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US citizen arrested in Chile after shooting protestors, claiming self-defense

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John Cobin 11.072 visitas



US citizen and free-market enthusiast **John Cobin was arrested** Sunday after shooting protestors in Reñaca (central Chile) amid the ongoing unrest that has rocked the country since 18 October.

One person was injured.

The Government announced that it would file a lawsuit against the 56-year-old Californian economist, who will face charges.

Mr Cobin **posted a video** on his Youtube account to explain the incident and to state that he did not do anything wrong.

“I was in fear for my life today when I went down to the gun range to shoot the gun I legally hold with a transporting license I legally have in Chile”, he started.



“When I was going into downtown Reñaca, I swung by the beach and as I did so **my car was surrounded by a mob** of people and they started shaking the car when I drove through them carefully. I did not go faster, run anybody over, but I wasn't going to stay and let them do something to my pick-up truck”, Cobin added.

“In order **to defend myself**, I took my gun out and loaded it (...) and prepared myself for being assaulted. I don't remember all the circumstances exactly, but I had to actually fire two shots at first before they all started coming running after me when I had to stop again

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and shot twice, again.”

“I accidentally, apparently, hit somebody in the thigh. A man, I don’t know who that is. Now the police are telling me I have to be at fear of my own life”, he added.

Later, Cobin said he hoped lawyers could plead his case in court, even though **he firmly believed his actions should not condemned.**

“I did not do anything wrong. I legally have the rights to carry my gun with me. I was in my car and they attacked me”, he said.

Nevertheless, unlike the US, civilians in Chile cannot take their registered guns to the street, as police are the only ones allowed to do so.

According to witnesses, Cobin refused to descend from the vehicle and **dance in front of protestors** in a trend that has spread throughout the country: “el que baila pasa”.

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Cobin is a highly controversial figure. In 2013, in an article posted by [The Clinic](#), he called himself “the most neoliberal person in Chile”. In fact, he moved his family to Chile chasing lower taxes.

He also praised Augusto Pinochet’s legacy, the dictator who ruled Chile with an iron fist from 1973 to 1990, and highlighted the economic reforms introduced by the “Chicago Boys”, the same initiatives currently criticised by Chileans.



UPDATE: Cobin will spend 90 days in police custody.

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