

Self-Defense News, 2005

From: www.your-martial-arts-resources.com

Video Store Clerk Foils Robber:

From: <http://www.vancouvertelevision.com>
(March 23, 2005):

Martial arts training came in handy for a video store clerk last night.

He helped foil a robber. 21 year-old Brandon Zentner's arm and leg are bandaged after he took matters into his own hands.

He was in the middle of his shift at Willow Video in Langley, when a man came in with a gun and demanded cash. While the employees were getting the cash, the gunman put his weapon down on the counter. That gave Zentner just enough time to grab it and a struggle ensued. He was pulled over a counter-top, but was able to wrestle the robber to the ground with the help of customers and other staff. Although the gun wasn't loaded, it turns out the robber also had a knife.

32 year-old Cory Joseph Makela of Burnaby appeared in court this afternoon. He's charged with robbery and weapons offences. He is being held in custody and will be in court again on March 30th.

Knife attacker fought off by boy:

From: <http://news.bbc.co.uk>
(July 6, 2005):

A 14-year-old boy with martial arts training fought off two youths who threatened him with a knife in Rugby.

It happened in an alleyway near Fenwick Drive on Tuesday evening, Warwickshire Police said.

The boy disarmed the offender with the knife, before punching the other youth in the stomach. The pair ran off in the direction of the High Street.

Police are asking for help to identify the youths, described as white and aged about 16. One was wearing a hooded top.

Battered women who kill in non-beating situation have self-defense right:

From: <http://www.news.uiuc.edu/news/05/0815women.html>
(August 15, 2005):

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Answering critics of the “battered woman syndrome,” a University of Illinois expert argues that the claims made by victims of domestic violence are a legitimate extension of the longstanding rules of self-defense.

Many dispute the notion that the legal protection of self-defense can be extended to a woman who kills a partner at some time other than during a beating. According to Alan M. Dershowitz, a Harvard law professor, a battered woman “has the option of either leaving or calling the police” rather than taking matters into her own hands.

Self-defense claims raised by battered women have encountered the greatest objections in cases in which a woman claims that a history of abuse led her to kill her partner as he slept or was not engaged in violence.

“Although statistically most domestic violence killings do not fall into this category,” such killings raise the most troublesome questions for battered women claiming self-defense, wrote Kit Kinports, a law professor at the University of Illinois College of Law. “Can a woman who kills under these circumstances legitimately argue that she acted in self-defense – that, pursuant to the prevailing definition of the defense, she honestly and reasonably believed she was in imminent danger of danger or serious bodily harm?”

In an article in the Saint Louis University Public Law Review, Kinports goes through the legal questions raised by such cases. Critics, for example, charge that a battered woman cannot hope to satisfy the “reasonableness” requirement of the self-defense standard because her belief that force was necessary was objectively not reasonable.

Kinports argued that evidence of a history of beatings or chokings by a partner can provide an objective standard for evaluating a defendant’s state of mind and her claim that she believed she was under a dire threat.

“The so-called ‘reasonable battered woman’ standard adopted by some courts is just a shorthand description for the conventional ‘reasonable person under the circumstances’ standard that courts apply in all self-defense cases,” she wrote. In addition, the courts can evaluate through expert witnesses the growing body of empirical work about domestic violence and the “battered women syndrome,” a term coined by psychologist Lenore Walker in 1979.

Focusing on the self-defense standard’s “imminence” requirement, Kinports faults critics who argue that a woman who kills her partner while he is asleep cannot reasonably assert that she is in imminent danger. Kinports cites research finding that a woman sometimes can only realistically protect herself when the batterer is sleeping and, further, that leaving an abusive partner may subject her to even greater harm.

“At least half of the women who leave their abusers are followed and harassed or further attacked by them,” she noted, citing figures indicating that the majority of men who kill their spouses do so after the couple has separated or divorced.

Calling the police, as Dershowitz suggested, is frequently futile under real-world conditions, according to Kinports. “At least half of protective orders against an abusive spouse are violated at least once, and many are violated repeatedly. The police are still much more likely to arrest in a case involving stranger assault and are reluctant to arrest unless the abuser committed some independent crime.”

Likewise, requesting a court protective order can be especially risky for mothers, because state authorities are increasingly bringing neglect proceedings against women whose children witness family violence or are themselves victims of abuse.

A U.S. Department of Justice study in 2000 found that 85 percent of domestic assault cases involved men attacking women. The report estimated that 4.5 million male-on-female assaults take place yearly in the U.S, affecting 1.3 million women, resulting in an annual rate of 44.2 assaults per 1,000 women over the age of 17.

What's more, one in three female murders in 2001 was at the hands of the victim's husband or boyfriend, compared with one in 35 men killed by a wife or girlfriend, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Reports.

While the proportion of women killed by their male intimates has stayed roughly the same between 1971 and 2001 (at the 31-33 percent level), the proportion of males killed by their wives or girlfriends has dropped from 7.8 percent in 1971 to 2.8 percent in 2001, according to the FBI reports.

"As our experience with 30 years of reform efforts has demonstrated, the gender bias that leads individual men to feel free to beat their partners – and that leads society to treat that violence more cavalierly than it treats stranger assault – is so well entrenched that it has proven very resistant to change," the Illinois scholar pointed out.

"Certainly while we continue our efforts to end violence against women, we should strive to give battered women's self-defense claims the same consideration we have traditionally afforded to defenses raised by male defendants."

Kinports' article is titled, "So Much Activity, So Little Change: A Reply to the Critics of Battered Women's Self-Defense."

11-year-old reports kidnapping attempt:

From: <http://www.kansascity.com/mld/kansascity/news/local/12629209.htm>
(September 13, 2005):

An 11-year-old boy told Kansas City police a gunman tried to kidnap him from his school bus stop Monday morning.

The boy said he was standing at Virginia Avenue and Armour Boulevard about 7 a.m. when a man in a newer model Mercedes pulled up. The man lowered the passenger window and told the boy to get in the car. When the boy refused, the man pulled a gun from the glove compartment, pointed it at the boy and again demanded he get in.

The boy reached into his pocket, grabbed a rock with which he had been playing and threw it through the open window. It struck the driver's window and might have broken that window, the boy said.

The man then drove away, north on Virginia and west on Armour, nearly hitting another vehicle on Armour, the boy said.

The boy rode the bus to his charter school, University Academy at 6801 Holmes Road, where he immediately told administrators what happened. He told police he did not know the driver.

The school sent a letter Monday to parents notifying them.

“I’m sure you continually remind your children not to get close to automobiles that stop near them and to run away if a stranger tries to talk with them,” Pat Henley, the school superintendent, wrote in the letter.

Henley said she also planned to discuss the incident with students today at their morning assembly.

The gunman was described as Hispanic, in his 30s, with a mustache, a gold front tooth and braided hair. The car was a dark-colored, possibly black, newer-model four-door Mercedes with tinted windows and plastic over the seats. The car may have had a Kansas tag, including the numbers 7 and 4.

Women severely beat homeless man after alleged rape attempt:

From: <http://www.wftv.com/news/4974151/detail.html>
(September 14, 2005):

OCOEE, Fla. -- Two Ocoee women were jailed for attempted murder after police said they confessed to beating a homeless man.

The attack happened in a park right behind the police department last week.

Investigators said 19-year-old Barbara Austin and 31-year-old Lenora Bowen threw the man through the railings of the gazebo and then beat him with the wooden slats after he allegedly made sexual advances on them.

The women said he tried to rape them. Regardless, police said it went way beyond self-defense.

The victim, 42-year-old David Coss, suffered a caved in skull and broken jaw, among other wounds, and was said to be in critical condition at Orlando Regional Medical Center.

Woman fights desperately to avoid abduction:

From: <http://www.durhamregion.com>
(September 29, 2005):

Struck with a brick in daylight assault

OSHAWA -- A woman fought desperately to fend off two men in what appears to be an abduction attempt in downtown Oshawa Wednesday afternoon, police say.

Despite being hit in the head with a brick, the 47-year-old woman relied on her martial arts training to fight off her attackers, who tried to force her into a van, said Durham Regional Police Sergeant Paul McCurbin.

“They tried to load her in, but she was fighting the whole time,” Sgt. McCurbin said.

The woman was walking through a parking lot in the Celina-Athol streets area around 2:30 Wednesday when a man got out of a dark blue or black van with a sliding door and blocked her way, Sgt. McCurbin said. The woman, a martial arts instructor, took a step back to brace herself for an attack, but was struck on the side of the head by another man wielding a brick, Sgt. McCurbin said.

When she fell to the pavement the men attempted to force her into the van by grabbing her arms and legs, Sgt. McCurbin said. But the woman fought back desperately, kicking and punching at the men until she was able to break free.

The woman ran to her downtown home.

“She called some friends, who convinced her to go to hospital,” Sgt. McCurbin said.

The victim sustained some bruising and had her clothes torn, Sgt. McCurbin said. Police took a statement from her around 4 p.m.

Several calls from citizens who witnessed the struggle corroborated the woman’s account of events, Sgt. McCurbin said.

Police obtained descriptions of two men: one is black, 6 feet tall with a medium build. His face was covered and he wore dark, baggy clothing, police said.

The man who hit the woman with the brick was white, about 5-foot-8. Both men are believed to be in their 20s.

Attack victim resorts to martial arts:

From: <http://www.icsouthlondon.icnetwork.co.uk>
(October 14, 2005):

A muslim man attacked by a racist gang who accused him of being a suicide bomber has described how he had to use martial arts skills to stop them getting to his pregnant wife.

Abdullah Odell, 27, was targeted in an unprovoked attack in Sutton High Street.

Yobs involved in the attack also came dangerously close to hitting Abdullah's wife Faye, four months pregnant at the time.

The attack took place outside the Cost Cutter newsagent on Sutton High Street, where Abdullah's car was parked while he went into the shop.

Inside he was approached by two men, one of whom spoke to him.

He said: "One of the men asked me how to become a Muslim. I didn't know if he was drunk or not, but I try to answer these things calmly, so I just gave him some basic facts."

When Abdullah went outside the shop towards where wife Faye was waiting in the car, the men came over again but this time there was three of them.

He said: "The one who had spoken to me who had a skinhead was holding out his hand and even smiled through the car window at Faye.

"But when I went to shake his hand he punched me and called me a suicide bomber, while his friend tried to bottle me.

"The attack went on for about 10 minutes, with them punching and kicking me and trying to use broken bottles. I managed to escape with just a cut over one eye though, because I have martial arts training so I could block a lot of it.

"I think I was lucky to not have been more seriously hurt, because I believe God was on my side, but also because of my martial arts."

At one point Faye got out of the car to try to intervene, with Abdullah having to shield his pregnant wife to stop her being attacked.

She was heckled by a group of about eight people, thought to be part of the attackers' group, who were standing nearby.

He said: "Because of the adrenaline I wasn't that scared at the time, but looking back it was a dangerous situation. I was trying to block their punches, but I had to get Faye out the way so they couldn't harm her or the baby.

"I feel angry about what happened. But I'd like to sit down with the attackers and ask them why they felt the need to do this.

"I think they thought of it as a racist attack, but they were thrown when they saw that despite my wife being a Muslim and dressed in hijab, she is white with blue eyes. So it didn't quite fit for them."

Abdullah devotes much of his time to educating the public about Islam and putting right some of the myths surrounding the religion.

For the past eight months, he has been running a stall in Sutton High Street with friends every Saturday where they answer questions about their faith.

He said: "The reaction of most people has been really good. They're just interested to know more about the religion and learn that suicide bombing is not condoned by Muslims.

"Because of the London bombings, some people have been a bit confrontational and two men off our stall were hit from behind once.

"But when something like this happens it just makes you stronger and more resolute to be who you are."

Martial arts trained woman fights off assailants:

From: <http://www.pub.tv2.no>
(November 10, 2005):

A woman who had trained martial arts fought off two male attackers in Oslo, Norway.

Just past 4 a.m. Thursday morning the two men in their thirties attacked the 36-year old woman at a place called Carl Berner. At knife-point they attempted to force the woman to the ground.

The woman defended herself by kicking one of the assailants in the groin. She further punched one of the perpetrators on the nose so that he started to bleed.

The two men were forced to flee from the scene. The woman received a minor cut to the face and was visibly shaken by the ordeal.

Kung Fu Kid Floors Hoodies:

From: <http://www.mirror.co.uk>
(November 22, 2005):

A real-life Karate Kid fought off three teenage hoodies after they tried to mug him in a dark alleyway.

One thug punched Daniel Noble in the stomach after the 19-year-old student said he had no cash.

So yellow-belt Daniel, who was wearing his full karate kit, floored two of the muggers by kicking each of them in the head.

He revealed: "That was when the third one ran off."

Daniel had been walking back from his karate club in Kingswood, Bristol, to visit his sister Jan at around 10pm last Thursday when the drama unfolded.

The attackers are all described as white, medium to large build, wearing dark clothing with hooded tops and baseball caps.

Rape? In UK, they blame it on women:

From: <http://indiataalking.com/blog/indianwomen/1590/>
(November 22, 2005):

A third of people in the UK believe a woman is partially or completely to blame for being raped if she has behaved in a flirtatious manner, according to 'shocking' research.

More than a quarter also believe a woman is at least partly responsible for being raped if she wears sexy or revealing clothing, or is drunk, the ICM study found.

One in five thinks a woman is partly to blame if it is known she has many sexual partners, while more than a third believe she is responsible to some degree if she has clearly failed to say 'no' to the man.

In each of these scenarios a slightly greater proportion of men than women held these views — except when it came to being drunk, when it was equal. In fact, more women (5%) than men (3%) thought a woman was 'totally responsible' for being raped if she was intoxicated.

Support groups described the findings as 'alarming' and 'appalling'.

The national charity Victim Support urged criminal justice professionals and healthcare workers to "consider how best to educate Bijit Kundu people about the terrible impact of rape, with a view to changing these attitudes." The opinion poll, commissioned by Amnesty International, also revealed that the vast majority of the British population has no idea how many women are raped every year in the UK.

Almost all, 96%, of respondents said they either did not know the true extent of rape or thought it was far lower than the true figure. Only 4% even thought the number of women raped exceeded 10,000. The number of recorded rapes in 2004-05 was more than 12,000 and the 2001 British Crime Survey estimated that just 15% of rapes come to the attention of the police.

Amnesty International UK director Kate Allen said the poll, part of its Stop Violence Against Women campaign, had uncovered 'disturbing attitudes'.

She said: "It is shocking that so many people will lay the blame for being raped at the feet of women themselves and the government must launch a new drive to counteract this sexist 'blame culture'."

New belt-buckle to stop rapes:

From: Dagladet, Norway
(November 24, 2005):

A 19-year-old Swedish female named Nadja Bjork has designed a belt-buckle that according to reports can prevent rapes.

Allegedly this design has already prevented one girl from being raped at a music festival this summer in Sweden (Hultsfredsfestivalen). The attacker gave up when he couldn't open the belt.

In an interview with the Swedish newspaper Aftonbladet, Bjork claims that the buckle work much like a chastity belt. She says that the belt-buckle sits on top of the regular buckle, and that it takes a special two-handed grip to remove it. Since an attacker will need both hands to attempt to remove the lock, it gives the victim more time and room to escape (or fight back) and get help.

Bjork states that the buckle is designed to prevent or hinder a blitz-rape where a victim is attacked by a stranger, and that it will be of little use towards pre-planned attacks (partner rapes, date rapes or acquaintance rapes).

She says to the media that the invention hopefully will be in production sometime in the coming spring.

Stuart 11-year-old foils attack on mother:

From: <http://www.tcpalm.com>
(December 13, 2005):

STUART — Police on Monday were searching for an armed man who allegedly forced his way into a home in the 800 block of Southeast Bayou Avenue and ordered a woman to disrobe Sunday night.

The man fled after the woman's 11-year-old son chased him away with a metal curtain rod after he heard the 9:36 p.m. commotion, Stuart police spokesman Sgt. Marty Jacobson reported.

The intruder was described as a black man, about 5 feet 10 inches to 6 feet tall with a muscular build. He was reportedly wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and white T-shirt and had a black pistol with a silver slide.

The woman, 29, told police she had noticed a late model gray vehicle with chrome wheels going up and down her street before the incident.

Clerk Karate Kicks Would-Be Thief:

From: <http://abclocal.go.com/kgostory?section=state&id=3739249>
(December 19, 2005):

A thief got more than he bargained for when he tried to rob a convenience store in Modesto.

Edward Petrossi, Quick Stop manager: "I said, 'Hey, you want my money? Come get it!' Right there I chased him. He was shocked."

Edward Petrossi is 5'4" tall and weighs 130 pounds, but he wasn't going to let anyone rob his store. Petrossi has a black belt in six martial arts.

He easily foiled the robbery attempt and then he went one step further.

Edward Petrossi, Quick Stop manager: "Let me take a picture from this man. I take my cell phone. Thanks to technology. I zoomed in, really nice, and got it."

The photo of the license plate helped lead police to the suspect in Fresno on Wednesday.

Twenty-four-year-old Corey Allen Funk is suspected in four other robberies in Modesto. He's now being held on \$250,000 bond thanks to some fast footwork by Edward Petrossi.

Fighting back:

From: <http://www.advocate.com>
(December 20, 2005):

After Lucas Dawson was arrested for fatally stabbing a teenager who attacked him because he is gay, a judge declared it self-defense and set him free on November 9. But Dawson hardly feels like a free man.

Dawson, 21, had been in a Philadelphia jail since October 29 for killing 17-year-old Gerald Knight, one of a group of seven teenagers who allegedly beat him while yelling antigay slurs after following him as he walked to a bus stop near his home in the city's East Mount Airy neighborhood. In defense, Dawson pulled out a pocketknife and stabbed Knight twice in the chest. Dawson started carrying the knife four years ago after he was attacked for kissing his boyfriend in a south Philadelphia park.

Municipal court judge Gerard Kosinski dismissed the charges against Dawson, which included voluntary manslaughter, but Dawson said he was leaving town to go live with his mother, "Seven guys jumped me, and one guy died. There's still six other people that want to hurt me," he told the Philadelphia News. "I won't carry a knife anymore, but I am considering getting a gun permit."

Man foils robbery with skills he learned at martial arts class:

From: http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/local/6420AP_WA_Super_Dad.html
(December 28, 2005):

OLYMPIA, Wash. -- Mike Wood and his wife were just stopping by the bank, when they saw a man run out the door with another close behind. They quickly realized they were watching a robbery in progress and decided to drive after the fleeing suspect.

When they reached him, Wood jumped out of the car, grabbed the robber's arm and twisted it behind his back. Then he reached his other arm around the man's neck and wrestled him to the ground.

Wood's quick action and the skills he picked up watching his 15-year-old son, Harrison, in martial arts class helped nab a robber with a record.

"It was moral instincts. It was just wrong," said Wood, 44, whose family has belonged to the Sound Credit Union for 10 years. "I just wasn't going to let him get away with it. Plus, I was a member of the bank, and that was my money he was stealing, too."

Wood and credit union branch manager Chad Wilcox sat on top of the suspect while they waited for police.

The suspect, Garrett W. Lindermann, 42, was cuffed and booked into the Thurston County Jail on suspicion of first-degree robbery. Lindermann has two previous robbery convictions and recently served a 10-year prison sentence.

Police said the chase started at 10:45 a.m. after Lindermann stormed into the credit union while holding a lunch cooler that he said contained a bomb. He allegedly demanded money from the teller and darted out the front door, Olympia police reported.

His threat to blow him up did not deter Wood, a dump-truck driver and retired Army sergeant.

Wilcox said he was following the suspect in hopes of recording a license plate number for police, but after seeing Wood go after the man, he changed his plan.

"It's not Sound's policy ... and it probably wasn't the most prudent thing to do," Wilcox said. "It was one of those instinct things. You don't know how you're going to react until it happens."

Police said no bomb or other weapons were found on the suspect. If he is charged and convicted, he could face life imprisonment under Washington's three strikes law for repeat violent offenders.

Police caution bystanders not to do anything more than act as a good witness if they see a similar situation unfold, said Cmdr. Tor Bjornstad.

"It might make an interesting story, and we're glad when a bad guy is caught, but we would never recommend that anyone do that. In fact, we would discourage it," Bjornstad said. "If he'd had a gun, they might have had a real problem."

Wood said he's happy no one, including the suspect got hurt.

"The more time you have to think about it, the more you realize how stupid it was," he said.

Wood's son has been taking martial arts classes for about a year. Wood said he helps his son practice at home.

GRRRRRANDMA! Mo stops burglar with martial arts:

From: <http://www.mirror.co.uk>
(December 29, 2005):

Angry gran Mo Richards sorted out a burglar in her pub by felling him with a martial arts throw.

Mo, 58, who learned aikido 30 years ago, then held him in a headlock for 10 minutes until police came.

Brown belt Mo, who is 5ft 4in, said: "I managed to get my arm around his neck and used my right leg to get him down on the floor with one big sweep.

"He landed on my right leg so I put my left leg around his body and my arms around his neck in a head lock. At first he kept wriggling so I tightened my grip. I told him I would only loosen the grip if he kept still."

The mother of four had earlier found the man in her daughter's bedroom.

She said: "I kicked him on the bottom, grabbed his jacket, threw him on the bed and shouted, 'What are you doing in here?'" Mo sat on him while her partner Len, 53, called police. But the man wriggled free and she then used her skills to bring him down at the pub in Southampton.

Len said: "Mo is very brave and feisty. She doesn't take any rubbish from anyone." Later a 39 year-old man appeared in court accused of burglary.

Another pub landlady fought off four armed robbers with her son's golf club.

Elizabeth Thomas, 30, was hit on the arm and shoulder with a crowbar as she lashed out at the raiders in the Rose and Crown in Wolston, Warks. She said: "I took a couple of good swipes but I got a beating."

Hairdresser played hero, not victim:

From: http://www.mcall.com/news/local/all-a1_5klotzdec30.0.632360.story
(December 30, 2005):

She was able to use martial arts to deter armed robber but wants landlords to provide more security for business tenants.

Shirley Klotz was shampooing a client's hair when a masked man burst into her 15th Street Salon in Allentown last week, barking orders and pointing a gun at her.

Klotz kept her eyes fixed on the gun when suddenly the masked man spotted Klotz's 19-year-old assistant, Jennifer Hines, behind a counter trying to hide the day's receipts. He turned the gun on Hines.

In that split second, Klotz's martial arts instincts kicked in.

"I knew when he turned his back to me, that was my opportunity," said Klotz, a fourth-degree black belt in tae kwon do and a first-degree black belt in jujitsu. "When he pointed the gun at my assistant, I knew he was going to shoot. I said, 'uh uh.' I didn't care if I was shot, but I was not going to let him shoot her."

Klotz, 58, grabbed the man from behind, locking her arms around his and swung him to the ground, but he was too heavy for the petite hairdresser. They both fell, but the man held on to the gun.

Klotz was on the ground and the man was about four feet away from her. She saw the flash of the gun and felt the hot bullet tearing through her right forearm. It shattered her radius bone and grazed her stomach.

Klotz, of North Whitehall Township, said she was in "unfathomable pain," but when she looked up, the man was gone, and her assistant and the longtime client were unharmed. "I don't know what I would have done if anyone else was injured," she said. "If anybody was going to get shot, I'm glad it was me."

Allentown police are still searching for the attacker in the Dec. 21 robbery attempt. The robbery was one of the latest in a string of more than 100 armed robberies in the Lehigh Valley region since August.

Victims have been injured in few of the cases. In fewer still have the victims fought back. Klotz said she was not trying to be a hero, but she felt something had to be done to protect those in her salon.

Her husband, a fifth-degree black belt in tae kwon do who teaches martial arts and self-defense at East Penn Martial Arts in Macungie, said he believes she did the right thing.

"I tell my students that they should just give up the money and not make the robber angry," Gino Muraro said. "But, Shirley is trained for those situations, and if she did not do something, Jen might have been shot."

Muraro said his wife's attacker needs to be caught because he'll probably do the same thing to someone else. Klotz said that is only the beginning.

Next year, Klotz said, she wants to speak to state legislators to push for a law that would require landlords to provide security for their business tenants. With the rash of robberies in the Lehigh Valley, Klotz said, something has to be done.

"With all the robberies in the city, this is necessary," said Klotz, who said installing surveillance cameras or other security measures is expensive and not all business owners can afford them. "I'm sure others who have gone through the same thing would agree."

After hearing about the shooting, Klotz's landlord said he would install security cameras in the 15th Street Salon, a popular business that's been honored twice by Properties of Merit for its holiday decorations and landscaping.

Phyllis Sayre of Catasauqua was going into the salon for an appointment Thursday and was happy to see that the front door was locked with a deadbolt.

"That's right, always keep it locked," Sayre told Hines, who is running the shop while Klotz regains full use of her right hand.

Unlike the day of the robbery, Hines said she and Klotz will make sure to lock the door while working. Hines said she even invites friends over to keep her company.

"The first day I was in here after the shooting, I got nervous about every little noise I heard," said Hines, a recent graduate of Allentown Beauty School. "I'm getting better now, but I still get spooked when I see someone looking inside the salon."

Some clients were scared away by the shooting, including the client who was getting shampooed the day of the robbery. The client, who had been one of Klotz's regulars for 30 years, told Klotz that she will not return because she is too traumatized.

But Klotz said she is grateful that many, even those who have moved out of the state, stuck with her. Several sent her flowers and get-well cards.

"I am not scared to be in here," said Sayre, who has been going to the salon for six years. "The neighborhood is going to protect this salon. We have our eyes open."