

Minnesota Hunting Incident Report 2005

Run Date of 2/14/2006

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 55
FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE
ACTION: LEVER
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: NO
COUNTY: GRANT
DAY: 11/5/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 48
CASUALTY: FATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY:

VICTIM WAS DEER HUNTING SITTING OVER A HILL FROM SHOOTER. SHOOTER WAS OVER 800 FEET FROM THE VICTIM. VICTIM SHOT TWICE AT A DEER. THE SHOOTER SHOT AT A DEER COMING FROM THE VICTIM'S DIRECTION. THE DEER RAN BETWEEN THE SHOOTER AND VICTIM. SHOOTER THOUGHT DEER HAD PAST WHERE VICTIM WAS SITTING IN LINE OF FIRE. SHOOTER FIRED AT THE DEER 3-4 TIMES SHOOTING VICTIM IN THE LEFT HIP.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 48
FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE
ACTION: LEVER
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: YES
COUNTY: CROW WING
DAY: 11/8/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 40
CASUALTY: FATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

VICTIM AND SHOOTER ARRANGED TO MEET AT A DEER STAND. THE VICTIM ARRIVED FIRST. AS THE SHOOTER WAS WALKING THROUGH THE WOODS TO THE DEER STAND, HE HEARD SEVERAL SHOTS AND STOPPED TO SEE IF ANY DEER WOULD APPROACH. WHEN NONE APPEARED, HE CONTINUED WALKING TO THE DEER STAND, HEARD A NOISE TO ONE SIDE, SAW SOMETHING BROWN AND FIRED. MOMENTS LATER SHOOTER FOUND VICTIM SHOT AND LAYING ON THE GROUND.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 13
FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE
ACTION: BOLT
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: YES
COUNTY: OTTER TAIL
DAY: 11/14/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 36
CASUALTY: FATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

VICTIM WALKED TO A DEER STAND OCCUPIED BY SHOOTER. SHOOTER WAS UNAWARE THAT VICTIM WAS GOING TO BE THERE AT THAT TIME. SHOOTER THOUGHT THE VICTIM WAS A BEAR. WHEN VICTIM STARTED UP THE TREE STAND, SHOOTER SHOT AT WHAT HE THOUGHT WAS A BEAR.

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SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 18
FIREARM: HANDGUN
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
ANIMAL: SQUIRREL
FAS: YES
COUNTY: ISANTI
DAY: 1/1/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 18
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: RED
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY:

VICTIM/SHOOTER WAS HUNTING ALONE WHEN IT STARTED TO SLEET AND SNOW. VICTIM/SHOOTER WAS PREPARING TO GO INSIDE WHEN VICTIM/SHOOTER SLIPPED AND FELL OVER DROPPING THE GUN CAUSING IT TO GO OFF. ACCORDING TO VICTIM/SHOOTER, THE GUN WAS ON SAFETY.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 64
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: SLIDE
ANIMAL: TURKEY
FAS: NO
COUNTY: GOODHUE
DAY: 4/21/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 53
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 50-100 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY:

VICTIM AND SHOOTER WERE BOTH HUNTING TURKEYS AND WERE UNAWARE OF EACHOTHER'S PRESENCE. VICTIM WAS SLOWLY MOVING IN THE WOODS CARRYING 2 HEN TURKEY DECOYS UPSIDE DOWN WHEN HE WAS SHOT. SHOOTER STATED THAT HE OBSERVED A TOM TURKEY IN SOME BRUSH. HE SHOT AND PELLETS STRUCK THE VICTIM.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 17
FIREARM: SMALL BORE RIFLE
ACTION: BOLT
ANIMAL: RACCOON
FAS: YES
COUNTY: TODD
DAY: 8/1/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 17
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: DRAB
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OTHER
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

VICTIM/SHOOTER SHOT TWO RACOOMS IN A GRAIN BIN WHILE HIS FATHER WAS HOLDING A FLASHLIGHT AS THE VICTIM/SHOOTER MOVED AROUND THE GRAIN BIN AND SHOT AT ANOTHER RACCOON. AFTER THE SHOT, THE VICTIM/SHOOTER'S FATHER HEARD A TING SOUND AS IF THE BULLET HIT SOMETHING METAL.

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SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 13
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
ANIMAL:
FAS: YES
COUNTY: POPE
DAY: 9/4/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 19
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N

SHOOTER WAS HUNTING DOVES FROM A BLIND. THE VICTIM WAS BALING HAY IN A FIELD APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS AWAY. THE SHOOTER FIRED AND THE VICTIM WAS HIT BY PELLETS TO THE RIGHT EYE, CHEST AREA, LEFT LEG AND BACK.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 44
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: DOUBLE
ANIMAL: GROUSE
FAS: YES
COUNTY: ST. LOUIS
DAY: 9/17/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 39
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

SHOOTER SHOT AT A GROUSE. VICTIM WAS OFF TO SHOOTER'S RIGHT APPROXIMATELY 30 FEET AWAY. VICTIM WAS HIT BY SEVERAL PELLETS.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 16
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: SLIDE
ANIMAL: GROUSE
FAS: YES
COUNTY: LAKE OF THE
DAY: 9/25/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 16
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

THE RECOIL PAD CAME OFF THE GUN. VICTIM/SHOOTER WAS HOLDING THE GUN BY THE STOCK WITH THE BARREL FACING TOWARDS THE GROUND AND BENT DOWN TO PICK UP THE PAD WHEN THE GUN DISCHARGED.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 26
FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE
ACTION: BOLT
ANIMAL: BEAR
FAS: YES
COUNTY: PENNINGTON
DAY: 10/1/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 52
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards
TYPE OF COVER: STANDING
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N

VICTIM WAS OPERATING A TRACTOR ABOUT 100 YARDS NORTHEAST OF SHOOTER WHEN A BEAR WAS SIGHTED BETWEEN THEM. THE SHOOTER STOOD ON HIS 4 WHEELER AND SHOT SEVERAL TIMES AT THE BEAR. WHILE SHOOTING AT THE BEAR, THE SIDE WINDOW OF THE VICTIM'S TRACTOR CAB SHATTERED AND THE VICTIM NOTICED BLEEDING FROM HIS LEFT FOREARM.

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SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 27
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: SLIDE
ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE
FAS: NO
COUNTY: WASECA
DAY: 10/2/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 29
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: UNK
TYPE OF COVER: MARSH
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N

BOTH PARTIES WERE ATTEMPTING TO SNEAK UP ON SOME DUCKS IN A DRAINAGE DITCH. THE VICTIM'S PARTY SAW THE SHOOTER'S PARTY. THE SHOOTER'S PARTY WAS UNAWARE OF THE VICTIM'S PARTY. WHEN THE DUCK'S FLEW UP THE SHOOTER AND OTHER PARTY MEMBER STARTED SHOOTING. THEY STOPPED WHEN THEY HEARD THE OTHER PARTY YELL. VICTIM WAS STRUCK BY A PELLET IN THE RIGHT EYE.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 45
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: DOUBLE
ANIMAL: GROUSE
FAS: YES
COUNTY: KOOCHICHING
DAY: 10/10/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 53
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY:

AFTER HUNTING SHOOTER WAS TAKING HIS SHOTGUN OUT OF THE GUN CASE WHEN THE GUN WENT OFF. THE SHOT WENT THROUGH THE END/SIDE OF GUN CASE THROUGH VICTIM'S LEATHER BOOT AND 8 PELLETS ENTERED VICTIM'S FOOT.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 36
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
ANIMAL: PHEASANT
FAS: YES
COUNTY: KOOCHICHING
DAY: 10/22/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 30
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OTHER
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

THE PARTY WAS HUNTING IN A RAVINE. THE VICTIM WAS ON THE NORTH SIDE AND THE SHOOTER WAS ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE RAVINE. WHEN A PHEASANT GOT UP, THE SHOOTER FIRED AT IT AND DIDN'T SEE THE VICTIM BEHIND SOME BRUSH TREES. VICTIM WAS STRUCK BY PELLETS IN THE LEFT EYE AND THE RIGHT SIDE OF HIS LIP.

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SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 42
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: SLIDE
ANIMAL: PHEASANT
FAS: YES
COUNTY: LESUEUR
DAY: 11/3/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 42
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY:

VICTIM/SHOOTER ISN'T SURE WHAT HAPPENED, BUT THINKS HE ACCIDENTALLY TOOK THE GUN OFF SAFETY. THE GUN WAS POINTED DOWN AS VICTIM WAS WALKING AND WENT OFF SHOOTING VICTIM IN THE RIGHT FOOT.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 59
FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: YES
COUNTY: BECKER
DAY: 11/5/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 36
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OTHER
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N

VICTIM WAS ATTEMPTING TO RETRIEVE A DEER SHOT BY HIS DAUGHTER WHEN A MEMBER OF ANOTHER PARTY SHOT AT A DEER THAT WAS BETWEEN THEM AND THE SHOOTER. THE SHOOTER FIRED STRICKING THE VICTIM IN THE KNEE.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 13
FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG
ACTION: SLIDE
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: YES
COUNTY: NOBLES
DAY: 11/12/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 13
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

VICTIM/SHOOTER WAS RESTING THE BARREL OF HIS GUN ON THE TOP OF HIS RIGHT SHOE AND SOMEHOW HE PULLED OR BUMPED THE TRIGGER CAUSING THE GUN TO DISCHARGE. VICTIM/SHOOTER LOST A TOE AND SURGERY WAS NEEDED ON HIS FOOT.

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SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 48
FIREARM: HANDGUN
ACTION: SINGLE
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: YES
COUNTY: DOUGLAS
DAY: 11/13/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 48
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: RED
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

VICTIM/SHOOTER HAD JUST SHOT A DEER AND WAS IN THE PROCESS OF TRACKING IT THROUGH HEAVY BRUSH HOLDING HIS SHOTGUN IN HIS HANDS. VICTIM/SHOOTER WAS CARRYING A REVOLVER IN A HOLSTER AT HIS WAIST AND BELIEVES THE HAMMER WAS COCKED AND THE TRIGGER WAS PULLED BY CATCHING ON THE BRUSH. THE BULLET ENTERED AND EXITED THE RIGHT LEG AND ENTERED IN THE RIGHT FOOT.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 37
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
ANIMAL: DUCK OR GEESE
FAS: YES
COUNTY: MARTIN
DAY: 11/13/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 37
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY:

AS SOME GEESE WERE APPROACHING VICTIM/SHOOTER TOOK HIS GUN OFF SAFETY AND BELIEVES AS HE WAS PULLING UP THE GUN TO SHOOT AT THE GEESE HE ACCIDENTALLY SQUEEZED THE TRIGGER CAUSING THE WEAPON TO FIRE AND SHOOT HIMSELF IN THE RIGHT FOOT. VICTIM/SHOOTER LOST SEVERAL OF HIS TOES.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 46
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: SLIDE
ANIMAL: PHEASANT
FAS: NO
COUNTY: POPE
DAY: 11/14/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 45
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

SHOOTER WAS POSTING IN A LOW AREA AND VICTIM WAS IN A HIGHER AREA. AS SHOOTER WAS WALKING HE SHOT AT A PHEASANT CLOSE TO THE END OF THE DRIVE BELIEVING THE VICTIM WAS OUT OF HARM'S WAY. VICTIM RECEIVED APPROX. 27 PELLET WOUNDS FROM THE SHOT.

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SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 66
FIREARM: LARGE BORE RIFLE
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: NO
COUNTY: KOOCHICHING
DAY: 11/19/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 47
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: OTHER
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 100+ Yards
TYPE OF COVER: WOODED
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

SHOOTER WAS HUNTING ON A NORTH/SOUTH GRADE. SHOOTER SHOT DOWN THE GRADE AT A DEER. VICTIM WAS WALKING ON THE SAME GRADE AND WAS STRUCK BY ONE OF THE SHOOTER'S BULLETS.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 34
FIREARM: HANDGUN
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
ANIMAL: OTHER
FAS: NO
COUNTY: WRIGHT
DAY: 11/24/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 34
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: RED
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OTHER
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: N

VICTIM/SHOOTER WAS HOLDING THE GUN IN HIS RIGHT HAND WHILE CHECKING TRAPS WHEN THE GUN FIRED AND HIT HE TOP OF HIS RIGHT FOOT.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 52
FIREARM: MUZZLE LOADER
ACTION: SINGLE
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: YES
COUNTY: RICE
DAY: 11/26/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 52
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING:
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
SELF-INFLICTED: YES
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

VICTIM/SHOOTER HAD JUST LOADED THE GUN. THE GUN SLIPPED OUT OF HIS HAND. THE STOCK HIT THE GROUND AND FIRED SHOOTING THE VICTIM/SHOOTER IN THE LEFT HAND.

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SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 13
FIREARM: SHOTGUN SLUG
ACTION: SEMI-AUTO
ANIMAL: DEER
FAS: YES
COUNTY: HOUSTON
DAY: 11/26/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 48
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: ORANGE
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 0-10 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

THE VICTIM WAS SITTING IN A VEHICLE AS THE SHOOTER WAS LEAVING THE VEHICLE AND ATTEMPTING TO LOAD HIS SHOTGUN TO SHOOT AT A DEER WHEN THE SHOTGUN DISCHARGED. THE VICTIM WAS SHOT IN THE RIGHT ARM AND THE ABDOMEN.

SHOOTER'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 990
FIREARM: SHOTGUN
ACTION: UNK
ANIMAL: PHEASANT
FAS: UNK
COUNTY: LESUEUR
DAY: 12/16/2005

VICTIM'S INFORMATION:

AGE: 48
CASUALTY: NONFATAL
COLOR OF CLOTHING: UNK
DISTANCE OF MUZZLE TO WOUND: 10-50 Yards
TYPE OF COVER: OPEN FIELD
SELF-INFLICTED: NO
VICTIM AND SHOOTER IN SAME PARTY: Y

PARTIES WERE SHOOTING FROM STATIONARY SHOOTING POSITIONS AT A GAME PRESERVE. VICTIM TURNED AND WAS STRUCK IN THE BACK BY SEVERAL PELLETS. SHOOTER WAS FROM THE SAME PARTY, BUT SEVERAL WERE SHOOTING AT ONCE. VICTIM REFUSED MEDICAL TREATMENT AND RESUMED HUNTING.