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The third question of Fatwa no. 12842:

Q 3: One night, a man broke into my house. I had no idea what he wanted. So, I chased him and threw an axe at him. He fell to the ground, and 2,000 Riyals fell from his pocket. The man then ran away. Given that I know him; can I take this money in return for his attack on my house? Please advise, may Allah reward you.

A: You should return the money to its owner. May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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