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To Whom It May Concern:

Please find enclosed two (2) Remington 700 rifles (Ser# G6219637 & Ser# G621479). The weapons are property of the Dane County Sheriff, and are assigned to the Tactical Response Team's Sniper Unit (S.W.A.T.).

The weapons were returned to me for repair. After talking to your customer services representative by phone, I was advised to return the weapons to you for repair. The team leader/Sgt, reports the following problems.

Ser# G6219637: The bolt was stuck in the weapon and would not unlock, and could not be moved at all. They also report one incident of the weapon firing when the bolt is run forward and moved into the locked position (reported that when the weapon fired there was nothing touching the trigger).

Action taken: I cleaned the bolt stop & safety switch assembly. This freed up the bolt, and it seems to work fine now. I was NOT able to reproduce the unwanted discharge.

Ser# G6219479: This weapon was reported to have had two unwanted discharges. In both cases the report is that the shooters were not touching the trigger. They moved the bolt forward and then into the locked position. The instant the bolt locked, the weapon fired without touching the trigger.

Action Taken: I attempted to reproduce the problem, but was not able to do so.

Additional Unwanted Discharge info: The three unwanted discharges took place with three different shooters (one each). They took place on different dates. All three shooters were using Federal GM308M 308 Win Match BTHP factory ammo (No reloads are used or involved). At least one incident the team Sgt. was reported to be watching the shooter and states there was nothing touching the trigger when the weapon fired.

Please examine and repair the two rifles, and return them to me in the provided hard cases at the address below. Please feel free to call or e-mail me with any questions. Both weapons are needed ASAP as the team is using a standby/loaner weapon until these two weapon return.

Respectfully

Deputy III James R Hitt - Dept. Armorer

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