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Remington Arms Company
Arms Service Division
Attn: Jim Stekl
Elion, N.Y. 13357

Re: Model 700
Ser. no. 359092
30-06 cal.

Dear Mr. Stekl:

Mr. Dennis Sanita asked me to send this gun and letter direct to your attention.

This gun has fired three separate times now as the safety was released. The first time I wondered if my finger was near the trigger but I was certain it was not. The second time it happened, I was unloading it and pushed the safety lever forward so I could unload it and the gun fired as the safety went forward. My finger was no where near the trigger.

The last time was the most frightening. After being on tree stand in the evening I put my gun in its leather case loaded and placed it across the front seats of my chevrolet blazer. Before going to bed however, I realized the gun should be unloaded. I opened the door on the driver's side of the car, moved the gun case out the door with the front of the case still laying on the drivers seat. I unzipped the case and without touching anything near the trigger I released the safety. The gun fired and the bullet blew out the end of the case, passed through both seats, went through the passenger side door, coming out in 3 holes and leaving 5 large indentations also on the outside of the door. The largest pieces of the bullet then punctured in three places the left rear tire of my hunting buggy which was parked next to the blazer. The tires on this buggy are 40" airplane tires and the side walls are 1" thick. The most frightening thing was that my kids were asleep in a tent just a few feet on the other side of the buggy perfectly in line with the bullet path.

This was the first time ever I had unloaded a gun without pointing in towards the sky. Something is definitely wrong with the trigger-safety mechanism in this gun. I suspect a problem such as you had with the model 600 rifles.

Mr. Sanita said to include a list of damages with the gun and you would inspect, repair or replace the gun and re-imburse me for the damages caused by this incident. The seal has never been broken on the trigger assembly. The only time the gun has ever been in a shop was to have a scope and recoil pad mounted. I can never trust this gun again.

I have always used Remington products. I also have 2 other model 700s in 243 cal. for my 2 sons. I also have 2 model 1100 shotguns, and 2 model 870 pump shotguns. Now I am worried about the 243s my sons have. Do they have the same trigger-safety mechanism? They look the same from as much as I can see. We will not use them again until I am certain they are safe.