted to enter their apartment. The residents successfully blocked him. However, they then saw a woman and two children exiting a nearby apartment and attempted to warn her about the man, but he appeared and quickly rushed into her apartment. An occupant shot the man, who was transported to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. (8newsnow.com, Las Vegas, Nev., 8/8/24) 