

## “Ken And Karen’s” 3 Mob Defense Mistakes

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### Mark and Patricia McCloskey’s Story

When an angry mob of protesters broke into their gated community in St. Louis, on the way to protest at a politician’s home, Mark and Patricia feared for their lives. Grabbing an AR-15 and a Walther PPK, they ran outside to confront the mob. The pictures of their confrontation were tailor-made to go viral, as Mark looked like something from an episode of Miami Vice in his pink polo and holding his triangular hand-guard AR15 from the hip.

Patricia looked like she was losing her mind, pointing her gun and screaming wild-eyed at protesters. At least, this was the story we were given by the media... and now, there are real legal issues that are probably tied up with politics.

The McCloskeys had a right to defend themselves, and there is a castle doctrine law in their state that may protect them, but the prosecutor is gunning for them and has already had their rifle seized by the police. Here are three mistakes they made that are worth considering if YOU end up facing a mob marching down your street.

### 1. They Were Barefoot

The couple were home relaxing and, when the mob came, they didn’t even put on shoes before running out with their guns.

- This puts you at a HUGE disadvantage. Your feet are very vulnerable and it doesn’t take much to hurt you. A single nail or piece of glass could leave you immobile or even writing around on the ground.
- For home defense, keep some slip-on shoes or zip-up boots handy for when you go outside.

### 2. They Went Outside

This has been hotly debated by people on both sides of the issue. I contend that that Mark and Patricia made a big mistake by going outside.

- We may not like the thought of people destroying our property, but unless they are trying to smash down your door, you are safer inside than outside.
- Yes, the threat of arson is a real one, especially these days, but at that time, Mark and Patricia had no reason to suspect arson was being committed. They would have been safer posting inside with their guns, watching from the cover and concealment of windows (or with a security system), so they could assess whether they needed to stop arsonists outside the house. You can’t just assume things will eventually go to arson if there’s no evidence of that.
- Once outside, they were just one thrown brick or bottle away from getting knocked down, rushed, and trampled.
- Don’t forget that the threat of getting shot in that situation is real, too.

### 3. They Pointed Guns Too Early

Mark claims the crowd made threats, but he and Patricia started sweeping the crowd with their gun barrels the moment they came outside.

- In many states, this would be the crime of menacing or brandishing.
- This action is what gave the prosecutor grounds to harass the couple. We may not like it, but that’s a legal reality.

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