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United States v. Haydel, 649 F.2d 1152, 1157 (5th Cir.), corrected, 664 F.2d 84 (1981), cert. denied, 455 U.S. 1022, 102 S.Ct. 1721, 72 L.Ed.2d 140 (1982). The warrant in this case satisfied these requirements and cannot be said to have limited the authorized search to only the individual office of Carlos Cantu.

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For the reasons stated herein, the judgment of the district court is AFFIRMED.



Dawn MUZYKA, Plaintiff-Appellant,

REMINGTON ARMS CO., INC., Defendant-Appellee.

No. 84-1212.

United States Court of Appeals, Fifth Circuit.

Oct. 25, 1985.

A diversity jurisdiction strict liability suit was brought seeking recovery from rifle manufacturer for the injuries plaintiff sustained when magazine-fed bolt-action rifle discharged while plaintiff's stepfather was attempting to unload it. The United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, at Waco, Lucius Desha Bunton, III, J., entered judgment for manufacturer, denied plaintiff's motion for new tri-

al, and she appealed. The Court of Appeals, Politz, Circuit Judge, held that evidence of a design change made by manufacturer a few months after the accident should have been admitted for impeachment purposes, and such error was not harmless.

Vacated and remanded.

Gee, Circuit Judge, filed a dissenting opinion.

1. Federal Courts ←903 Weapons ←18(2)

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In strict liability suit seeking recovery from rifle manufacturer for injuries plaintiff sustained when bolt-action rifle discharged while her stepfather was attempting to unload it, trial court was correct in originally excluding evidence that manufacturer made a design change a few months after the accident, so that the rifle then could be unloaded with its safety on; however, in light of posture of the defense at trial, and manner in which evidence unfolded, especially in light of defense counsel's opening statement and closing argument, the court committed prejudicial error in not admitting evidence of the design change for impeachment purposes. Fed.Rules Evid.Rule 407, 28 U.S.C.A.

2. Federal Courts ←893

On appellate review, Court of Appeals will reverse district court for an error in an evidentiary ruling only if a substantial right of a party is affected. Fed.Rules Evid.Rule 103(a), 28 U.S.C.A.; Fed.Rules Civ.Proc. Rule 61, 28 U.S.C.A.

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Before GEE, POLITZ and WILLIAMS, Circuit Judges.