

I'm writing you to show my support for the bill HF 13, Duty to Retreat Elimination. I live in Woodbury MN where we've seen an uptick in criminal activity that has made the news. From violent criminals engaging in shootouts with police to random carjackings in shopping centers and even more brazenly from citizens driveways. As a citizen, the DFLs unrelenting attack on our second amendment rights and ability to protect ourselves and families has me very concerned for the future of public safety within our communities.

I think back to Michael Brasel who was gunned down in St. Paul as he went out to his wife's car in the morning and found two assailants stealing items from her car. Had he been armed, confronted these criminals and had to defend himself it's my understanding under the current law he could've been held criminally responsible for defending his life. In that scenario should he have just run back to his home? What if the criminals followed him into his home or shot him in the back as he ran away?

Another event in Woodbury, December 2022, an older man was violently beaten as he went outside to get in his car for work. These criminals descended on him punching and beating him mercilessly. How was he supposed to defend himself in his own driveway if he was armed? He needed to runaway while they attacked him? This law needs to change for the safety of all Minnesotans.

Thank you,  
Steve Mitzuk



Police: Woodbury man punched, robbed at gunpoint in his driveway  
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