

P.I. YES GUN EXAMINATION REPORT NUMBER: 99 MODEL: 700 BDL
 GENERAL CONDITION: FAIR R #: 07317
 OUTSIDE WORK: SCOPE MOUNTS AND DATE: 2-27-79
SWIVELS ADDED FROM: WILLIAM R. STREED
PT 2 Box 164
 FIRED AMMO TYPE: NOT KNOWN TERRA, AHA W. VA.
 & CONDITION: _____ GUN #: A6351419
 PROOF: WPEP12 INSP.: 65 TEST: ? CODE: DE-9-76
 HEADING: OK GA./CAL.: 3006
 BREECH OPENING: OK CHECKED BY: M-H2934
 RECOIL SHOULDERS: OK APPROVED: SGT 5/18/79
 CHAMBER: OK APPROVED: REL 5/12/79
 TEST: _____ APPROVED: R.Y.B. 5-18-79
 COMPONENT CONDITION: (Damaged, Broken, Old Style) APPROVED: WAD 5-18-79
STOCK OPEN R-RAIN SLIGHT SCALING
BAR M4A. SOME RUST AND PITTED
 COMPLAINT: RIFLE DISCHARGED WHEN SAFETY WAS PUSHED
FORWARD
 INCIDENT: SHOT HOLE IN DOOR OF FORD BRONCO
 COMMENTS: Unable to duplicate customer complaint.
- Trigger pull 5#
- Gun passes tick test
- Sear engagement adequate

*Resolved per letter
5/29/79
Jed.*

May 23, 1979

Mr. William R. Stresky
Route 2, Box 16A
Terra Alta, West Virginia 26764

Dear Mr. Stresky:

Examination has been completed on your Model 700 30-06 Spgf. caliber rifle, serial number A6351419, which allegedly fired when the safety was pushed to the "fire" position.

Our experts thoroughly examined the rifle and trigger assembly and could not duplicate the incident you have described. All parts tolerances and dimensions were found to be normal, including sear-connector engagement. Also, factory seals were intact on the trigger adjustment screws, indicating no alterations were made to the trigger outside of our Company.

Based on our findings, Remington Arms Company, Inc., cannot accept any liability or responsibility for this incident. We can only assume that as the safety was pushed to the "fire" position, contact was made with the trigger. When the safety is in the "on safe" position, the sear is lifted off of the trigger connector and very little effort is required to pull the trigger rearward unknowingly, thus taking the trigger out from under the sear. If the trigger is held in the rearward position while the safety lever is moved to the "fire" position, the sear having no trigger to rest on drops away from the notch in the striker as soon as the disconnector is moved away by the safety lever, thus causing the striker to move forward and the gun to fire.

This happens so fast that the shooter does not realize he has pulled the trigger and he attributes the "accidental" firing to gun malfunction.

bcc: E.F. Barrett
J.E. Preiser
E.G. Larson
J.H. Chisnall
R.B. Sperling
F.D. Cole

R-07317

May 23, 1979

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We trust that we have clarified the circumstances that could possibly have caused the accidental firing. The firearm can be returned as received, or, if you so desire and as a gesture of good will, even though there is nothing wrong with your present trigger assembly, we can replace it with another assembly at no charge. We will await your decision and reply.

Thank you for having afforded us the opportunity to examine your rifle and to be of service.

Sincerely,

J.A. Stekl, Supervisor
Firearms Product Service

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MAY 17 1979

J. A. STEKL

Route 2, Box 16A,
Terra Alta, W.VA.26764
May 7, 1979

E.F. Sienkiewicz, Supervisor
Remington Arms Company, Inc.
Ilion, New York 13357

Dear Sir:

This letter is being sent to you via registered mail because of a seeming lack of customer relations on the part of your company. As per your letter of January 8, I shipped my rifle to you on January 23 of this year. In March I sent an inquiry as to the findings of your technicians. Although your letter states, "...we will notify you of our findings." I have received nothing, not even a reply to my inquiry.

If it is your intention to keep my rifle I would appreciate a fair market price and compensation for the damage inflicted to my vehicle when the, "...rifle allegedly firing when the safety was released." If, instead, you are intending to return it I would appreciate receiving the rifle as soon as your tests are completed.

I always tell my social studies students to deal with known established companies to ensure quality, workmanship, and service. I hope I have not been deceived by your past reputation.

Sincerely,

William R. Stresky

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bcc: E.G. Larson
E.F. Barrett
J. Preiser
F. Cole

January 8, 1979

*SHIPPED TO MY ATTENTION
1/22/79*

Mr. Wm. R. Stresky
Route 2, Box 16A
Terra Alta, West Virginia 26764

Dear Mr. Stresky:

We are in receipt of your letter dated December 12, 1978 concerning your Model 700 BDL 30-06 caliber rifle allegedly firing when the safety was released. 4635419

The Model 700 is not involved in the recall; however, because of your incident we would like the opportunity to examine your rifle. Please return your rifle via insured and collect transportation to:

Remington Arms Company, Inc.
Attn: Mr. E.F. Sienkiewicz
Ilion, New York 13357

Enclosed for your convenience please find a self-addressed label. Upon receipt, we will have our technicians thoroughly examine the rifle and we will notify you of our findings.

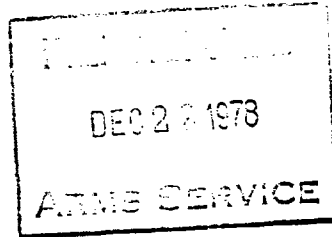
Sincerely,

E.F.S.
E.F. Sienkiewicz, Supervisor
Firearms Product Service

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E. F. SLENKIEWICZ

Route 2, Box 16A,
Terra Alta, W.VA. 26764
December 12, 1978

Gentlemen:

On Saturday, December 2, I was hunting with my Remington 700 BDL 30-.06 caliber rifle, which I purchased new in the fall of 1977. It had been fired 9 times previously. As I returned to my vehicle, I opened the door so that I could eject the 3 shells on to the drivers seat. The safety was on. I pushed the safety forward, and the gun discharged. My 1978 Ford Bronco now has two exit holes in the passenger door where the lead split and exited.

I am positive this mishap was not human error, but instead, mechanical malfunction.

The assistant principal, where I teach, heard that you are recalling these weapons. If that is true, please recall mine and suggest a method to cover the damage my vehicle sustained. I am glad I was hunting alone and in a remote area.

I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

William R. Stresky

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1/22/79

I am in receipt of your letter of 1/18/79. I am mailing my rifle (Ser. No. A635419) under separate cover.

I hope to hear from you at your earliest convenience. Thank you for your interest in my situation.

Sincerely,

Bill Stresky

William R. Stresky

Rte 2, Box 16A

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Route 2, Box 16A
Terra Alta, W. Vir. 26764
June 15, 1979

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MR. STEKL:

JUN 19 1979

J.A. STEKL

I am in receipt of your letter of May 23. I appreciate the time you and your staff have invested in examining my Model 700 BDL 30-06 (Serial No. A6351419).

Although I understand your explanation of "...the circumstances that could possibly have caused the accidental firing," I can not accept them. In that I was alone at the time, I can only assure you that the accident I previously described did, in actuality, occur. I am my own witness, and I am still certain that the gun did - at that time - malfunction. The only consolation I have is that no one (except my vehicle) sustained any damage or injury.

I also appreciate your offer to replace the trigger assembly. If your offer, though, is to placate or otherwise satisfy me you need not replace anything.

The gun has already been sold - since your recent letter, I would never feel safe with the rifle nor any other Remington product. It is not my intention to downgrade your product to anyone else. Simply, I will never own another Remington product until I can be sure I am not endangering my family or myself by owning one.

Sincerely

William R. Stresky

WILLIAM R. STRESKY

DON'T SAY IT—WRITE IT

To F.D. COLE Location _____
From J.A. STEKL Location _____ Phone No. _____
Subject R-07317-M/700 BDL, 30-06 caliber serial number A6351419 Date 6/20/79

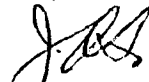
Please replace trigger assembly on this rifle and return to owner:

Mr. Wm. R. Stresky
Route 2, Box 16A
Terra Alta, West Virginia 26764

Please keep old trigger assembly on file for possible future reference.

Please do this as soon as possible.

Thank you.


JAS:tpg

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STOP, LOOK, AND LIVE