



SIGHT SHOOTING - A RECIPE FOR DEATH



Sight Shooting advocates say a shooter is responsible for every shot taken, so the sights must be used to assure a hit. And there are tons of video clips and photos on the web showing Sight Shooting being used. Also, if one wants to hit a target at 10 yards or beyond, the use of the sights is mandatory.

Both statements are true, but there is a rub; and it's that neither statement is applicable to most all real life or death self defense situations.

Armed attacks and robberies don't happen from across the street. Most all happen at less than 21 feet, wherein there is the greatest chance of being shot and or killed. And they are dynamic events which last only a few seconds. So, there just won't be time to meet the must-be-met requirements of Sight Shooting, taking a proper marksmanship stance and grip, aligning the sights on the target, using controlled breathing, and squeezing the trigger until the shot breaks.

Also, poor to bad lighting can prevent one from seeing the sights. And, near vision, which is needed to see the sights, can be lost due to the **automatic and unstoppable activation of our fight or flight response that occurs in those situations.**



The above pic is from the US Marine Corps 2003 Pistol Manual, and shows the M9 gun sights. Trying to align them, along with meeting the other must-be-met requirements of Sight Shooting, in a dynamic situation like the one depicted above, would be most difficult if not impossible.

Now, there are those who say that they have been in gunfights, and that they have used their sights. For myself, I have never seen pics or videos of Sight Shooting being used successfully in real close quarters gunfights. And there should be thousands of pics or videos since Sight Shooting has been taught for over 100 years. But they are rarer than hen's teeth. [This is a link to an article on the effective use of Sight Shooting in close quarters gunfights.](#)

The bottom line is that per the stats, pics, and videos, trying to use Sight Shooting: taking a proper stance and grip, aligning the sights on a target, using controlled breathing, and squeezing the trigger until each shot breaks, is a recipe for death in close quarters armed encounters unless you have lady luck riding on your shoulder.

If you have a gun for self defense, and you don't know how to shoot accurately at close quarters using an alternative shooting method, you are setting yourself up to be killed should you ever be in a close quarters life threat situation. On a positive note, they actually are rare bird occurrences, so the chance of you ever being in one is slim to none. But, **they do happen.**

Below is the series of pics from the gif-clip above, which show what happened in that real life threat situation. In the gif-clip, each pic is shown for 1.5 seconds to allow the viewer to capture what is happening. So, the total elapsed time from start to finish is 13.5 seconds. And that is 10 seconds longer than the actual elapsed time of the incident.

The actual elapsed time of the incident, from the time the shooter approaches the target, to the end of the incident, is only 3.5 seconds. A whole lot happens in not much more time than it takes for a few blinks of the eye. And meeting the must-be-met marksmanship requirements of Sight Shooting given the limited time available and the dynamic nature of the incident, would be out of the question.

In the first pic, we see a speaker, and there is a guard standing to the rear.



The shooter is moving towards the speaker, and the speaker looks in her direction.



The shooter comes into view. Note that her pistol is pointing down indicating that she has a crush grip on her gun just as [Applegate](#) said happens in real gunfight situations.



She shoots, and the shot is low.



She continues to move forward and those in front of her try to escape the scene. Note that the guard has now drawn his gun and is moving to confront her. And he is holding his gun in what looks to be a two handed isosceles grip.



She fires again, and the guard has moved behind her and is blocked from view.



The guard fires as indicated by the cloud of smoke.



She immediately begins to fall, and turns and looks towards the guard whose gun is below eye level. She then moves her gun in his direction as she continues to fall, but she does not shoot again.



The guard points his gun down at her. The incident is over. 3.5 seconds have elapsed.



As to the guard using an isosceles grip/stance, here's what the US Army says about shooting that way at less than 15 feet (in its 2003 combat pistol manual). "Using a two-hand grip, the firer brings the weapon up close to the body until it reaches chin level. He then thrusts it forward until both arms are straight....and the trigger is smoothly squeezed to the rear as the elbows straighten."

That style of aimed Point Shooting can be learned with little or no training and maintained with minimal practice. But it will not happen by magic when needed most. One has to know about it, and learn how to do it. That is also true with [P&S](#), [FAS](#), and [pistol Quick Kill](#), which are other types of aimed Point Shooting.

What is defaulted to in close quarters gunfights by those who have been trained in Sight Shooting, and who are not versed in Point Shooting, is spray and pray shooting with its recognized, and long standing, and abysmal hit rate of less than 20%.

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