



## CHURCH MASSACRE HERO PROMOTES SHOOTING BACK

## GUN ADVOCATE PREACHER SAYS CITIZENS SHOULD PACK HEAT

**What are the chances you will ever be attacked by armed assailants in a situation in which no one else can help you and your only chance for survival rests in using your own loaded firearm?**

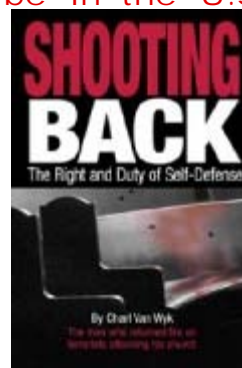


Charl van Wyk says responsible citizens should be armed

Charl van Wyk author of, [\*Shooting Back: The Right and Duty of Self Defense\*](#), (a book and documentary DVD) says that with the mass shootings in Binghamton, NY, North Carolina and Washington state, and the cop killings in Pittsburgh, the chances are increasing all the time. Van Wyk makes a case for individuals arming themselves with guns and does so more persuasively than perhaps any other author because he was attacked by terrorists.

Charl van Wyk will be in the U.S. from April 24 to May 12.

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for an interview



Van Wyk's first experience with shooting back came in 1993 when he was attending a church service one Sunday evening. The church was invaded that night by heavily armed terrorists who threw grenades, fired automatic assault rifles and began killing as many Christians as they could. But the terrorists weren't counting on any of those Christians being armed. Van Wyk may have been outgunned, but he did have his .38 special revolver with him that evening.

He crouched down behind a pew and took aim. As soon as the terrorists realized someone was shooting back, they began to flee.

Van Wyk cautiously pursued them, and fired the last of his ammo at them outside the church, causing them to flee in a getaway car. A terrorist leader later confessed that he hoped for every man, woman and child in that church – maybe a thousand people - to be massacred that day!

As it was, 11 churchgoers were killed and 53 wounded.

**That was the St. James Church Massacre – one of the worst terrorist attacks of its time. But it was considerably less bloody as a result of the actions of Charl van Wyk.**



Photo from aftermath of the St. James Massacre

[Last year, Charl van Wyk was attacked, again, by armed assailants who attempted to hijack his vehicle.](#)

Once again, van Wyk was prepared. When the opportunity availed itself, the missionary fired on the attackers and drove them away.

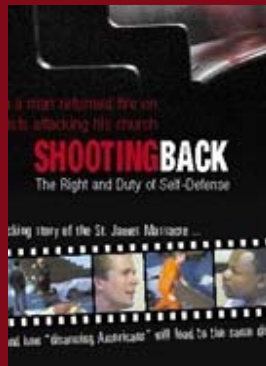
Lightning does indeed strike.

Sometimes, it even strikes twice.

Could it happen to you?

Though van Wyk admits that there are disadvantages to having firearms in a society, he says law makers should consider the fact that these are far outweighed by the advantages.

“When last did you hear of a multiple-victim shooting taking place on a firearm range, in a police station or at a gun show, or wherever many firearms are found anywhere in the world? You haven't. That's because criminals prefer unarmed victims, or soft targets,” van Wyk says. “No wonder they love gun control – it makes their work so much easier and their working environment much safer.”



[Shooting Back the book and Documentary DVD](#)

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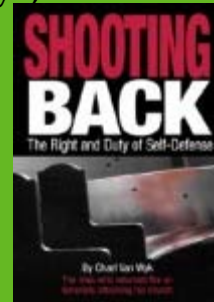


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of "[Shooting Back](#),"  
published by WND Books,  
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individuals arming themselves with guns and does so  
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because he found himself in a church attacked by  
terrorists.

"Grenades were exploding in flashes of light. Pews  
shattered under the blasts, sending splinters flying through  
the air," Van Wyk recalls of the July 25, 1993, St. James  
Church Massacre. "An automatic assault rifle was being  
fired and was fast ripping the pews - and whoever,  
whatever was in its trajectory - to pieces. We were being  
attacked!"



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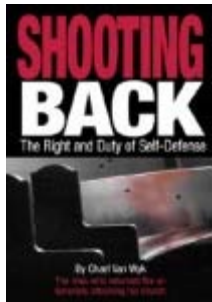
# Terrorist-Shooter Available for Interviews

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## Available for Interviews



South African Charl Van Wyk, author of "[Shooting Back](#)," published by WND Books, will speak at several locations in New York and Washington May 13 - 20 and [is available for media interviews May 23 - 28](#).

Van Wyk's book talks about the choice to defend oneself and others against the unprovoked and unpredictable attacks in today's world. He used a handgun to defend churchgoers in South Africa against an attack by terrorists with automatic weapons, and is credited with saving many lives that day.

## Soft Targets and Gun Attacks

"Worldwide, office buildings, hospitals, convenience stores, TV studios, chain restaurants and day-care centers have all been targets of homicidal maniacs. Mass murders have taken place in such places after they have been declared gun-free zones," Van Wyk says.

"Do mass shootings ever occur in police stations, shooting ranges or at gun shows? Mass murderers select soft targets for their acts of violence," Van Wyk says. "Expecting a suicidal individual to honor a law prohibiting firearms is sheer utopian fantasy."

## Eliminating "Gun-Free Zones"

- The string of horrendous mass murders in "gun-free zones" – most recently at Virginia Tech, and before that October's slaughter of Amish schoolgirls in rural Pennsylvania as well as similar massacres at other schools around the nation – has fueled a furious debate over gun control, "gun-free zones" and "lax gun laws."
- Just like the Virginia Tech massacre, most violent crimes cannot be stopped by police, but only by citizens present during the commission of the crime. And research now shows conclusively that armed, law-abiding citizens have a huge impact on deterring and stopping violent criminal acts.



Gun Free Zone

## Endorsements

"For Christians, this is the most important book about guns



and self-defense ever written. This takes the issue way beyond theory. Written by a man who lived through a terrorist attack largely because he shot back, the book is the most comprehensive scriptural exploration of the topic ever done." - [Joseph Farah, Founder of WorldNetDaily.com](#)

"The notion that declaring an area to be gun-free, will keep criminals from maliciously using guns is ludicrous. Any law that makes self-defense illegal or impractical is an illegitimate law, because such a law ultimately subjects people to the criminal element." - [Larry Pratt, Executive Director of Gun Owners of America](#)

"Shooting Back" is a thorough examination of the whole issue of armed self-defense from a Christian perspective. It deals with burning questions that plague all conscience-driven people:

- Should people, especially Christians, carry arms?
- When is it appropriate to defend ourselves and our families?
- What can Americans do when our freedom to carry arms is legislated away from us?



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