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I own a Remington Model 700 A&L Ser. No. 9973 which I purchased over 17 years ago. It has been shot very little as I use it for deer hunting only, less than 200 rounds.

About four years ago this rifle accidentally discharged when the safety was released prior to unloading. The rifle was barrel down in a pickup truck and was not in my hands, the trigger was not touched or bumped. I have went over this incident many times with other hunters who were present, and they agree that this was the case. The weather was cold that day with freezing rain. My son-in-law lost an eye, from flying debris, in this accident.

I promptly took this rifle to a local gun smith, who informed me he could not find any defect or any other reasons for a malfunction. At this point, I loaded the rifle with blanks and tried every way I could imagine to cause it to fire again, it did not.

I have not used this rifle since the accident, nor have I went deer hunting. This year I decided I would go again, so I purchased a deer permit. However, as deer season approaches, I find myself reluctant to use this rifle. I am also reluctant to sell or trade this rifle for fear the same thing could happen to someone else.

I have been hunting since I was 10 years old, 38 years, and this is the only accident involving a firearm I have ever had.

I would appreciate any advice or information you could give that would help in this matter. This is a very expensive rifle to be left to gather dust.