

Febr. 8, 1979

Remington Arms Division  
c/o E.F. Sienkiewicz  
Ilion, New York 13357

Attn: Mr. Sienkiewicz:

Re: 243 rifle belonging to Thelma Simonson:

Dear Sir:

My husband informs me that you requested a description of the incident I had with my 243 rifle. We had been deer hunting and the weather was very cold and windy. When we returned to our truck, to escape the cold weather, I decided to unload my rifle inside the pickup. I sat down on the passenger side of the truck, laid the gun on my lap. I held the barrel with my left hand and using my right hand I took it off of safe. Again, using my right hand I took a hold of the bolt, ( little finger downward and thumb and pointer finger upward) I cupped the bolt and began to bring it back to eject the shell. I did not pull the bolt completely back before it discharged. I am not sure how far I pulled it back, but I would say probably one half of the way. With my right hand on the bolt as I discribed and my left hand holding the barrel, there was no way that I was anywhere close to the trigger. The bullet went thru the dash of the pickup ( completely demolishing it and leaving three holes in the left hand side of the truck. This was a frightening experience for me and I really don't want to use the gun again. To the best of my knowledge this is what happened. I am just grateful that no one was injured.

Sincerely,

*Thelma Simonson*

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*(old trigger hunting  
in snow)*