

Ex-Marine takes down two robbers in Fla.

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PLANTATION, Fla. - A 71-year-old ex-Marine took down two would-be thieves at a sandwich shop in Plantation, Fla., after they attempted to rob him in the bathroom.

Fearing for his life the man opened fired on the two suspects Wednesday night, killing one and critically wounding the other, The Miami Herald reported.

Plantation police reported that two masked gunmen entered the shop while the Marine, the only patron in the store, was finishing his meal.

They then allegedly robbed the cashier before attempting to shove the ex-Marine into a bathroom and rob him as well.

He gave them his money before pulling out his handgun and shooting one of them in the head and chest and the other in the head, the Herald said.

Both of the suspects were taken to the hospital, where one of them died and the other remains in critical condition.

Detective Robert Rettig of the Plantation Police Department said the ex-Marine is not expected to be charged.

"He was in fear for his life," Rettig said.

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