

I am writing to inform you of an incident that occurred recently, and to ask for your assistance.

On December 16,1982 while hunting whitetail deer in South Texas, I witnessed a very unfortunate happening. While hunting with a group of men, I witnessed the accidental firing of two different Remington 700 ADL rifles (.243& .270). Both rifles were in good working order, and in both cases the triggers were not touched.

The first incident occurred when Jim Cox, a hunting companion, fired a shot at a deer. After firing the .243, he ejected the brass cartridge and closed the bolt. The gun fired! In amazement, he ejected the second shell, closed the bolt, and again the gun fired. I was standing directly beside Jim and witnessed the whole thing. Since we were afraid to use the rifle again, we put it away.

Approximately 30 minutes later, I also fired at a deer and when I chambered a new round, my .270 fired. This time Jim Cox was only a few feet to my right (he also witness the mishap). I am an experience hunter and can assure that my finger was outside the trigger guard. While no one was injured in either incident, all members of the party are very concerned, especially since other members of the hunting party also hunt with 700 ADL's.

It should also be noted that both guns in question are good to excellent condition, and were free from excessive dust or dirt. The triggers on both rifles have not been adjusted and have a "hard pull".

The .243 (#624179) is owned by John P. Scott, III. It was purchased in November 1969, and has had only 4 or 5 boxes of shells fired through it. The .270 (#A6293142) is owned by Bob Spain, was purchased approximately 6 years ago, and has had less than 6 boxes of shells fired through it.

Since both John and I (as well as other members of our hunting party) are very concerned about hunting with our rifles until