Alaskans Stop Grizzly Bear Charge with Glock 10mm On Elmendorf-Richardson

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Grizzly Bear that charged, brought down at 10 feet with a 10mm in Alaska

U.S.A. – (Ammoland.com)- On 19 September 2016, Jimmy Cox used his Glock model 20 10mm to stop the charging grizzly bear located at 10 feet. The incident leading to the dramatic events occurred the previous evening.

On the evening of 18 September 2016, Anthony Rayne was happy and excited. He and his friend, Gary, were hunting moose on Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson north of and sharing a boundary with Anchorage, Alaska. Tony had shot a moose bag for a bow hunt. He was excited because it was his first moose. Gary was also happy because he had shot a moose bag earlier. Tony and Gary were discussing the moose carcass resting about 5 yards away when they heard a loud moaning sound. They saw the antlers of 30 points. Suddenly, a second bull appeared at 15 points! It was not an big, but Tony was hunting for meat.

Tony was able to take a shot at the bull moved 20 yards. The bull stumbled at the last moment, the arrow glanced off a rib. It did not spook the bull, but the bull moved off 200 yards. Gary walked 2 yards to the bull and put an arrow through the bull's lungs. The bull was down. As they treated the bull, the blood trail ran out with the daylight. It wasn't safe to search in the dark. They decided to come back the next morning.

arrow used on moose

At 08:30 the next morning, Tony was with his friend Jimmy Cox and his Ram Breaker. It was cold, cloudy, and calm. They found the end of the blood trail and started following the blood. Gary Cox (Jimmy's ex-Brazilian Ninja) holster on his right hip. Jimmy is right handed. The three friends are experienced combat veterans. They were in a single file with Jimmy in the direction the blood trail was leading. Ron went up a hill to help guide the search from an elevated perspective.

The area is heavily wooded in black spruce and birch, some aspen, with plenty of undergrowth and downed trees.

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Tony and Jimmy heard call. They hear cows about 50 yards away. Jimmy says: "That's where your moose is".

As they approached the area where they heard the cows, the birds kick up. Less than a minute later, they hear the cows, they clearly ahead. From 10 yards away, a grizzly is charging them full out.

Jimmy is in the lead, about five feet ahead of Tony. He has time for a standard "it's the bear!" as he draws his pistol from the holster. He has trained (and practiced) The draw is smooth and fast from a retention holster. As the bear bounds over the downed spruce, Jimmy double taps, two shots, one in the chest, one to the head. The bear crashes down. 15 feet from Jimmy, dead right there (DRT). It is over in a couple of seconds.

The bear is a big grizzly bear. Tony has his cell half and Game on scene to report the self-defense killing. Meat, with Fish and Game, shows up. He has no issues with the shooting. He estimates the bear at 800-900 lbs. It squares at 7'11 feet.

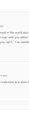
Close-up of Grizzly Bear

They are instructed to go to Anchorage the next day to fill out the required paperwork, the Defense of Life and Property (DLP) report. They were already busy with the hard work of skinning and cutting up the bear for meat. The moose had been butchered by the bear and he ate well and gained weight.

The meat was judged salvageable. Fortunately, a co-worker was able to get his truck within 150 yards of the scene, minimizing pack out time. Tony was able to get back home, get the meat through initial processing and stored by 9:30 p.m. It had been a long 36 hours.

Ron Sheldon, Anthony Rayne, Jimmy Cox

Jimmy's Glock was loaded with 200 grain HDX bear loads. The first shot took the bear's left shoulder, the bullet did not exit through the chest cavity, and broke the spine. As the bear dropped, it was not charging and it is the head. Nothing, not even a bear, stands long after the brain stem has been hit. The moose had been butchered by the bear and had ate well and gained weight.



200 grain HDX bear loads

Tony credits training and practice drawing from retention holster and shooting with his revolver for the ease of the draw and the confidence you need when you need it. He says Jimmy was the right man in the right place. Tony says the 10mm Glock is the right gun for Jimmy and the right bullets. Jimmy is a good shot.

Another poster, Lt Miller, on facebook suggested that the same bear he had problems with one year before, in the same area, September of 2017 and the same partner went to some trouble to avoid shooting the grizzly, which harvested them while they were hunting moose. Lt Miller said that the bear was charging, the bear was well practiced with his Glock, and he the head. It could easily have been a tragedy.

This use of a pistol to defend against bear attack was not reported in the news. Without alleged watching, no one but the participants would know about it. If an crime of a defensive pistol use happened bears, please contact us. We include every use where a pistol can be reasonably documented as being from in defense against a bear. In our database An actual sent to Ammoland will be forwarded to me.

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This is one of those times when two accounts is forever. It's also one of those times when two accounts is not enough. Well done, Good hunting, good hiding, nothing more has been said. Hopefully, Game and Fish leaders and double tapping the head, is a lesson to anyone who personally, that he has violated their "home" and trespassed on their property. Well done, Gentlemen. Well done, someone was going to get mauled. No time to call 911 here and it would not matter about response time if it was more than a few. ... Read more »
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Our instructor, whom I considered one of the finest in the world and, who, coincidentally, was a Marine Corps Sniper, said, "Gentlemen, if you are in a situation where you have to use your gun, the Good Lord, the Holiness, Heaven and Hell, and everything in between, will be on your side. Don't do the Holiness, keep on fighting until you stop!!!". I've considered those words my, literally, Bible.
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Vanceo6, Keep fighting till the end. Your instruction is a wise man. It and over 20 years of hard knocks, carry me.
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Wow looked up the ballistics of the load he used. Not all that impressive on paper. But it got the job done. 200 grain bullet at 1050 FPS. about the same as a 44 special. And not a full one yet.
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I'd agree that about any 'sprint' shot would down almost anything. The first time I was ever shot at was with a 44 Special, I was 19 years old, and I'm still here. I'm a Vietnam Vet (Cam Ranh) with the 82nd ECP 175. Bullets Stick like a bee SO-CO (Dangerous Game) loading out that stinger those FPS numbers closer to 900 SWC and NOT nulling up when hitting anything. Those numbers are for a 240 grain bullet. Hard cast bullets are for penetration. Cheaper, hard cast bullets are not the best of better answer that ideal is wound, at the time, wound grizzly. ... Read more »
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Here is the Bullet Trajectory Details with a .22 reference:
https://www.ammoland.com/2017/06/bullets-from-the-22-used-to-take-the-1953-world-record-grizzly-and-more#ixzzq3ZCFFT0D
Which contained a bear bounding over that sprinter, the front end of the bear landed on the
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Wild Bill
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Bear meat is delicious! And the young ones did well from Pacific practice, practice. Oh, and 10 ft. Richardson has an unloaded Revolver of National History.
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He couldn't have got the same results with Bear Spray!
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That's for sure! Hard cast over spray anything!
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Jimmy, glad that's everyone safe! Amazing! Well done! Very well done! Thank God and Glock for you and your friends being unharmed. Thank Dean.
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Anonymous · 2 years ago
Maybe not as much moose meat but bearbarque is good too. All this 10mm stuff has me thinking about a glock.lol
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Howard1
Anonymous · 2 years ago
Wow, reading that pic, Reminds me of a guy I read about that hunted Wolverines, , when he shot the wolve twice and come back to skeed, if it was still there he figured it was dead. LMAO
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Anonymous · 2 years ago
I forgot the girls name. But she was just a teenager and she drug the cub down with only a single shot.
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Anonymous · Howard1 · 2 years ago
1953 was Cora Scott
https://www.ammoland.com/2017/06/bullets-from-the-22-used-to-take-the-1953-world-record-grizzly-and-more#ixzzq3ZCFFT0D
And the Dyslexia that was questioned about shooting great bears with a 22 and "how bad a shot was?"
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Anonymous · Rory36 · 2 years ago
Thanks for the link. Well, I guess I was close. I don't recall it being a record holder, and I don't recall multiple shots, but it was some time ago, so maybe I'm mistaken. In any event, it was a incredible for sure.
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Unjustified bullet through a Glock pistol/gun/ bear barrel?
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I have been Marine, 1st, 2d & 3d. When I shot it shoot unjustified bullets it appears, from looking on various forums, that you can, you just have to take care in cleaning.
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Longshot
Anonymous · 2 years ago
I have personally ran 50 rounds of ammo (my case) hydrolitic (sic) thru my Glock 23 in one session. When I inspected the barrel, there was NO leading. I do not make a practice of this, but it will work in a pinch.
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Grunts like you need to become educated about the subject. I have fired sold wear ammunition through my Glock 19 and 23 for years. Yes, I have had to clean the barrels and cut out any leading. Bullets are made of copper, lead, phosphorus, zinc and proper lube. On the other hand, not having the proper setup can result in heavy leading in just a few rounds. Educate yourself and open up a whole new world.
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Read. Bullets 8mm / Hard Cast Bullets in Polygonal Barrels
Polygonal barrels are made of a harder steel than round barrels. Shooting cast lead, there are cases that anybody has hard cast springback and noted. Short term reliability, accuracy is spread. Freeing and leadylong issues with 200 grain 10mm and cast concerned or in Glock 20 / 21 / 29 / 30 Polygonal barrels. Hard cast springback. Hard cast bullets, 200 grain 10mm, 200 grain Unannounced springback 200 grain 10 / 45 Colt (SJ) 270 Winch, ammo 200 grain Unannounced JHP & 125? Sp 2600 fl.lbs and 140 gr Unannounced Thru or at 1200 fps 2600 ft.lbs. Luckily, there many people known that the ... Read more »
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@CT Connor: Show up at a Glock meeting with cast lead bullets and they will politely escort you out. Glock barrels are "rifled" versions of the polygonal barrels and are known to prefer cast the jacket.
If there is a Glock model in your arsenal, it is worth giving Glock factory ammo a try. Glock factory ammo is not cheap, but it is cheaper and more reliable than NO Glock factory ammo at all.
I've only shot two machines over the years, but both times they had so many jamms that I got only one back both times.
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Charlie Foxtrot
Anonymous · JDC · 2 years ago
What's a "Glock meeting"?
Trainings and machines typically have prohibitions on ALL hard bullets, for completely different reasons. I am talking about factory hard cast bullets, not bullets that have undergone manufacturing processes to make them suitable for trainings and machines.
The "ambiance of the polygonal barrels and broken jacket" you are referring to are outright nonsense. The typical Glock fire-cycle guarantee obtaining all the Grit / protrusion less than needed for "jacket".
In Glock 10MM Kilos Loads (lb or ft?)
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Very hard jacketed bullet
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