


After reading through the textbook, I decided that I will be speaking about self-defense. It's a topic not many people know how to go about when it comes to understanding it through the law. Self defense is the use of force to protect yourself in certain situations. You can't just go out here killing people just because you feel threatened, there's limitations that apply that vary state by state.

Self defense can be broken into four subcategories: last resort, proportionality, reasonable belief, and nonaggressor. Last resort means you cannot use self defense unless you've tried every other option, even if that means retreating the situation. Proportionality means the amount of force you use. Deadly weapons can only be used when the individual completely feels that can be killed or seriously harmed. Reasonable belief means the individual believes they are in immediate danger. Meaning self defense can be applied if the victim feels they are going to die or get hurt and nothing else can get them out of it. And lastly we have Nonaggressor, this is when you cannot claim self defense if you started the situation or both parties mutually agreed.

For my media topic I will be speaking on behalf of the famous rapper DaBaby also known as Johnathan Kirk. DaBaby is known of course for his music but the thing that really got his name buzzing was the fact he got away for shooting and killing a man in Walmart and also shooting a man that was on his property. But to keep this paper short I'm going to speak on just the shooting that was on his property. In April of 2022, DaBaby shot a man that was trespassing on his property. With his niece and nephew inside the home dababy was hearing noises outside his house. He proceeds to grab his gun and talk a walk around his property. He notices a man trying to get inside his home and fires his weapon, hitting the suspect in his leg. The man suffered non-life threatening injuries and was shortly arrested after being in the hospital for a few days as the identified suspect was not a guest of DaBaby or living in the homes in the neighborhood.

DaBaby wins this case and claims self defense in the court case. This in my opinion seemed to be a reasonable belief. His niece and nephew were in the home and an intruder was trying to

break in, not knowing the intentions of the intruder DaBaby took matters into his own hands to protect him and his family. Self defense is one of the weirdest cases as it can go so many ways just because of the rules and how they vary state by state. But DaBaby did what he had to do and won the case!

Media:  1 person shot at DaBaby's home in Troutman, North Carolina