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MY NEW MINI-FARM

The Security Steps I'm Now Implementing

By Jason Hanson

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I believe I mentioned last month that I was in the process of purchasing some land for a mini-farm. Just a few days ago, we closed on the land and the work has begun. The first thing I always start with is security. I'm going to walk you through some of the security measures I plan to take or am in the process of taking in order to give you some ideas for your own place.

First, this mini-farm does not currently have a gate at the entrance. It has fencing that comes up to each side, but the gate was apparently removed a long time ago. So, I'm going to install a nice gate that operates off solar. Every time I mention



a gate, there's always someone who tells me, "Jason, people can just hop over it." Yes, that's true, but a gate is a good psychological barrier. If someone wants to come onto my property, I want them to have to put in at least a little bit of effort. I don't want them to be able to easily stroll right on in.

Next, I'm going to install a driveway alarm. On this mini-farm there's a small shack that isn't exactly "wife-approved." But, if I was a single man, this would be just perfect for me and I'd be content until the cows come home. So, since there's a small shack and the family will be spending time there, I want to be alerted if anything or anyone comes down the driveway. The easy-to-install driveway alarm I like is by a company

called eMACROS and you can find it on Amazon.

There is a dirt road that comes up to the back of the property too, so I will be installing two driveway alarms. One for the front of the property and one for the back.

After the driveway alarms, come lots of solar motion sensor lights. I plan to install these lights all over the property. So, there will be lights around the shack to light it up at night. But I will also put some of these lights in trees to light various pathways around the property. I was going to take it even further, but the wife talked me out of it. There are basically solar motion sensor street lights that are incredibly bright. The wife thought it would be overkill

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and, perhaps, just this once, she was right.

Of course, I will also get security cameras. I treat the security cameras similar to the motion sensor lights. This means I'll have them all around the shack, especially at the doors. But I'll also have some in the trees so that I have a better view of people coming down the road or if someone was trying to approach from the back of the shack.

One thing I was considering, but have talked myself out of for the time being, is a "mobile surveillance unit." (I've talked myself out of it because it's expensive and it goes in the "overkill" category... for now.) A mobile surveillance unit is a trailer that has cameras on it. When parked, you deploy the cameras. Think of a stoplight on a trailer, but instead of a light, it's cameras that see 360-degrees. These units are common at construction sites and county fairs, to name a few.

But let's get back to more practical measures. The back of this property has some barbed wire fencing that

"I treat the security cameras similar to the motion sensor lights."

is down, so I need to fix the fence. Again, I want the psychological barrier that if you cross the fence, you know you are entering onto another man's land and you know you are somewhere you shouldn't be.

You know what else I'll do? Some will think this is in the extreme category, but I always believe in preparing for the worst. I'll get one of my AR-15s and I'll zero it from the shack to the main driveway entrance.

I haven't measured the exact distance yet, but if I had to guess, I'd say it's about 200 yards. So, not super long. Things would have to have gone really, really wrong in life for me to be taking a 200-yard shot, but it doesn't take long to zero a rifle. So, there's no reason not to be prepared.

There's a lot more work that needs to be done on the place, including clearing away brush and making sure nobody can hide near the windows due to an insanely overgrown bush or two. I'll keep you posted in the coming months of the continued activity I do, which I hope will give you your own security ideas.

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Operator Survival Tool 2.0

If you own guns like I do, it's a good idea to have a small tool kit for making repairs to your weapons if something should happen while at the range or in the field. This is why you may want to consider adding the Operator Survival Tool 2.0 to your rifle setup. (And to your bug out bag and vehicle survival kit.) The Operator Survival Tool is a small tool kit that is about the size of two CR123 batteries. It's designed to be stored in forward grips, pistol grips or butt stocks on an AR-15. But you can also put it in a small plastic baggie and throw it in a gear bag.

The tool kit contains a carbon scraping tool for removing carbon build-up from the critical components of a rifle. In addition, the kit has a knife sharpener, bit driver, pry tool, bottle opener, and flint to use with the steel scraper for starting a fire.

When you are shooting or bugging out, you might not have the space to carry a large tool set, but a small tool kit stored in the grip or butt stock is a great backup option. The Operator Survival Tool can be found on Amazon.

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SURVIVAL WEAPONS CACHES YOU CAN ACCESS IN A MOMENT'S NOTICE

How To Conceal Knives On Your Person, In Your Car, And Around Your Home

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For me, survival isn't just about being in the wilderness and knowing how to build a shelter, procure water, make fire, and process game for food. It is a total, everyday action for me. In the wild, I plan for my security and self-defense. It isn't any different when I am back in civilization. Whether I am at home, in a hotel, in my truck, or walking about, I constantly have my SA (situational awareness) up and am observing for trouble.

Let's face it, being out in our community these days has become a survival situation. We see every day that crime is way up, not just in cities, but everywhere. You may have seen the clip of a young lady being body-slammed to the pavement into paralysis and robbed, others being carjacked, and home break-ins are the norm due to the poor economy. What is one to do?

Well, for one, I highly recommend getting some self-defense training. It will give you greater self-confidence, a fighting chance, and the ability to increase your own survival until help comes.

Firearms are the best deterrent in the hands of a responsible gun owner, but I realize they aren't for everyone. However, most people are comfortable carrying some type of knife for their personal protection. I recommend a good, flat, high quality folding knife. When you go cheap, you get what you pay for, and when your life is on the line, you can't afford that bill. I personally carry the Cold Steel Knives

4Max. It's very tough, durable, strong, and sharp with a nice, wide 4-inch blade.

Let me share with you some places I can hide this knife as well as other knives whether on my person or just close to me. First, and most obvious, you can carry a concealed knife on your person. A common spot to carry it is in your pants or jacket pocket.

You can also clip a knife on your belt and cover it up with your shirt or jacket. You can clip it inside the waistline of your pants or carry it on your hip, in the small of your back, in your boot, or in your jacket pocket to conceal it further. Simple ways to carry a knife off your body are inside your purse (for ladies), backpack, briefcase, laptop bag, etc.

Next, you can stow your knife — or knives — in and outside of your vehicle. Obviously, the glove box, center console, and side door holder are good spots. You can clip a knife

to the sun visor, slip one between your seat and the center console, under the floor mat, clipped or taped under the seat, and taped behind the headrest.

Outside the vehicle you can tape them up under the wheel wells, the sidestep running boards or bumpers, under the hood, or taped behind a luggage rack if you have one.

Finally, having knives in various places throughout your home can help you defend against a home



invader or free you if you are overpowered and tied up. Some can be in plain sight like kitchen knives. Others should be hidden and ready to use in a second's notice.

Tape knives under furniture like coffee tables, end tables, chairs, bookshelves, desks, beds, and dining room tables. You can also stash knives in various drawers or cabinets. Place them on top of hutches, entertainment centers, or shelves. Hide them behind TVs, computers, mirrors, pictures, or in items and decorations throughout your home.

There are companies that make furniture and decorations that look like normal home items but hide knives, guns, and other weapons so they're easily accessible if you need them.

Sadly, crime and violence are on the rise, and you can't be wishy-washy when it comes to your life and survival. You need to plan and be prepared. So, hide those knives to save some lives — mainly yours.

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THE 2023 NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION SHOW RECAP

The Advice I Gave Thousands Of Gold Buyers At The Show

By Forest Hamilton

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Last month, the National Rifle Association held its 2023 Annual Meeting and Expo in Indianapolis, Indiana. This was my 17th NRA show to attend and it did not disappoint. Over 77,000 NRA members attended, exceeding expectations, and making for an extremely busy week. Here is a rundown of some of the week's events.

With the show not officially starting until Friday, there were only a couple of evening events on Thursday. The NRA Foundation Event and Auction was from 5-10PM at the Indiana Convention Hall. It provided a chance for members to support the Second Amendment, shooting sports and hunting heritage with an evening of food, firearms, and fundraising. All proceeds benefited the NRA Foundation and the future of shooting sports.

Also on Thursday, was one of the highlights of the show for me: Universal Coin's Client Appreciation Dinner. Hundreds of clients (including numerous Spy and Survival subscribers) flew in to attend the NRA convention and break bread with us on Thursday night. We took over a large restaurant and had too much good food, lots of laughs and a sense of family that is hard to find in the business world. Thank you to all of you who attended.

On Friday, the NRA Exhibit Hall opened at 9am with 14+ acres of guns and gear. As the official gold and silver experts for the NRA for the past 15+ years, this is our Super Bowl week. My company brought over 50 of our employees from Texas to set up and run our massive gold and silver booths and there were times we were so overwhelmed with NRA members wanting to talk to us that we could have used another 50 representatives.

In all my years of attending the NRA convention, I have never seen the level of interest or readiness to invest in precious metals that people displayed in Indianapolis. Many folks showed up ready to buy and walk away with gold and silver.

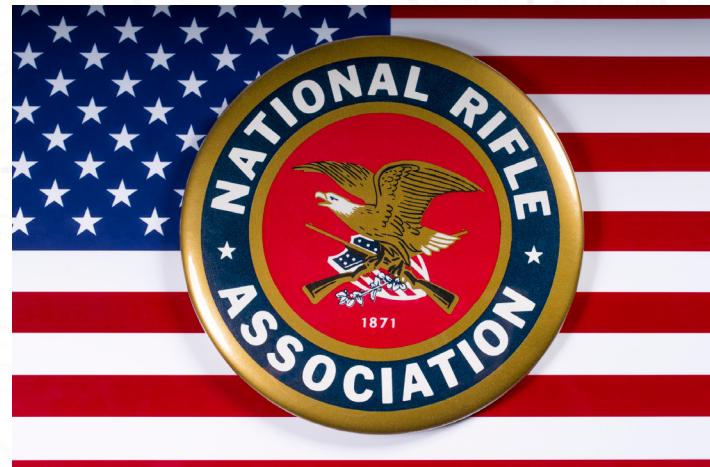
Others came ready to roll over their IRAs into physical gold. We placed millions of dollars of gold and silver orders every day and sold out of nearly everything we brought.

From 2-5, Donald Trump, Ron DeSantis, Nikki Haley, Mike Pence, Jim Jordan, Kristi Noem, Wayne LaPierre, and a host of other speakers addressed an audience of over 4,000 NRA members at the NRA-ILA Annual Leadership Forum.

The show floor closed at 6, after which many NRA members, celebrities, executives and high-ranking officials attended the NRA-ILA Dinner and Auction to raise money for the legal and legislative branches of the NRA.

The show floor was again open from 9-6, and we held our 13th Annual Freedom First Financial Seminar from 11-12:30. Mike Fuljenz, "America's Gold Expert," myself, and a group of other gold and silver experts spoke to a packed house of investors looking for guidance. We had over 3x the number of expected attendees at the seminar and it was an unbelievable experience.

The pinnacle of the entire show for me, by far, was the NRA's National Prayer Breakfast early Sunday morning. I had the honor of speaking at



the breakfast for the 10th time. I am truly grateful that the NRA protects such valuable American events and values. The show closed at 5PM.

The recurring theme from this year's NRA show was an overwhelming sense of urgency to protect the 2nd Amendment, to vote in order to take back our country, and urgency to preserve and grow wealth in an unprecedented time of uncertainty.

My primary message to the thousands of people that I spoke with was, "Don't panic, but take some action." While gold and silver are still at reasonable prices, (and even still available at all) I am urging everyone to prepare themselves by putting a healthy percentage of their assets into physical gold and silver. Lastly, if you didn't make it to the NRA show this year, I definitely hope to meet you there in person in 2024.

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THE SECRETS OF HUMAN MOTIVATION

Men And Their M.I.C.E.

By Michael D.

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My asset was a former officer of a foreign government. His well-recognized expertise had allowed him to leave his government job and start his own consulting business selling his designs to his government.

Gradually, he lost his edge due to heavy competition and his income declined and even became jeopardized. So, he chose to spy for the U.S. in exchange for access to highly sensitive American research in his esoteric field of design.

The advanced research we provided him helped him excel in his consulting business, making him rich and allowing him to bask in the glory that came with the recognition of “his” outstanding discoveries in his field. Then the day came for him to repay his master. I was assigned to persuade him to access something of great value to U.S. foreign intelligence and U.S. national security, and hand it over to me.

He was highly reluctant, and no matter what gifts, bonuses, etc. I extended; he didn’t want to hand this particular “thing” over. He had been fine with accepting our money and tips on advanced design research, and he had been fine with selling some of his homeland’s sacred secrets, but getting this was more than he was willing to do.

If you are wondering why someone might be willing to “spy a little bit, but not a lot,” it’s because they have no vision of how espionage really works.

Many who spy for us think they can

"I decided to use coercion, in this case, actual blackmail."

or have outsmarted their handler by limiting the value and volume of the intelligence they are selling. They wrongly presume they are selling some small secrets with little cumulative value. They believe that they are controlling how much we are getting, when we are getting it, and exactly what we are getting. They are convinced they can give us just enough to get rich while still protecting their jobs or homeland. But they never realize we have other assets, quite possibly sitting at the desk right next to them, giving us the other pieces of the puzzle with neither one knowing anything about the treason of their own neighbor.

When we find a source whom we can tell is hedging on what and how much they will spy for us, one of the first things we do is use elicitation and other spotting and assessing tools to develop a second, third, or even fourth source of the same or



related material. We are likely getting lots of little pieces from several well-placed assets at the same time.

However, there are times when we have to pull out all the stops and get what we need right away. What it costs is seldom of concern. It might cost a great deal of cash, favors, exchanges, promises, or even our asset’s life.

My instructions in this particular situation were succinct: “Get (it), however you have to do it.” I had already tried all of our standard methods. We did not have time to plan a special operation to get it, I had to persuade my asset to provide it to me. I decided to use coercion, in this case, actual blackmail.

Over my time working with him, I had compiled a great deal of evidence of his espionage against his own country in exchange for money and access to restricted American technology. I had the evidence showing he knowingly and willingly betrayed his government, his country,

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and his fellow citizens for simple greed and avarice.

It worked, sort of. He delivered the item, but broke contact and never again provided us with any intelligence. We burned the bridge, but the decision-makers had already determined the price was worth it.

In espionage, we do not have direct control over the actions and choices of the people whom we want to do things for us. But in the military and in many work environments, all you need to do is to instruct someone to perform an action and they will do it because of the hierarchy.

In the spy world, we use a collection of methods called M.I.C.E. to get our assets (spies – the indigenous members of the country we are operating in) to perform acts of espionage or sabotage on our behalf. M.I.C.E. stands for Money, Ideology, Coercion, and/or Ego. They are stacked in that order only due to the acronym, not the level of leverage they provide.

Simply stated, we determine which of those four major motivators will allow us to influence and control the actions of others even when we do not have direct control over their

lives or livelihoods.

These same tools are available in the traditional workplace. You can use financial incentives (or deductions) as your money tool. Or you can appeal to their sense of duty, comradery, their natural inclination to please, or other similar emotional or intellectual influencers to exploit ideology as your leverage.

Ego is one of the easiest and most productive motivators. By describing the individual's self-paradigm of their enhanced value to the world if they perform as you want them to,

they see their personal value and community worth instantly expand with the simple act of doing your bidding.

I have left Coercion for last. It is one of the most powerful and destructive tools in your arsenal. Using coercion to get compliance destroys the relationship, poisons the pool of future candidates to work with you, and establishes you as an enemy and justifiable target for extreme retribution. Some missions are so critical that you may have to resort to this nuclear option, but the price will be very high to you, the individual, and the organization/operation.

"The price was the loss of a continuous flow of valuable intelligence."

Whatever tools you choose to use, be they one of these or a multitude of others, you are ultimately responsible for not only the action you are attempting to achieve, but for the residual effects of the tools you employ.

In my case, on that operation, we got what we desperately needed when we needed it, but the price was the loss of a continuous flow of valuable intelligence. However, in private industry, and in personal life, the misuse or wanton use of such tools can cause irreparable damage to relationships, organizations, and even lives.

Become an expert at leading people and you won't have to manage them. Perhaps your M.I.C.E might be Motivate, Invite, Compliment, and Encourage.

Whatever it may be, find the best ways to motivate the people in your sphere of influence while still keeping the relationship healthy as much as possible. Everyone will be better for it.



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NASHVILLE TRAGEDY

This Single Decision Can Heal Or Destroy Your Life

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On Monday morning, March 27, 2023, I was working in an Emergency Department in Austin, Texas when a friend texted me and said that that there had been a school shooting in the town where I live, which is Nashville, TN. Since I live in a suburb, I didn't even think that I'd know anyone involved. But, once I heard the name of the school — Covenant, I shuddered and a chill went up my spine.

As the details came pouring out, and as the police quickly released the video of the shooter as well as the police bodycam footage, I realized several of my friends had been involved, and a couple friends had been killed.

I knew two of those killed (Katherine Koonce and Cindy Peak), they taught all four of my children at a different school in years past. And I know the family of one of the children killed. My son is on a high school wrestling team with the cousin of one of the little 9-year-olds who were killed.

I even know the mother of the shooter, we both used to be Teaching Directors for an organization called Community Bible Study and we ran in the same circles, had the same friends, and attended the same conferences. I knew several teacher friends who were sheltered in place protecting their students during the entire ordeal, one who used to babysit my children years ago, and whose family I know very well and consider dear friends. I know that building. I've been inside it dozens of times.

So, when I first heard what had happened, I was immediately struck

with anger, rage, and yet deep sorrow and sadness. All the usual questions came rushing through my mind. How? Why? Who?

We never really think that tragedy will strike home. We never imagine that evil is truly lurking at our door, waiting for an opportunity to pounce. We never fully believe that people we know and care about would be harmed, and that their lives would either be irrevocably altered, or even ended in such horrific ways.

I'm still angry for what this did to my children, to our community, to the families of those involved, and to those who were killed. Yet despite the anger and pain, there has been a sweet forgiveness and a tender coming together of our community in the midst of the grief. There's that word. Grief. We can't avoid it. We can't run away or hide from it. It permeates each one of our lives multiple times throughout our existence.

Whenever there is death, disease, evil, brokenness, or loss, grief resides, and it can be deep, and it can be dark, and it can be painful. Grief is not something we can move past, but it is something we must learn to move through as we carry it with us in some way and at some level for the rest of our lives.

Yet in the midst of grief, we can find peace. We can find hope. We can find solace. We can find joy. And we can find forgiveness. It's interesting, I once thought forgiving others was something we did for them. And I



guess in a way it is, but forgiving someone actually frees us. Sometimes they don't even know they've been forgiven by us, yet it frees us from all of the raging bitterness, from the seething hate, and from the caustic resentment.

Sure, they may not deserve it, but that's why forgiveness is so powerful. Forgiveness frees our hearts to find joy and peace again. Forgiveness allows us to truly love again. On the other hand, unforgiveness corrodes and it destroys. Contempt and hate eat at us and make us a worse person. They destroy our health — mentally, physically, spiritually.

Do you want to find peace? Are you struggling to find joy? Has hope disappeared? Perhaps we start with forgiving those we feel have wronged us in some way. Really releasing them from all the debt we feel they owe. Learning to live, and breathe, and love again. In freeing them, we really free ourselves.

I realize this isn't my usual article or usual medical advice, but I just couldn't get it off my mind that I should write about it this month, because if we don't deal with grief and forgive, our health will suffer.

THE HIDDEN SELF DEFENSE TECHNIQUE YOU'VE KNOWN SINCE CHILDHOOD

How To Wield A Simple Baseball Bat With Deadly Effectiveness

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I've heard a lot of stories of people keeping bats in their back seat or trunk of their car because it's one of those weapons that can't necessarily be labeled a weapon if someone gets pulled over and the police find a bat in the car.

You've probably also seen a handful of movies where a father uses a bat to defend their home or thwart off a wayward boyfriend who tries to sneak into his daughter's bedroom window.

And while it's true that you can use a weapon like this for your own personal protection, before you put an old Louisville Slugger near your nightstand or in the trunk of your car, it is important to know both the offensive and defensive uses of the weapon.

So, this month I'll cover the offensive uses of the bat (or other large impact weapon) and then next month I'll discuss how to defend against a criminal wielding one of these.

I've always believed learning the offensive capabilities of any weapon helps you better defend against it. By learning the movements, range, and targets of a specific weapon type, you better know what to look for and protect yourself against if that same weapon is used against you.

Plus, if you learn the offensive perspective first, I find that you take some of the fear out of it when you're facing an attack with one. This is not to say that you shouldn't — or won't — feel fear or have a deep respect for the potential dam-

age the weapon can do. Rather, by educating yourself on the weapon, you gain a certain amount of confidence, and it helps you defend against it more effectively.

Now, there are three main types of attacks with a bat: a double handed swing, single handed swing, and a thrust.

I've made a supplemental video for you that covers the movements and techniques in this article. You can follow along with the video as you read to ensure you're crystal clear on the movements. The video is at this link: fearlessstreetfighter.com/bat-offense.

Once you understand the techniques, you can blend them together in a flow using an exercise called "carrenza." This is like shadowboxing, but instead of punches, you're using the three different strikes with the bat. The carrenza exercise will help you coordinate your own body movements to better maximize the strikes of the weapon.

Holding a bat, get into a basic fighting stance, one foot in front of the other like a boxing stance. Use four, angled striking attacks with single hand, double hands, and thrust.

Angle one is a downward angle strike. The strike path should travel on a diagonal from their near shoulder to their opposite hip. Angle two is the same strike but from the other side (using the other hand if holding single handed). Again, the strike path should travel on a diagonal from their shoulder to their opposite hip.

Angle three is the standard baseball bat swing you learned in tee ball, aimed at the opponent's ribs on one side. You're trying to break bones and compromise the ability to breath.

Angle four is the same baseball bat swing, just aimed at the ribs on the other side of their body. Remember, for a demonstration of these angles and techniques,

including a short flow, see the accompanying video.

Drill these angle strikes with both a single and a double handed grip. Using only one hand with a bat may seem awkward at first because of its weight and size. But within a handful of sessions, you will have built up coordination, speed, and power for the techniques.

With the double-handed strikes, "swinging for the fences" may be powerful but will throw off your balance and take away control. My advice is to use shorter "check swing style" bursting strikes which will give you more control and allow for multiple strikes in a short amount of time.

Finally, practice thrusting movements, which can be a great alternative strike in close quarters. Simply hold the bat out in front of you like a spear and jab the end of it into the opponent's face, sternum, or groin.

Practicing these movements will allow you to use a bat much more effectively, while also giving you an edge in defending against it, as we'll cover next month.

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