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**Man, 82, Arrested for Stockpiling Weapons; 'Gimme a Minute'; Tom Cruise Starts Debate over Postpartum Depression**

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(excerpt from transcript)

COSTELLO: In the news this morning also, an 82-year-old man has been arrested for keeping an enormous stockpile of guns and ammunition. New Jersey police stumbled onto the arsenal when they brought his wife, who suffers from Alzheimer's, back to the couple's home.

Mary Snow has more for you.

(BEGIN VIDEOTAPE)

MARY SNOW, CNN CORRESPONDENT (voice-over): For decades even police in this town knew this as the home of **Doc Raymond**, as they call him, and his wife, known to be very quiet. So it came as a shock to both residents and police when officers say they discovered an arsenal of weapons.

DET. ROBERT WILLIAMS, RIDGEFIELD, N.J., POLICE: The first time we went into the house, it was amazing. The guns were stacked everywhere. The guns in the basement, you could hardly move through.

SNOW: Police say they found nearly 500 guns, from handguns to AK-47s, from guns in books to guns in the attic. They say over 100,000 rounds of ammunition was found, along with 800 pounds of black gun powder. The National Guard was called in to help remove it, and police arrested **82-year-old Sherwin Raymond** but still have more questions than answers.

CHIEF JOHN BOGAVOCH, RIDGEFIELD, N.J., POLICE: We believe at this point in time that he was just an

obsessive gun collector. It went beyond just being an avid gun collector to an obsession.

SNOW: Police are investigating how he obtained the guns, since he has a record. Authorities say in 1975, he pled guilty to having an unregistered machine gun. In the 1960s, according to investigators, Raymond served three years in prison for performing what was at that time illegal abortions.

Raymond is now charged with creating a hazardous situation. Police say he stored hundreds of pounds of ammunition in the garage.

BOGAVOCH: If there ever would have been a fire there, there would have -- there would have been deaths.

BUZ ILCH, DAYCARE CENTER DIRECTOR: I'm just shocked that someone would stockpile all this in their home.

SNOW: Buz Ilch runs a daycare center across the street. For him and other long-time residents like Detective Williams, this quiet street will never be the same.

WILLIAMS: Prior to Monday, I thought he was a nice old guy. After seeing the condition it was, no responsible person would store the ammunition, the guns, the black powder, the way he did.

SNOW: The sheriff's department says that Sherwin Raymond posted \$25,000 bond. But attempts to reach him were unsuccessful.

(on camera) Police say that he was in the hospital undergoing dialysis and that he did not ask to have an attorney represent him.

Mary Snow, CNN, New York.