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To Whom it may Concern;

While on a hunting trip to Anticosta Island I had a problem with this rifle that ruined the whole trip. Before leaving to start the hunt I was required to fire my weapon to insure that the scope hadn't been bumped on the flight to the island. After I shot I had a difficult time putting the safety to the safe position. It didn't seem to want to move, after some time it finally clicked into position. This didn't seem to be a major problem until a couple hours later when a nice buck stepped into a clearing 60 yards away. When I flipped the safety to the fire position the gun discharged. I was quite upset when the deer ran off.

I chambered another shell, and continued with the hunt, spitting and sputtering to myself. Later that same day when I saw another deer in the clearing I raised my rifle to fire and nothing happened. I thought that I hadn't chambered another round, so I did it again. Once again I raised my rifle and again nothing happened when I squeezed the trigger. This time I watched the bolt as I chambered another round and I noticed that the bolt was starting to cock until I turned it down to lock when it would release. I flipped my safety back to the safe position and chambered yet another round.

this time I noticed that the bolt fully cocked. By this time the deer had disappeared into the woods. After a while of contemplating what to do, I decided to take a chance. I aimed at a large hemlock tree and as I released the safety the gun discharged AGAIN.

This whole adventure needless to say ruined the whole trip which was 4 years of planning and well over \$2000.00. I am very disappointed in this weapon and now don't trust it at all. I have 4 other Remington bolt action rifles, one of which is another Model 700 BDL, and now I find myself wondering if the same thing will happen to these firearms.

I truly hope there is something that can be done to make sure this doesn't happen again on such an expensive venture.

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PS After working the action & safety upon return it seemed to be working fine, but now it is to late.