

I would also have to question the wisdom of switching off the safety in this situation, what was he intending to do? I was taught that you do not take the safety off a firearm until immediately prior to firing it. Was this man preparing to fire his rifle while seated in a vehicle? If he was engaged in hunting at the time this would be illegal as well as extremely unsafe. This is probably part of the reason that it is illegal! What I believe happened was that the man, prior to switching off the safety of his rifle, had squeezed the trigger of his rifle while the safety was still engaged.

While admittedly rare, this can sometimes result in the firearm discharging when the safety is switched off. This can easily be avoided by following the simple safety rule of not pulling the trigger of any firearm (regardless of its safety features) until you intend to actually shoot something. I am also skeptical about the claim that Remington has documented over 1000 similar incidents. However if this is even close to accurate I would hazard to guess that the majority of these incidents were the result of pulling the trigger when the safety was on. I am sure that those involved in these incidents would disagree with me but then I guess its much easier to blame an inanimate object that cannot contradict your testimony than accept responsibility for ones actions. If that inanimate object just happens