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Subject: Re: RIP charleston heston  
Posted by [Goztow](#) on Sat, 26 Apr 2008 15:18:05 GMT  
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cheesesoda wrote on Sat, 26 April 2008 16:13 Okay, so Goztow, you support people having alarm systems, instead?

Okay, let's compare pricing:

For a watered down alarm system: \$112  
10 shot .40 S&W pistol: \$146

There were guns on that site for < \$100, but I really wouldn't feel safe wielding one of them. Though, I'd probably feel safer with a \$99 pistol than a \$112 alarm system.

Capabilities:

Now, what can you do with that shitty alarm system? Well, hope that it actually works because it doesn't look like it could protect your whole house. I don't know if it comes with stickers or not, which would help it, but it doesn't look like it.

What can you do with that \$34 more pistol (or even the \$13 cheaper)? You can protect your entire home with the pistol because it's mobile enough that you can grab it and hide (or confront the intruder). You can take the gun outside of your home (granting you can and do have a CCW permit) and protect you when you're on the go. You can use the gun for recreational purposes which, to me, would be fun.

Now the drawbacks to both of these available systems is that if you're away from your house, the protection is pretty much useless. Thankfully, you CAN have home security monitoring services and a better security system, but that's going to cost you considerably more, and if you do have a monitoring system, it'll cost you monthly. In America (at least), you can get ADT which looks to range from \$36 to \$49 dollars a month. As the monthly cost goes down, the installation cost goes up, too.

Even then, the ADT system doesn't provide you with mobile protection or the recreational abilities of a gun.

The logical thing for me would seem to be to purchase a gun.

Considering most people get burglaried when they're NOT at home, I'd say your home security system would do a much better job than your pistol. Maybe they'll just steal your weapon as well, if u keep it in your bedroom and you're not at home?

Yes: a half decent security system with movement detectors will cost you a bit more to get it. But it mostly has a preventive value! Most burglars just don't attack houses with a decent security system. Unless you have a picasso hanging in your living room, which I doubt.

If you don't have one but you have a gun instead and you're at home when they come in and you wake up, then you'll still have to pay for repairing your door / window they broke. You won't do that

for 100 \$ unless u had very friendly and professional burglars . You'll have to change all your locks because they could have taken a key. Well, unless you managed to shoot him down ofcourse. But then he might go in trial because as far as I know u can only shoot if he's threatening you.

You're right about mobility. But if you get burglarred in the road, you'll probably not have the time to draw your weapon unless you're a cow boy who has it in his pocket. Most people will attack you by surprise which has the advantage of you being knocked out before you're able to do anything.

Edit: as for prices: you also need to take in account your firing training lessons at a fire range ofcourse. Though that could also be seen as something recreational.

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