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Dr. Mr. Kast

I would like to thank you for your help in the investigation of why my Remington Model 700 222 caliber rifle mis-fired when I raised the bolt to unload the rifle.

On November 23, 1994 at 3:30PM my son Michael was helping me take my rifle off the 4-wheeler he was fixing to ride. The rifle was in a plastic gun boot attached to the 4-wheeler. Michael had taken the 2 wing nuts off the gun boot to remove it, when I remembered there was a bullet still in the chamber. Michael was holding the gun boot in his hands with the barrel pointed down toward the ground. I had pulled the butt end of the rifle out of the gun boot to unload the bullet out of the chamber. The bolt and trigger area of the rifle was clear of the gun boot. When I removed the rifle off safety to the fire position, I then started to raise the bolt upwards on the rifle when it fired. The bullet went thru the barrel end of the gun boot and then thru Michael's right boot and foot. I've attached some pictures for your records.

Michael was taken to the emergency room. The bullet went thru the joint where the big toe attaches to the foot. The bullet shatter the bone joint on both ends