

Incident: One County of Incident: Jackson Wildlife Management Unit: Evans Creek

Property Damage () Personal Injury (X) Fatal ()
Self Inflicted () Same Party (X)

Date: 4/21/12

Shooter Information

Age: 60 Hunter Education: YES
Years Hunting Experience: 45 yrs.
Game Hunted: Turkey
Firearm Used: 12 ga shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 44
Blaze Orange Apparel: NO
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100yds
Type of Cover: Light

Summary:

A turkey had landed in between the 2 hunters and shooter was unaware of the location of the victim. Both hunters were wearing full camo.

Cause: Victim was out of sight of the shooter.

Incident: Two County of Incident: Wasco Wildlife Management Unit: White River

Property Damage () Personal Injury (X) Fatal ()
Self Inflicted (X) Same Party ()

Date: 9/7/12

Shooter Information

Age: 12 Hunter Education: NO
Years Hunting Experience: 2
Game Hunted: Dove/Pigeon
Firearm Used: 20 ga shotgun

Victim Information

Age:
Blaze Orange Apparel:
Distance of Muzzle to Wound:
Type of Cover:

Summary:

Shooter rested the barrel of his 20 gauge shotgun on his foot to keep it out of the dirt. When realized the barrel was on his foot he went to move it. As he was moving it off his foot he accidentally pulled the trigger and the shot wounded his left foot and toe.

Cause: The safety was not on.

Incident: Three County of Incident: Union Wildlife Management Unit: Mt Emily

Property Damage () Personal Injury (X) Fatal ()
Self Inflicted (X) Same Party ()

Date: 9/13/12

Shooter Information

Age: 23 Hunter Education: Unknown
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Grouse
Firearm Used: 22 LR rifle

Victim Information

Age:
Blaze Orange Apparel:
Distance of Muzzle to Wound:
Type of Cover:

Summary:

Rifle strapped to backpack. Victim grabbed muzzle with left hand to adjust pack for comfort, rifle discharged, bullet passed through left hand.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm.

Incident: **Four** **County of Incident:** Jackson

Wildlife Management Unit: Evans Creek

Property Damage ()

Personal Injury (X)

Fatal ()

Self Inflicted ()

Same Party ()

Date: 9/17/12

Shooter Information

Age: **Hunter Education:**
Years Hunting Experience:
Game Hunted:
Firearm Used:

Victim Information

Age: 51
Blaze Orange Apparel: YES
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Victim covered by shooter. BB lodged between eye & sinus/also was hit with bb's on hip & belly. 40 permittee hunters contacted by phone. Unknown shooter. Shooter may have never filled out permit for area. The ones that were unable to be contacted by phone did a photo line up. Did not result in any identification of shooter.

Cause: Unknown shooter spraying area where victim was.

Incident: **Five** **County of Incident:** Malheur

Wildlife Management Unit: Beulah

Property Damage ()

Personal Injury (X)

Fatal ()

Self Inflicted ()

Same Party (X)

Date: 9/29/12

Shooter Information

Age: 18 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 6
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30 ga Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 53
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary:

Victim was hit in the upper left thigh with a bullet that was ricochet. Not sure if the bullet came from the 18 year old shooter since others were shooting at the deer, but the 18 year old believe it did.

Cause: Several people shooting at same deer.

Incident: **Six** **County of Incident:** Malheur

Wildlife Management Unit: Steens Mountain

Property Damage ()

Personal Injury (X)

Fatal ()

Self Inflicted ()

Same Party (X)

Date: 10/1/12

Shooter Information

Age: 33 Hunter Education:
Years Hunting Experience: 15
Game Hunted: Coyote
Firearm Used: 300 Winchester Short Magnum

Victim Information

Age: 58
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Shooter was on the step of a parked pickup on passenger side to shoot a coyote. When gun was fired the back window exploded and the victim was shot. Victim had pieces of metal under skin in several different locations but all were superficial.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm.

Incident: **Seven** **County of Incident:** Lake

Wildlife Management Unit: Silver Lake

Property Damage ()

Personal Injury (X)

Fatal ()

Self Inflicted (X)

Same Party ()

Date: 10/26/12

Shooter Information

Age: 24 Hunter Education: Unknown
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Duck/Geese
Firearm Used: 12 ga shotgun

Victim Information

Age:
Blaze Orange Apparel:
Distance of Muzzle to Wound:
Type of Cover:

Summary:

Victim laying on back in grass. Birds flew over and firearm fell from insecure rest and victim shot self in foot while getting up.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm.

Incident: **One** **County of Incident:** Baker **Wildlife Management Unit:**

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (x)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (x) **Same Party ()**

Date: 07/09/2011

Shooter Information

Age: 17 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: N/A
Game Hunted: Squirrel
Firearm Used: .22 pistol

Victim Information

Age:
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10
Type of Cover: UNK

Summary: Shooter was hunting squirrels when he fell and shot himself in the groin area with a .22 caliber pistol.

Cause: Careless handling of a firearm.

Incident: **Two** **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:**

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (x)**

Date: 4/26/2011

Shooter Information

Age: 58 **Hunter Education:**
Years Hunting Experience:
Game Hunted: Turkey
Firearm Used: 12 gauge

Victim Information

Age: 41
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 yards
Type of Cover: UNK

Summary:

Victim was in the brush calling turkeys, while the shooter saw movement in the brush and shot one round, shooting the victim in the back, neck, and head area with a 12 gauge shotgun.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game.

Incident: **Three** **County of Incident:** Marion **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/21/2011

Shooter Information

Age: 67 **Hunter Education:** NO
Years Hunting Experience: UNK
Game Hunted: Bear
Firearm Used: .270 Ruger Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 20
Blaze Orange Apparel: NO
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ yds
Type of Cover: Open

Summary: Victim was wearing dark clothes near a tree line at the edge of a field. The Shooter mistook the victim for a bear and shot the victim at approx 200 yards.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game

Incident: Four **County of Incident: Malheur** **Wildlife Management Unit:**

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/3/2011

Shooter Information

Age: 56 **Hunter Education: UNK**
Years Hunting Experience:
Game Hunted: Birds
Firearm Used: 12 ga Shotgun

Victim Information

Age:
Blaze Orange Apparel:
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 yds
Type of Cover:

Summary: Shooter was stepping down an embankment when he slipped and fell, discharging his shotgun into the back of his right calf muscle, point blank.

Cause: Shooter stumbled and fell

Incident: Five **County of Incident: Polk** **Wildlife Management Unit:**

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/12/2011

Shooter Information

Age: 24 **Hunter Education:**
Years Hunting Experience:
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: 7 mm Ultra Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 32
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100yds
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Hunting party was driving a bull elk into heavy vegetation. Shooter lost sight of elk, then saw what he believed to be the back side of the elk and fired his rifle shooting the Victim in the back.

Cause: Victim Mistaken for Game

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Beulah

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 1/16/2010

Shooter Information

Age: 62 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience:
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 36
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary:

Shooter watched a pheasant pop up and he swung around and shot it. Victim was in the vicinity but at a further distance away.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Owyhee

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 3/15/2010

Shooter Information

Age: 13 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: None
Firearm Used: .22 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim bumped the gun and it fell out of the holster and went off.

Cause: Dropped Weapon

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Beulah

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 3/26/2010

Shooter Information

Age: 22 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Upland Game
Firearm Used: .20 Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 60
Blaze Orange Apparel:
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Bird flew up, shooter fired shot at it and hit the victim. Shooter thought the victim was behind her.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Union **Wildlife Management Unit:**

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 9/26/2010

Shooter Information

Age: 54 **Hunter Education:** UNK
Years Hunting Experience: 5+
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: Bow

Victim Information

Age: 59
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 1-10yard
Type of Cover: Light

Summary: Shooter and victim were bow hunting elk together; they identified elk in front of them and were at full draw with bows. The victim was in front of the shooter when the shooter mistakenly touches his release. The arrow from the shooter struck the victim in the head.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Marion **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/2/2010

Shooter Information

Age: 50 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: UNK
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 28
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Shooter was a convicted felon who was actively poaching deer on private timberland when he fired his scoped rifle at movement in the brush after seeing what he thought were antlers. Victim was picking brush at the time he was shot and killed. Shooter was not legally allowed to possess firearms and did not have a hunting license or a deer tag.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game ; case is being investigated as a negligent homicide.

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Morrow **Wildlife Management Unit:** Heppner

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/5/2009

Shooter Information

Age: 31 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: N/A
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .270 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 57
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A

Summary: Shooter was transferring rifle into front passenger seat from back seat. Shooter advised safety was on when it was placed in the back seat. When the rifle came around to the front seat it went off striking the victim in his right triceps

Cause: Placing the firearm in the vehicle, careless handling of firearm.

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Yamhill **Wildlife Management Unit:** Trask

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 12/6/2009

Shooter Information

Age: 42 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 17
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: .270 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 15
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Shooter and victim were in the same elk hunting party, had met up at one point during the day then separated. Shooter thought he saw an elk set up and fired a shot. Shooter did not see victim through brush and his shot hit the victim in the back.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the hunter.

Incident: Three

County of Incident: Umatilla

Wildlife Management Unit: Columbia Basin

Property Damage ()

Personal Injury (X)

Fatal ()

Self Inflicted ()

Same Party ()

Date: 12/6/09

Shooter Information

Age: 14

Hunter Education: Yes

Years Hunting Experience: 1-2

Game Hunted: Quail

Firearm Used: 12 gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 36

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 yards

Type of Cover: Light

Date:12/12/2009

Shooter Information

Age: 47

Hunter Education: Unknown

Years Hunting Experience:

Game Hunted: Pheasant/Quail

Firearm Used: .12 ga Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 69

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Cap/coat vest

Distance of Muzzle to Wound:

Type of Cover: Open, Hilly, Over

Summary:

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Jackson **Wildlife Management Unit:** Applegate

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 5/3/2008

Shooter Information

Age: 14 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 2
Game Hunted: Turkey
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 65
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Shooter was walking and after they passed a gate he saw a dark figure ahead of them in the brush. He said it looked to him like a strutting turkey. He said that he was sure that the dark figure he saw was that of a turkey in strut. He said that all four of the members of the party were talking softly deciding whether or not to shoot. Shooter said he got approval and fired two shots, it wasn't until after the second shot that he realized he had shot a person.

Cause: Victim was mistaken for game by the hunter

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Coos **Wildlife Management Unit:** Powers

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/26/2008

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: N/A
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 7mm Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 20
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Victim and hunting partner started out in one direction together. Shooter who was the third person in party walked in different direction to scout out deer. Shooter walked in large circle while victim and partner ended up coming back into an area opposite that which they started going – unknown to shooter. Shooter inside a fenced treed orchard w/ large wooded area surrounding hunting, sees movement through thick brush & fires, striking victim in the head.

Cause: Victim was mistaken for game by the hunter

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Sumpter

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/9/2008

Shooter Information

Age: 67 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 57
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: 300 Weatherby Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A-Shooter

Summary: Victim had just shot an elk and thought it was going to run out into the sage brush. Victim began to install his tri-pod on the front barrel of his 300 Weatherby. He was holding the rifle with the safety off, in his right hand and using his left hand to adjust the tri-pod. Victim pulled the rifle up and it discharged through his left hand between his thumb and index finger. Victim had a plastic bullet divider that was sticking out of his right pocket, that caught the trigger causing the rifle to discharge.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm.

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Tillamook **Wildlife Management Unit:** Wilson

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/22/2008

Shooter Information

Age: 11/22/2008 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Unknown
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Hunter loaded shotgun and said he put the safety on and placed it inside a boat. Shot from the shotgun goes through the bow of the boat striking the hunter in both legs. Shotgun was found with the safety off.

Cause: Victim left his shotgun in boot without the safety on

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Grant **Wildlife Management Unit:** Buelah

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/3/2007

Shooter Information

Age: 16 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 7.62x54 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim's rifle had no safety, victim was in the process of climbing over a log and put the butt of the rifle down toward the ground when the firearm discharged.

Cause: Victim put butt of the rifle down toward the ground when the firearm discharged.

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Clatsop **Wildlife Management Unit:** Saddle Mt.

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/7/2007

Shooter Information

Age: 35 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .30-30 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A -Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A-Shooter

Summary:

The Victim was hunting with his hunting party all morning and were transporting their vehicles to a new spot. As they had exited the vehicles, and were standing at the back of the trucks getting their daypacks on, a shot was heard. The victims brother states that he saw the victim stumble and fall and he began tending to the victims needs immediately.

Cause: Victim was putting on their daypack and the rifle fired hitting him.

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/12/2007

Shooter Information

Age: 12 **Hunter Education:** No

Years Hunting Experience: Unknown

Game Hunted: Birds

Firearm Used: .22 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter

Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 1-10 Yards

Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Victim and friend were hunting birds in the back of hunting partners house. The victim thought he had put the gun on safe, then positioned the gun barrel down at his right toe. He pulled the trigger

Summary: firing the firearm.

Victim was firing at birds thought he had put the gun safety on then

Cause: pulled the trigger with the gun over his right foot.

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Lane **Wildlife Management Unit:** Siuslaw

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/13/2007

Shooter Information

Age: 29 **Hunter Education:** No

Years Hunting Experience: Unknown

Game Hunted: Skunk

Firearm Used: Ruger 77/17 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 20

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards

Type of Cover: Medium

Shooter was operating a 4x4 vehicle in the area, looked off into wooded area. Shooter observed what he thought was a skunk on a woodpile. Took hold and sighted his varmint rifle from inside his vehicle shot what he thought was a skunk. Victim of the shooting and other individuals were

Summary: involved in a paintball competition wearing camouflage clothing.

Cause: Shooter was operating a 4x4 vehicle thought he saw skunk on woodpile, shoot another person.

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Columbia **Wildlife Management Unit:** Scappoose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/24/2007

Shooter Information

Age: 46 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 20
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 46
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Light

Shooter was hunting with victim and another hunter. The shooter and other hunter were working the clear-cut are while the victim was walking the edge of the clear cut. The shooter saw movement on

Summary: the edge of the clear cut and shot. The movement was the victim.

Cause: Victim was mistaken for game by the hunter

Incident: Sixth **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Ukiah

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/4/2007

Shooter Information

Age: 39 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 1
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 46
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

The shooter and the victim were hunting in the same party in the Ukiah unit when they observed some elk at a tree line. The victim went behind to push the elk out into the open meadow where the shooter was. The shooter observed an elk standing up on a tree eating leaves. The shooter took a shot at the elk with a Remington, model 742. The shooter missed the elk but heard the victim yell

Summary: "I'm shot". the bullet fragmented after hitting a tree and hit the victim

Cause: Victim was pushing the elk towards the shooter, shooter missed the elk bullet fragmented off a tree and hit victim.

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Douglas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Melrose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 7/27/2006

Shooter Information

Age: 19 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Cougar
Firearm Used: .22 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim was checking property for a cougar that had been threatening live stock. Had his .22 caliber rifle incase the cougar was there. Victim stepped off a bank that was higher than he thought and landed hard. When he landed he pulled the trigger on the rifle and shot himself in the foot.
Victim stepped off a bank that was higher than he thought and landed hard. He pulled trigger on rifle upon landing, shooting himself in the left foot.

Cause:

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Jackson **Wildlife Management Unit:** Rouge

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/1/2006

Shooter Information

Age: 26 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 20
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 7mm Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 33
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:
Shooter and his hunting partner saw a deer and he fired a shot. The shot missed the deer and went through thick brush striking the victim who was not seen by the shooter.
Victim not in sight of the shooter. Shots by the shooter missed targeted deer and went through thick brush hitting the victim

Cause:

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Klamath **Wildlife Management Unit:** Klamath Falls

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/7/2006

Shooter Information

Age: 15 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .223 Bolt Browning Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Seeing deer in the distance, the victim reached for the 223 Bolt Browning rifle which was laying against the seat of the vehicle, barrel pointing down. While removing the rifle, the victim shot

Summary: himself through the foot.

Cause: Victim removed the rifle out of his car, when removing it the victim shot himself in the foot.

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Beulah

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/18/1006

Shooter Information

Age: 51 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 27
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 47
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Cap and Vest
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Shooter was on a stand and saw a quail flew up headed back down the draw. Shooter did not

Summary: see the victim due to tall brush and shot at the quail, hitting the victim in the chest area.

Cause: Victim behind tall brush so shooter did not see him.

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Douglas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Melrose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/21/2006

Shooter Information

Age: 14 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Unknown
Firearm Used: .22 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Victim and shooter were out hunting behind the residence of the victim. As they were walking victim bumped into shooter's .22 rifle. The rifle didn't have the safety on and when bumped into

Summary: fired hitting the victim in the foot.

Victim bumped into shooter as both were walking, shooter's .22 rifle didn't have the safety on and the gun fired hitting the victim

Cause:

Incident: Sixth **County of Incident:** Sherman **Wildlife Management Unit:** Biggs

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/25/2006

Shooter Information

Age: 61 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 64
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Both men were hunting on private land for pheasants. A bird flew up and the shooter shot at the

Summary: bird striking the victim.

Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Cause:

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Douglas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Melrose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/13/2005

Shooter Information

Age: 16 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Unknown
Firearm Used: .300 Winchester Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A-Shooter

Summary: Victim and his farther had gone out hunting in the morning. Victim stopped to take a short break, he moved to set his 300 Winchester Mag on the ground butt first. At the time his right hand was covering the end of the barrel. Rifle discharged when the butt hit the ground injuring his hand.

Cause: Victim set his gun on the ground butt first, right hand covering the barrel. When butt hit the ground rifle discharged.

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Marion **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 3/7/2004

Shooter Information

Age: 31 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Nutria
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 29
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Shooter and victim were hunting nutria, shooter saw a nutria and fired a single shot from his shotgun. Pellets from the shotgun shot ricocheted of a rock near the nutria and hit the victim in the neck

Cause: Victim hit by ricocheted pellets from shooters shot

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Crook **Wildlife Management Unit:** Grizzly

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 3/8/2004

Shooter Information

Age: 28 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: No
Game Hunted: Sagerat
Firearm Used: .22 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim was hunting sagerat, saw one while driving. He stopped his truck and was exiting to get a shot off at the sage rat. The victim thumbed off the safety and the firearm went off hitting him in the foot.

Cause: Victim was exiting his truck and the firearm went off.

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Marion **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/4/2004

Shooter Information

Age: 5 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 0
Game Hunted: Unknown
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 9
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary: Father and son (victim) had been shooting/hunting. Father made sure that sons gun was unloaded before they went into shop-but forgot to check his own shotgun. They sat their shotguns on the table in the shop to be cleaned. As the father was reaching for the cleaning materials on the table, the victims 5 yo brother reached up and pulled the trigger of the shotgun.

Victim and father just returned from hunting had set guns to be cleaned, father forgot to

Cause: unload gun. Shooter reached up and pulled the trigger

Incident: Fourth **County of Incident:** Crook **Wildlife Management Unit:** Grizzly

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/3/2004

Shooter Information

Age: 33 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: M6 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 23
Blaze Orange Apparel: Unknown
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary: Shooter had been out hunting with his two brothers, he was the only one with a gun and with a hunting license. They had seen a deer but the shooter could not get a shot on it. About 20 to 30 minutes later one of the brothers yelled "there it is". Shooter threw up his M-6 Rifle to his shoulder, Shooter thought he saw a deer and shot actually shooting the victim. The shooter did

Cause: not take the time to make sure it was a deer

Incident: Five

County of Incident: Crook

Wildlife Management Unit: Ochoco

Property Damage ()

Personal Injury ()

Fatal (X)

Self Inflicted ()

Same Party (X)

Date: 10/7/2004

Shooter Information

Age: 12

Hunter Education: Yes

Years Hunting Experience: 0

Game Hunted: Deer

Firearm Used: 250 Savage Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 36

Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Cap

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown

Type of Cover: Open

Summary: Victim bent down onto one knee to take his rifle off of his shoulder. Shooter took the gun off of his shoulder and was bringing it around and had just found the deer in the scope. Deer stepped into the brush and next thing the shooter knew his gun went off.

Cause: Shooter swung on game and shot hit the victim, Not Vision Related

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Lincoln **Wildlife Management Unit:** Alesa

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 6/26/2003

Shooter Information

Age: 71 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 42
Game Hunted: Bobcat
Firearm Used: .22 Rugar Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim on a walk saw a bobcat tried to withdraw his revolver from his holster. He pulled the hammer to halfcock and let go, causing the pistol to discharge a round, hitting the victim in the leg.

Cause: Victim trying to remove firearm from the holster and shot himself

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Lane **Wildlife Management Unit:** Siuslaw

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/4/2003

Shooter Information

Age: 29 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .270 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 29
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary: 29 year old male shot while deer hunting with a friend

Cause: Shooter and victim were deer hunting, shooter shot victim

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Linn **Wildlife Management Unit:** McKenzie

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/6/2003

Shooter Information

Age: 50 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 18
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30/30 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim drove his atv over several small trees and Scotch-broom patches until the vegetation became too thick to go any farther. He attempted to turn the ATV around when it began to tip over. The loaded 30/30 was lying across his lap and fell to his left. As the victim attempted to grab the rifle it discharged striking him in the left arm and abdomen.

Cause: Victim driving an ATV with loaded firearm, ATV started to tip over the gun fell and discharged

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Columbia **Wildlife Management Unit:** Saddle Mt.

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/11/2003

Shooter Information

Age: 20 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .270 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 31
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary: Shooter and victim were walking down a logging road shooter was holding his rifle on his right shoulder with a sling. Shooter reached down to adjust his pants, his rifle slipped off of his right shoulder. The rifle hit the ground butt end first, causing a discharge of the firearm, hitting the

Cause: Gun fell off the shoulder of the shooter, butt hit the ground and fired hitting the victim

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Sherman **Wildlife Management Unit:** Biggs

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 12/6/2003

Shooter Information

Age: 61 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 20
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 55
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Coat/Vest
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Light

Summary: Shooter and victim were walking down a small canyon, shooter was walking the bottom and victim was walking the north side. Dogs pointed out a pheasant between and behind them. The dogs flushed the bird and it flew up between the shooter and victim. Shooter fired at the bird

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Ukiah

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/28/2002

Shooter Information

Age: 33 **Hunter Education:** Yes

Years Hunting Experience: 15

Game Hunted: Turkey

Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 32 and 30

Blaze Orange Apparel: One of the victims had a vest on

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards

Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Shooter was a passenger in a vehicle and shot at turkeys (out of season). Shots hit victims as they stood around campfire in their camp. Shooter didn't see camp beyond target.

Cause: Victims out of sight of shooter, shooter fired from a vehicle

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Hood River **Wildlife Management Unit:** Hood

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/29/2002

Shooter Information

Age: 49 **Hunter Education:** No

Years Hunting Experience: Unknown

Game Hunted: Bear

Firearm Used: Ruger .300 Weatherby Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 58

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards

Type of Cover: Light

Summary:

The shooter had identified bear tracks in the area on previous days. He saw a black movement early in the morning in the area he expected to see a bear and fired one shot from his scoped, single shot Ruger .300 Weatherby. He was about 300 yards from the victim who was wearing a dark blue coat and jeans. The shooter has been indicted by grand jury with second-degree manslaughter

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Crook **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/5/2002

Shooter Information

Age: 14 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: None
Game Hunted: None
Firearm Used: Ruger Mk II .22 Semi-Auto Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A-Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Father advised victim that he was going to the restroom and that if the victim saw a deer to fire a shot. Victim inadvertently discharged pistol while attempting to chamber a round.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Morrow **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/6/2002

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 25
Game Hunted: Chukar
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 43
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Cap and Vest
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary: Victim and shooter were hunting pheasant on a private hunting preserve. The shooter followed a bird with his gun as it neared the ground and flew downhill to his left. When he fired, he hit the bird and his brother who was about 50 yards away. Shooter said that he knew his brother was in the area, but did not see him.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Douglas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Dixon

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/19/2002

Shooter Information

Age: 59 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 42
Blaze Orange Apparel: Unknown
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Victim carrying an elk's head and antlers on his shoulder was shot by the shooter who miss took the victim for a live bull elk.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Grant **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/26/2002

Shooter Information

Age: 83 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 73
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: .300 Remington Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was removing his hunting rifle from rifle scabbard on horse. Rifle fired-bullet and struck the victim in the right leg.

Cause: Removing rifle from scabbard when it discharged

Incident: Seven **County of Incident:** Lane **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/6/2002

Shooter Information

Age: 19 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .270 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 21
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 50-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary: The victim was hunting deer near his home. He thought he heard a deer, and rattled and waved a pair of antlers. The shooter, who was about 80 yards away, saw antlers move and heard the rattle and shot at what he thought was a deer, hitting the victim through the body and one arm

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Eight **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Owyhee

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/7/2002

Shooter Information

Age: 60 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 53
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Vest
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary: The victim and shooter were hunting pheasants together. The victim moved out of sight of the shooter behind a dirt bank. As he walked on to the top of it, his partner, who was 40-60 yards away, shot at a pheasant and he was hit by six pellets.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game, and was also out of the shooters sight

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Union **Wildlife Management Unit:** Starkey

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 7/5/2001

Shooter Information

Age: N/A- Stand Fall **Hunter Education:** N/A
Years Hunting Experience: N/A
Game Hunted: N/A- Stand Fall
Firearm Used: N/A- Stand Fall

Victim Information

Age: 46
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Stand Fall
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: N/A- Stand Fall
Type of Cover: N/A- Stand Fall

Summary: The victim, who was alone, was repairing his homemade tree stand prior to hunting season. It appears that some rotten wood broke and he fell 30 feet to his death. Although he was skilled climber and a professional linesman who had climbing safety equipment in his truck, he was not wearing a safety belt.

Cause: Victim fell from his tree stand while making repairs

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Douglas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Melrose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 9/3/2001

Shooter Information

Age: 23 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 10
Game Hunted: Quail
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 33
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: The victim and shooter lost sight of each other in the dense brush. Shooter saw quail running on ground and shot at it in front of him. Fired one shot, three of the bb's ricocheted striking the victim in the leg.

Cause: Shooter and victim lost sight of each other.

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/13/2001

Shooter Information

Age: 44 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 27
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 10
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Shooter in a canyon/creek are. Victim and younger brother had gone to easier walking along paved road nearby. Victim walked ahead of shooter who had lost contact with the victim. Victim may have been partially out of the shooters sight. Pheasant arouse and in passing shooter covered the victim with a pattern of shot.

Cause: Shooter lost contact/sight of victim, shooter swung on quail and covered victim.

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Union **Wildlife Management Unit:** Catherine Creek

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/24/2001

Shooter Information

Age: 57 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 30
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: .243 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 56
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Shooter was stand hunting for elk and the victim was also stand hunting for elk along a long narrow meadow. An elk crossed between the two and the shooter fired at the elk with brush in the background. The light bullet described as an 80-grain 243 round struck a fir limb and apparently deflected off the limb. The lead core separated from the jacket and proceeded along and struck the victim in the thigh-pelvic area severing the femoral artery.

Cause: Elk crossed between shooter and victim, shooter didn't know victim was on the other side of elk.

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Columbia **Wildlife Management Unit:** Scappoose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/4/2001

Shooter Information

Age: 14 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 2
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: .270 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 16
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Two young men (ages 14 and 16) who had previously illegally shot an elk during deer season were fooling around and pointing their rifles at each other. One rifle discharged and the 16-year-old was killed

Cause: Horseplay between the shooter and victim after hunting

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Jackson **Wildlife Management Unit:** Rouge

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/4/2001

Shooter Information

Age: 40 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unkn
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 34
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary:

Group of 10 people hunting deer together, shooter heard something in the brush that he thought was a deer. Shooter fired at the brush and shot the victim.

Cause: Shooter heard deer moving through the brush firing at some movement. Hitting the victim

Incident: Seven **County of Incident:** Jackson **Wildlife Management Unit:** Rouge

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/13/2001

Shooter Information

Age: 75 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 50+
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: .300 Win Magnum

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim had rifle laying on lap and realized gun was loaded. While unloading the firearm, his rifle discharged into left thigh and exited the drivers side door.

Victim had rifle laying on his lap realized it was loaded, while unloading firearm

Cause: discharged into his leg

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Josephine **Wildlife Management Unit:** Applegate

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 8/27/2000

Shooter Information

Age: 60 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Bear
Firearm Used: .444 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 29
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound:
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary: Shooter walked to where a bear was shot the day before, heard noises in the heavy brush. Shooter saw brown and brush movement, in shooter's mind he had seen a brown bear. Shooter attempted shoulder shot and hit the victim.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Morrow **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/6/2000

Shooter Information

Age: 26 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Chukar
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 46
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Walking up a canyon with 3 others, chukar flew up. Shooter swung on it and fired hitting the victim.

Cause: Shooter swung on chukar firing and hitting the victim

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Morrow **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/14/2000

Shooter Information

Age: 38 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Quail
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 30
Blaze Orange Apparel: Unknown
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Walking west bound quail flew over hunting group that turned around and went after it. Victim walked through some brush and over a little hill towards the river. Still walking east bound when the quail flew up again and flew back west bound. Shooter swung around and fired just as victim had stepped back through the brush.

Cause: Shooter swung on quail firing and hitting the victim

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/16/2000

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 30
Game Hunted: Quail
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 10
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Shooters dogs were going up the creek to flush birds. One quail flushed upstream shooter turned and attempted to shoot the quail behind him and his shot hit the victim behind him.

Cause: Shooter swung on Quail didn't see victim in the line of fire

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Lane **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/21/2000

Shooter Information

Age: 26 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 28
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Shooter and victim were members of the same hunting party, shooter had injured deer on earlier shot. Shooter alerted hunting party and they split up to try and find the deer, shooter saw deer fired missed the deer and hit the victim.

Cause: Shooter missed a shot on a deer the slug instead hit the victim who was in the line of fire

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Coos **Wildlife Management Unit:** Tioga

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/14/2000

Shooter Information

Age: 44 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 30
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: 7mm Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 13
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Victim and grandfather were climbing a rock bluff. Shooter said he thought he saw an elk and the flashing of horns. Shooter fired 3 times striking one victim in the arm and the other killing the 2nd victim. Both victims were wearing bright yellow rain gear.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Crook **Wildlife Management Unit:** Ochoco

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date:

Shooter Information

Age: 33 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Quail
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 27
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Both victims went around the backside of a brush pile to flush some quail out to the shooter. When the quail came out, the shooter fired three shots back through the brush. One of the shots hit both victims who were standing side by side.

Cause: Victims in the line of fire of the shooter

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Benton **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 1/22/1999

Shooter Information

Age: 25 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 10
Game Hunted: Nutria
Firearm Used: Ruger .22 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A-Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 1-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A-Shooter

Summary:

Victim was taking his pistol out of a side holster and it went off. Striking the Victim in his right leg.

Cause: Victim shot himself while trying to unholster his firearm

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Clackamas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Hood

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 9/11/1999

Shooter Information

Age: 19 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 3
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30 Cal. Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 12
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary:

Shooter heard movement looked and thought he saw antlers and an ear. The shooter lowered his sight into brush and shot twice, the 2nd shot hit victim

Cause: Shooter did not realize victim was in line of fire

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Deschutes **Wildlife Management Unit:** Grizzly

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/19/1999

Shooter Information

Age: 12 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 2
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 15
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Shooter hunting in field and shot at Pheasant taking off. Shooter did not realize victim was in line of fire until after shooting.

Cause: Shooter did not realize victim was in line of fire

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Deschutes **Wildlife Management Unit:** Grizzly

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/19/1999

Shooter Information

Age: 15/13 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 1
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 47
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

At Juvenile pheasant hunt, two shooters shot at a pheasant and the victim was in the line of fire.

Cause: Two juvenile hunters shot at pheasant and victim was in line of fire

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Beulah

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/25/1999

Shooter Information- Shooter is Unknown

Age: **Hunter Education:**
Years Hunting Experience:
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: Unknown
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Youth pheasant hunt, victim was hit by pellets from an unknown shooter.

Cause: Shooter did not realize victim was in line of fire

Incident: Seven **County of Incident:** Klamath **Wildlife Management Unit:** Keno

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/5/1999

Shooter Information

Age: 25 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .700 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 50
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary:

Shooter thought he saw a deer. He saw the brown pants of the victim through heavy brush. Shooter scoped in and fired into the brush hitting the victim

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Eight **County of Incident:** Lane **Wildlife Management Unit:** McKenzie

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/6/1999

Shooter Information

Age: 17 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 19
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Victim and shooter had finished deer hunting, shooter was putting his safety on the rifle when his sleeve caught on the gun. The gun discharged with the bullet hitting the victim.

Cause: Shooter trying to put safety on his gun sleeve caught on the gun and discharged.

Incident: Nine **County of Incident:** Union **Wildlife Management Unit:** Catherine Creek

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/24/1999

Shooter Information

Age: 25 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 18
Game Hunted: Pheasant and Quail
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 9
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary:

Shooter exited raft trying to get birds out into the open. He thought he saw 2 quail down from him and fired his shotgun at them. He hit another member in the party down in a raft behind the quail.

Cause: Shooter didn't know what was behind his target

Incident: Ten **County of Incident:** Klamath **Wildlife Management Unit:** Keno

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/30/1999

Shooter Information- Unknown Shooter

Age: **Hunter Education:**
Years Hunting Experience:
Game Hunted: Ducks
Firearm Used: Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 54
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

While duck hunting from a boat on Klamath Lake in a heavy fog the victim was struck by shotgun pellets fired at some passing ducks from another boat. Shooter was not identified

Cause: Victim struck by shotgun pellets fired at some passing ducks from another boat

Incident: Eleven **County of Incident:** Jackson **Wildlife Management Unit:** Applegate

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 12/24/1999

Shooter Information- Unknown Shooter

Age: **Hunter Education:**

Years Hunting Experience:

Game Hunted: Ducks

Firearm Used: Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 25

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown

Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary:

Victim was in the line of fire, hit by shotgun pellets in chin, right cheek and right jaw.

Cause: Mistaken for Game/ In line of fire

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Wasco **Wildlife Management Unit:** White River

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 3/28/1998

Shooter Information

Age: 17 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Rabbits and Squirrels
Firearm Used: .357 Magnum Rugar Blackhawk

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Victim was lowering the hammer on the single action handgun when his finger slipped and he shot
Summary: himself in the foot.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Columbia **Wildlife Management Unit:** Scappoose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/28/1998

Shooter Information

Age: 13 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 15
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Cap
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Light

Shooter saw pheasant flushed from a dike, he swung to shoot at the bird and did not see the other
Summary: hunters on the other side of the dike.

Cause: Shooter swung on Pheasant flushed, didn't see the other hunters behind the tall grass

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Wheeler **Wildlife Management Unit:** Fossil

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/3/1998

Shooter Information

Age: 23 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30.06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 63
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 1-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Victim was closing the gate on his property. His hunting partner was in a pickup, laying down his rifle and the gun discharged.

Cause: Safety not on gun, shooter laid down rifle and firearm discharged

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Wheeler **Wildlife Management Unit:** Fossil

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/4/1998

Shooter Information

Age: 65 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 38
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 7mm Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was exited pickup of cab and started chambering a round. He was attempting to activate the safety with a finger on the trigger. He shot himself in the foot.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm.

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Polk **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/5/1998

Shooter Information

Age: 48 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-30 caliber rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A-Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim cocked rifle he was carrying after he saw a small deer. Victim decided not to shoot the animal, but did not decock the rifle. He was standing in some black berry bushes and was using the rifle to move the bushes away. He was holding the rifle in his right hand perpendicular to the ground. Victim hit the butt of the rifle on the ground and the rifle went off.

Cause: Cocked firearm, didn't fire and left the firearm cocked. Butt of rifle hit the ground and gun went off

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Benton **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/10/1998

Shooter Information

Age: 29 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Unknown
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A-Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A-Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim was riding in a truck with the barrel of his rifle pointed out the window. Victim stated that he moved the safety button from what he thought was the safety position to the fire position and then back again into the original position. He had his right hand resting on the end of the rifle. Victim

Cause: Victim thought his safety was on it wasn't and shot himself in the hand

Incident: Seven **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Owyhee

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/17/1998

Shooter Information

Age: 35 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 24
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 33
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Orange Panel on back
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Victim passed shooters on ATV's in hunting area, shooter waited until he believed the atv was a safe distance away from him. A pheasant flushed from moderately thick vegetation and he shot. Victim was on ATV 25 feet away and behind a screen of moderately thick vegetation.

In line of fire. Victim was behind a screen of vegetation from the shooter and was hit by the pellet

Cause: load after it passed through vegetation

Incident: Eight **County of Incident:** Klamath **Wildlife Management Unit:** Keno

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/18/1998

Shooter Information

Age: 48 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 36
Game Hunted: Cascade Elk
Firearm Used: Winchester 30.06 Cal Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 36
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Shooter saw what looked like fresh elk tracks; Shooter heard something and thought it was an elk. The victim was wearing a dark sweatshirt that the shooter thought looked like an elk shouldered his rifle and fired.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter

Incident: Nine **County of Incident:** Klamath **Wildlife Management Unit:** Keno

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/26/1998

Shooter Information

Age: 25 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 15
Game Hunted: Duck
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A-Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim stated he had problem with safety earlier in the day, victim was stowing firearm in boat-but first and firearm discharged. firearm discharged twice hitting victim in the left leg.

Cause: Victim was stowing firearm in boat-but first, firearm discharged

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Harney **Wildlife Management Unit:** Wagontire

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date:

Shooter Information

Age: 37 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 20
Game Hunted: Rabbit
Firearm Used: .223 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 39
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Victim and shooter were in the same hunting party, victim split off from shooter to use the restroom and went into some sage brush. Shooter was waiting for victim and saw a rabbit, he fired at the rabbit. Rabbit kept running and shooter fired one more shot, which ended up hitting the victim.

Cause: Victim was out of sight of the shooter and the shooter was swinging on game, putting the victim in the line of fire.

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Baker **Wildlife Management Unit:** Sumpter

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/22/1997

Shooter Information

Age: 28 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 4
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: Bow

Victim Information

Age: 45
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Victim and shooter were bugling to each other for a while. Shooter came up to the spot where him and his hunting partner thought the elk was. The elk that he shot at was the victim and his hunting partner.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Klamath **Wildlife Management Unit:** Keno

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/4/1997

Shooter Information

Age: 18 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 8
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-30 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was loading his rifle, when it discharged striking him in the left foot.

Cause: Careless handling of weapon

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Beulah

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date:

Shooter Information

Age: 14 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 3
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 10
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Light

Summary: Victim and shooter were part of the same hunting party, Victim separated from shooter. A pheasant flew up between the shooter and victim and the shooter turned and shot at the bird hitting the victim with pellets.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Beulah

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/1/1997

Shooter Information

Age: 46 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 12/61
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary: Shooter had put his safety on but had 2 shells still in the magazine as he was loading his shotgun into the top rack above the pickup seat. As he was loading it the trigger on the gun caught and fired hitting two victims.

Cause: Trigger caught on object, loaded firearm in vehicle

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Morrow **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/30/1997

Shooter Information -Unknown Shooter

Age: **Hunter Education:**
Years Hunting Experience:
Game Hunted: Ducks
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 28
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary:

Shotgun was left laying on the ground by someone in the victims hunting party. Dog stepped on the shotgun causing it to discharge hitting the victim.

Cause: Dog stepped on shotgun laying on the ground

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Baker **Wildlife Management Unit:** Sumpter

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 4/8/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 16 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Squirrels
Firearm Used: .22 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 17
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Cause: Shooter and victim were walking together gun discharged hitting victim in the back of the leg.
Careless handling of the gun

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Grant **Wildlife Management Unit:** Northside

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 8/2/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 43 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Coyote
Firearm Used: .22 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A-Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A-Shooter

Summary: Victim stated that he was shooting a coyote out the passenger side window of the pickup with a 22 pistol. He then stated that after he had shot the coyote, he heard a car coming so he took the pistol and was putting it into the holster and the strap got trapped inside the trigger guard of the weapon and as he was shoving the weapon into the holster it went off.

Cause: Trigger caught on object

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Marion **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/29/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 39 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Unknown
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A-Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A-Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A-Shooter

Summary:

Victim was hunting early in the morning, he decided to climb back onto the stump. He laid the rifle on top of the stump. He was in the process of climbing onto the top of the stump when the rifle slid and went off.

Cause: Careless handling of the gun

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Deschutes **Wildlife Management Unit:** Paulina

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/1/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 48 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 35
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 7mm Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A-Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim and son were riding in car together with 2 rifles in backseat. Victim had his hand over the barrel of the rifle while riding in the truck. The firearm discharged hitting victim.

Cause: Loaded firearm in vehicle and careless handling of firearm

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Clackamas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/2/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 19 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-30 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A-Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim had put a round in the chamber and closed the action. He then started putting rounds in the magazine. He said that he didn't realize that the muzzle was pointing at his foot. Quite unexpectedly the rifle went off and shot him in the foot.

Cause: Loaded firearm in vehicle and careless handling of firearm

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Lincoln **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/11/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 18 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-30 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A-Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was a passenger in a vehicle being contacted by myself. He was unloading the rifle while in the vehicle

Cause: Loaded firearm in vehicle, Careless handling of weapon

Incident: Seven **County of Incident:** Douglas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Melrose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/12/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 27 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .270 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 47
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary: Shooter and victim were on stands that weren't facing each other. Shooter walked away from his stand and was walking towards victim. Deer was spotted in-between shooter and victim and the shooter fired hitting the victim.

Cause: Victim in the line of fire of shooter

Incident: Eight **County of Incident:** Lane **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/16/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 18 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 5
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .303 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A-Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim had just shot at a deer and had returned to his pickup. After getting into his pickup he decided to unload his rifle when it accidentally discharged.

Cause: Accidental discharge of firearm

Incident: Nine **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Owyhee

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/18/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 13 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 0
Game Hunted: Pheasants
Firearm Used: 20 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 46
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary: Hunting party had just got out of their vehicle to make a drive for pheasants. As the party started walking down the farm road, guns were being loaded. The shooter had just placed 2 shells into the shotgun and closed the action. When the action was closed the gun discharged hitting the victim

Cause: Trigger caught on object and loading firearm

Incident: Ten **County of Incident:** Grant **Wildlife Management Unit:** Heppner

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/29/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 36 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Quail
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 34
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Subjects were attempting to flush a group of quail out of heavy cover. As birds flushed shooter started shooting at birds and could not see his partner (victim). Three pellets from shooters shotgun struck victim in neck.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game. And Victim was out of sight of shooter

Incident: Eleven **County of Incident:** Yamhill **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/3/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 31
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Shooter and victim went in different direction at start of hunt. Victim decided to turn back into direction of shooter. Victim made no attempt to notify shooter that he was returning or entering an area that he was hunting in. Victim came within approximately 50 yards of shooter in heavy dense

Cause: Victim out of sight of shooter

Incident: Twelve **County of Incident:** Washington **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/18/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 51 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 40 Years
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: 30-06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 32
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Shoulders Only
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Open Area

Summary:

Shooter was hunting in foggy conditions, shooter saw elk through fog but not enough time to shoot. A few minutes later he thought he saw the rump of elk and fired a shot hitting the victim.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Thirteen **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/19/1996

Shooter Information

Age: Unknown **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Unknown
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A-Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim had a loaded firearm in vehicle rack. Drove around and when he got out to take his rifle it discharged hitting victim.

Cause: Loaded firearm in vehicle

Incident: Fourteen **County of Incident:** Wasco **Wildlife Management Unit:** White River

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/26/1996

Shooter Information

Age: Unknown **Hunter Education:** Unknown
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Birds
Firearm Used: Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 36
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Victim was down in a "hole" and could not be seen by the shooter. Dogs flushed out a bird and the shooter fired his gun at a bird hitting the victim.

Cause: Victim out of sight of shooter

Incident: Fifteen **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Owyhee

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 12/1/1996

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Pheasants
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 44
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Shooter was following victim through heavy brush. Victim was in front of shooter, shooter slipped while firearm was pointed at victim. Shooter lost control of loaded firearm, firearm went off striking the victim.

Cause: Victim moved into the line of fire

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Walla Walla

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 4/21/1995

Shooter Information

Age: 17 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 10
Game Hunted: Turkey
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 18
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary:

Victim concealed himself in heavy brush. The shooter whistled for the victim to respond to learn his location and received no reply. He then shot twice at 2 turkeys and struck the victim.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Deschutes **Wildlife Management Unit:** Upper Deschutes

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/8/1995

Shooter Information

Age: 52 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Unknown
Firearm Used: 30-06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A-Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim had finished hunting with his party and was unloading his rifle when it went off.

Cause: Victim was unloading his gun and it went off

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Columbia **Wildlife Management Unit:** Scappoose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/14/1995

Shooter Information

Age: 33 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Ducks/Geese
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Shooter was using active ammo and fired a round and heard a "pop". He then fired again when the barrel exploded in his face.

Cause: Obstruction in barrel

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Sherman **Wildlife Management Unit:** Biggs

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/23/1995

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 26
Game Hunted: Quail
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 33
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Victim and shooter were on opposite sides of a ravine looking down into the ravine from the hillsides. Shooter threw a stick down into the thicket from his location and then began to walk along the top of the ravine until he lost sight of the victim. Shooter saw what he thought looked like a quail appear in an opening in the brush at the bottom of the ravine. Shooter called out to his partner asking for his location and hear him say "I'm over here". Shooter stated that he thought it sounded like the victim was still up on the hillside. Shooter fired a shot from the hillside above at the object in the thicket and ended up hitting the victims foot.

Cause: Victim out of sight of shooter and mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Klamath **Wildlife Management Unit:** Keno

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/27/1995

Shooter Information

Age: 40 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 30
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 53
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Victim was walking up to his back door, within the Safety Zone in the Wildlife are when he was shot

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Lane **Wildlife Management Unit:** McKenzie

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/28/1995

Shooter Information

Age: 21 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 12
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-30 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 22
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary:

Shooter and victim were approx 10 yards apart when a deer ran between the two of them. Shooter shot at the deer and missed hitting the victim in the right thigh

Cause: Victim in the line of fire of shooter

Incident: Seven **County of Incident:** Washington **Wildlife Management Unit:** Scappoose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/3/1995

Shooter Information

Age: 64 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 14
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Shooter shot at a deer and thought he had hit it, he ran around a corner and thought he saw it again and fired hitting the victim.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Eight **County of Incident:** Grant **Wildlife Management Unit:** Murderers Creek

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/4/1995

Shooter Information- Unknown Shooter

Age: **Hunter Education:**
Years Hunting Experience:
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 69
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Unknown shooter was spotted by victim who waved his hat to try and alert shooter that it was a person not game. Shooter stopped looked through brush and fired shot anyways. Fired 3 shots at victim with 2 of the shots hitting his target.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Nine **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/5/1995

Shooter Information

Age: 15 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 3 Years
Game Hunted: Quail
Firearm Used: Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 43
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Coat/Vest
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Light

Summary:

Victim and shooter were on opposite sides of a creek. Some quail got up and the shooter shot at them. Some of the shot passed through the brush and struck the victim.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Ten **County of Incident:** Clatsop **Wildlife Management Unit:** Saddle Mt.

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/7/1995

Shooter Information

Age: 43 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Victim was hunting deer looked through his scope at 3 different deer noticed that non were legal game so set his rifle down. When he set the butt of the rifle on the ground it discharged hitting him in the right arm.

Cause: Victim's firearm discharged when he set the butt of the rifle on the ground

Incident: Eleven **County of Incident:** Morrow **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/11/1995

Shooter Information

Age: 24 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 10
Game Hunted: Ducks
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 38
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Both hunting parties were in their designated blinds at the refuge. Shooter and his girlfriend were hunting ducks from blind. Shooter shot low and straight ahead towards victim blind as a group of ducks flew in.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Twelve **County of Incident:** Union **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/14/1995

Shooter Information- Unknown Shooter

Age: **Hunter Education:**
Years Hunting Experience:
Game Hunted:
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age:
Blaze Orange Apparel:
Distance of Muzzle to Wound:
Type of Cover:

Summary:

Off duty state police officer was hit in the head by head by a ricochet bullet. The officer was not seriously injured treated and released

Cause:

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Wasco **Wildlife Management Unit:** White River

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 4/17/1994

Shooter Information

Age: 28 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 20
Game Hunted: Turkey
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 47
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Victim was walking along road in wasco county hunting turkey. Shooter claimed he saw a turkey walking left to right levered and fired his gun. Shots ended up hitting the victim

Cause: Swinging on Game, In line of fire, mistaken for game

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/15/1994

Shooter Information

Age: 72 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 45
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 37
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Shooter was hunting in a brushy area. Fired two shots at a pheasant. Victim was 100 yards away behind the pheasant, shooter didn't see victim.

Cause: Victim in the line of fire of shooter

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/23/1994

Shooter Information

Age: 42 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 42
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary: Pheasant flushed between hunters, shooter waited for bird to rise out of brush and thought the bird was clear of hunting companion when shooter took his shot. Shooter could not see his victim upon taking the shot.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Klamath **Wildlife Management Unit:** Keno

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/27/1994

Shooter Information

Age: 51 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 14
Game Hunted: Ducks/Geese
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 52
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 1-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Shooter shot a duck lowered his shotgun to waist/stomach area and had finger off trigger trying to engage safety. Shotgun went off striking partner.

Cause: Accidental discharge while lowering firearm

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Columbia **Wildlife Management Unit:** Scappoose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/29/1994

Shooter Information

Age: 26 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-30 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A-Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was hunting and placed his rifle in a hole in a stump for a second. The rifle fell to the bottom of the stump, victim tired to pull it out the trigger got caught on something and fired.

Cause: Trigger caught on object and careless handling of firearm

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Polk **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/13/1993

Shooter Information

Age: 36 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 41
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Shooter and victim were hunting in the wooded area and separated hoping to see a buck deer. Victim saw a deer and shot at it while it was apparently in between the two brothers. The brothers were not in sight of each other and the shooter saw the same deer and shot at it.

Cause: Victim in the line of fire of shooter

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Columbia **Wildlife Management Unit:** Scappoose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/17/1993

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 29
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 45-70 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 16/19
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+Yards
Type of Cover: Light

Summary:

Shooter shot one time at what he thought was deer(4 hunters) at range of approx 200 yards- hit two victims.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Lane **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/20/1993

Shooter Information

Age: 27 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-30 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 9
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A

Summary: Victim was preparing to leave camp, with the subjects that were hunting. The victim sat in the back of pickup leaning against the cab of the pickup. There were three firearms in the vehicle cab, when the rifles were moved in the cab the 30-30 rifle discharged . The bullet traveled through the pickup seat, cab, bed and then struck the victim in the back.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Union **Wildlife Management Unit:** Mt. Emily

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/6/1993

Shooter Information

Age: 65 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 49
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: .22-250 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 41
Blaze Orange Apparel: Yes, Cap
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary: Three people had been out elk hunting and had returned to their vehicle to move to a new location. Shooter was seated in the drivers seat with her rifle lying on the passengers seat with the barrel resting on the floorboard. Victim was standing in the passengers side doorway waiting for the shooter to move her rifle so she could get in the pickup. The shooter grabbed her rifle to move it, inadvertently discharging the rifle.

Cause: Careless Handling of firearm

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Gilliam **Wildlife Management Unit:** Biggs

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/21/1993

Shooter Information

Age: 12 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 1
Game Hunted: Chuckar
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim was hunting chukars near cemetery. Victim was walking with a loaded 12 gauge shotgun. The firearm was not on safety and victim had his finger on trigger. Victim slipped while walking causing firearm to discharge striking him in left foot.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Coos **Wildlife Management Unit:** Tioga

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/21/1993

Shooter Information

Age: 30 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 8
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: .338 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim was placing his rifle in pickup's window gun rack with his hand over muzzle to guide it in. firearm discharged.

Cause: Faulty Equipment or Trigger caught on object

Incident: Seven **County of Incident:** Wallowa **Wildlife Management Unit:** Snake River

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/24/1993

Shooter Information

Age: 68 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 34
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary: Victim and shooter had fired at the same elk from different camps. They both saw the elk go down and went up to try and find it. Victim was at the elk when the shooter saw it and wasn't sure if it was dead or not and fired a shot. Victim struck by shot.

Cause: Victim in the line of fire of shooter

Incident: Eight **County of Incident:** Wallowa **Wildlife Management Unit:** Wenaha

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 12/9/1993

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 15
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: Muzzleloader

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim was mounted on horseback and was trying to put his rifle in the scabbard. He was having trouble getting the rifle in the scabbard, the horse got startled and bolted. The rifle fell from the scabbard and when it struck the ground it discharged.

Cause: Muzzleloader hit the ground discharging the firearm

Incident: Nine

County of Incident: Linn

Wildlife Management Unit: Willamette

Property Damage ()

Personal Injury (X)

Fatal ()

Self Inflicted ()

Same Party (X)

Date: 12/24/1993

Shooter Information

Age: 41

Hunter Education: No

Years Hunting Experience: Unknown

Game Hunted: .22 Rifle

Firearm Used: Rabbit

Victim Information

Age: 25

Blaze Orange Apparel: No

Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards

Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary:

Victim was moving a hay bail to try and flush out some rabbits. Shooter saw the brown movement and fired at what he thought was a rabbit.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game and Victim out of sight of shooter

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Morrow **Wildlife Management Unit:** Heppner

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 5/14/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 17 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 3
Game Hunted: Squirrel
Firearm Used: .22 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A-Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim asked if he could look at a rifle from hunter. Rifle passed from hunter to victim from car and as it was getting to victims hands it discharged.

Cause: Careless Handling of firearm

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Lake **Wildlife Management Unit:** Paulina

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 6/26/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 29 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Rabbits
Firearm Used: .22 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim had been hunting rabbits in the Christmas Valley area with a friend and was hunting with a Ruger Mark I .22 caliber semi-auto handgun. While in the process of discharging the firearm, an already fired shell became lodged between the barrel and slide while a "live" round was partially fed into the chamber. The victim then sat down on the tailgate of his pickup truck and was in the process of attempting to clear the spent round when he accidentally let loose of the slide.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Deschutes **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/26/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 36 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 25
Game Hunted: .357 Handgun
Firearm Used: Bear

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was backing up partner who shot a mature black bear in a tree. Bear fell to ground still alive. Victim was drawing firearm and shot himself in leg.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Polk **Wildlife Management Unit:** Trask

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/3/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 17 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 3
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .243 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim had reached the predetermined meeting point and was waiting for the vest of his party. He was standing and was holding the rifle to his right side with the muzzle resting on his right shoe. He heard a sound and thought it might be a deer and started to lift his rifle to a ready position. As he lifted it, his finger depressed the trigger.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Marion **Wildlife Management Unit:** Santiam

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/3/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 12 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 4
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .243 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 70
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Shooter fired at deer and hit victim who was in the line of fire.

Cause: Victim in the line of fire of shooter

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Douglas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Evans Creek

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/3/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 57 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .300 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 40/34
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Shooter and his grandson saw a deer jump up, on the hill. They were standing on a logging landing site. They shot twice at the deer then heard the victim yelling up the hill. The shooters shots hit the victims vehicle, hitting both the driver and passenger.

Cause: Victim out of sight of shooter

Incident: Seven **County of Incident:** Yamhill **Wildlife Management Unit:** Trask

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/4/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 38 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 26
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .300 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 39
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Shooter thought he saw a buck, started following it and then fired once it stopped moving. His shot went through brush to where the victim was.

Cause: Victim out of sight of shooter

Incident: Eight **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Desolation

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/11/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 39 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .45 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Victim fell down while climbing an embankment when falling the gun discharged hitting victim

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Nine **County of Incident:** Polk **Wildlife Management Unit:** Alesa

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/12/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 15 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .32 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was climbing up a hillside when she fell backwards. She threw her. The rifle misfired hitting the ground causing a bullet to be discharged and ricocheting off a rock.

Cause: Dropped firearm

Incident: Ten **County of Incident:** Benton **Wildlife Management Unit:** Willamette

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/16/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 30
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .222 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 33
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary:

Shooter thought the victim was a deer and fired hitting the victim

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by shooter

Incident: Eleven **County of Incident:** Douglas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Melrose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/17/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 38 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30.06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 18
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Light

Summary:

Shooter heard his daughter yell about something in the bushes, thought he saw a deer through his rifle scope and fired, hitting the victim.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Twelve **County of Incident:** Josephine **Wildlife Management Unit:** Evans Creek

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/30/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 27 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .243 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim was a passenger in a small pick-up truck holding a loaded rifle barrel down. When driver saw a deer and stopped the truck, the victim opened his door and started to exit and apparently pulled the trigger on his rifle shooting himself in his lower right leg.

Cause: Discharge firearm in vehicle and Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Thirteen **County of Incident:** Linn **Wildlife Management Unit:** Santiam

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/8/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 47 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30-30 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 42
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Light

Summary:

Shooter saw deer and fired a shot missing the deer. He then saw something white hopping around in the bushes thought it was deer and fired. Shot hit the victim.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Fourteen **County of Incident:** Benton **Wildlife Management Unit:** Alesa

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/11/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 50 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 4
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 7mm Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 42
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary: Victim was sitting on a stand along a ridge top facing a clear cut area. Shooter was in the clear cut area about 150 yards below the victim. Shooter saw movement looked through his scope and thought he saw a deer. Fired a single shot hitting the victim.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Fifteen **County of Incident:** Yamhill **Wildlife Management Unit:** Trask

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/11/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 22 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .240 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 16
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Shooter saw a deer jump out and fired shot hitting the victim in the leg.

Cause: Victim in the line of fire of shooter

Incident: Sixteen **County of Incident:** Malheur **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/21/1992

Shooter Information

Age: Unknown **Hunter Education:** Unknown
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 40
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Shooter mishandled firearm causing it to fire and hit victim. Victim would not identify shooter just said the person is a young person

Cause: Careless Handling of firearm

Incident: Seventeen **County of Incident:** Jackson **Wildlife Management Unit:** Applegate

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/22/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 43 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Bear
Firearm Used: .250 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 27
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary:

Victim was bow hunting deer on shooter's property. Shooter was hunting for a nuisance bear. He mistook the victim for a bear.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Eighteen **County of Incident:** Harney **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/22/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 39 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: 30-06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 25
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary:

Victim was mistaken for game by the shooter

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Nineteen **County of Incident:** Columbia **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/27/1992

Shooter Information

Age: 37 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 20
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: 7mm Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was riding as passenger in a pickup with his rifle (muzzle up) between him and driver when it discharged.

Cause: In vehicle with a loaded firearm and careless handling of firearm

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Grant **Wildlife Management Unit:** Murderers Creek

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 12/30/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 16 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 4
Game Hunted: Quail
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 57
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary: Shooter hunting quail along Moon Creek County Road. Shooter Shot 12 ga. Shotgun at quail while he was standing on the County Rd. and shot victim in face, Across US Hwy 26 as victim was standing by his paper box.

Cause: Victim out of sight of shooter and shooting across roadway

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Lake **Wildlife Management Unit:** Fort Rock

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 2/17/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 19 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: No
Game Hunted: Rabbit
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: NA- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim grasped loaded firearm by the barrel to remove it from vehicle. It discharged inflicting a fatal chest wound.

Cause: Removing/placing a loaded firearm in vehicle

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Grant **Wildlife Management Unit:** Northside

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 3/17/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 16 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: None
Game Hunted: Plinking
Firearm Used: .22 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

The victim was trying to pull hammer back while holding firearm down. Hammer slipped and the firearm discharged.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Umatilla **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 5/2/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 28 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 16
Game Hunted: Badger
Firearm Used: .45 Semi-Auto Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was loading the firearm while seated in the front seat of vehicle. He let the slide go and firearm discharged.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm and loading firearm

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Lane **Wildlife Management Unit:** McKenzie

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 9/2/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 38 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 15+
Game Hunted: Quail
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 12
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary:

Father and son were hunting quail, Father (shooter) was in dense cover shot towards quail where his son (victim) was hit.

Cause: Victim out of sight of shooter and shooter was swinging on game

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Coos **Wildlife Management Unit:** Powers

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/25/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 55 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 50
Game Hunted: Bear
Firearm Used: .44 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

While the victim was working his way through heavy brush the revolver in his shoulder holster discharged sending a round down through his leg.

Cause: Running/Walking with loaded firearm

Incident: Seven **County of Incident:** Clatsop **Wildlife Management Unit:** Saddle Mt.

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/28/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 17 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: .22 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim had firearm in pocket when it went off.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Eight **County of Incident:** Sherman **Wildlife Management Unit:** Biggs

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/15/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 8-10
Game Hunted: Pheasant
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 47
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary:

Both subjects walking down a canyon in heavy sagebrush, shooter lost sight of victim and a covey of birds flew up. Shooter fired with the pellets striking the victim.

Cause: Victim out of sight of shooter and shooter was swinging on game

Incident: Nine **County of Incident:** Lane **Wildlife Management Unit:** McKenzie

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/26/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 61 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 2-5
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .22 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

While seated in small camp trailer at hunting camp the victim was handling a .22 caliber revolver when it discharged. She was checking to see if it was loaded and had her hand over the muzzle.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Ten **County of Incident:** Clackamas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Santiam

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/2/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 17 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .30-30 Caliber

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Based on the police report, there wasn't an exact cause of death. The victim had shot himself but they weren't sure how.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Eleven **County of Incident:** Josephine **Wildlife Management Unit:** Evans Creek

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/3/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 22 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 1
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .22 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 17
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Unknown

Summary:

Shooter was in an open area and saw movement across ravine on brushy hillside. He thought it was a deer and shot 3 times hitting the victim.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Twelve **County of Incident:** Lincoln **Wildlife Management Unit:** Trask

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/5/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 17 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 2
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .22 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim was unfamiliar with the firearm. Revolver was being carried in holster with trigger and hammer exposed. Other member of party "clicked" hammer back to alleged safe position. Victim jumped down from a log and the revolver discharged through his foot.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Thirteen **County of Incident:** Douglas **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/17/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 31 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: .22 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was walking a logging road. He was carrying a holstered .22 caliber revolver. Firearm discharged for no apparent reason.

Cause: Faulty Equipment

Incident: Fourteen **County of Incident:** Wallowa **Wildlife Management Unit:** Sled Springs

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/17/1991

Shooter Information

Age: 17 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: 6mm Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 13
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A

Summary:

Hunters had just picked out a spike bull. 5 people hiding in a pickup. The victims rifle fired as the shooter tried to open the bolt.

Cause: Discharge firearm in/on vehicle, careless handling of firearm

Incident: One **County of Incident:** Wasco **Wildlife Management Unit:** White River

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 4/14/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 27 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Turkey
Firearm Used: 20 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 35
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Open Area

Summary: Shooter saw turkey come out of and return into a thicket the shooter started stalking it. The shooter thought he saw the red of a Tom-turkey's beard and thought he saw a turkey strutting, he fired onetime and struck the victim.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter

Incident: Two **County of Incident:** Wallowa **Wildlife Management Unit:** Minam

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 9/1/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 10 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 4
Game Hunted: Grouse
Firearm Used: 20 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: Unknown
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Shooter and victim were hunting on the opposite sides of a brushy patch. Some grouse flew up and the shooter fired across the brushy patch at the birds, striking the victim in the leg and hip.

Cause: Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game

Incident: Three **County of Incident:** Gilliam **Wildlife Management Unit:** Biggs

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/29/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 32 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 24
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim went to shoot and his gun jammed. He tried to cock it back but it wouldn't cock. The victim pointed the gun away from his body and pulled the trigger, causing the gun to explode.

Cause: Gun jammed pulled trigger exploding gun.

Incident: Four **County of Incident:** Unknown **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 9/29/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 20
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 25.06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was hunting in a canyon slipped on rocks. While falling the victims hand slipped up the stock and knocked the safety into the off position. When the rifle went into the ground it discharged.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Five **County of Incident:** Morrow **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/6/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 23 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Coyote
Firearm Used: .44 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was walking with a loaded handgun, hammer back in hour of darkness with no flashlight and stepped in hole causing the weapon to be discharged into foot.

Cause: Victim was walking with loaded handgun safety off stepped in hole.

Incident: Six **County of Incident:** Wasco **Wildlife Management Unit:** White River

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/6/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .243 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 41
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

While unloading weapon at camp, gun discharged striking victim and one other hunter (two victims) in the leg. Shooter stated he was unfamiliar with the weapon.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Seven **County of Incident:** Wheeler **Wildlife Management Unit:** Columbia Basin

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/6/1990

Shooter Information- Unknown Shooter

Age: Unknown **Hunter Education:** Unknown
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .22 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 23
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Victim was standing around camp with two of his hunting partners when a stray bullet hit him.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter

Incident: Eight **County of Incident:** Benton **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 10/8/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 27 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .243 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 21
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Dense

Summary:

Shooter aimed and fired during low-light and under the influence of alcohol. There was unidentifiable movement through brush and trees that the shooter shot at, which was the victim.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter

Incident: Nine **County of Incident:** Clatsop **Wildlife Management Unit:** Saddle Mt.

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/19/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 26 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .308 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was getting into his vehicle when his gun went off striking him in the foot.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Ten **County of Incident:** Clatsop **Wildlife Management Unit:** Scappoose

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 10/30/1990

Shooter Information

Age: Unknown **Hunter Education:** Unknown
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Unknown
Firearm Used: Rifle

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

Victim was getting into his vehicle when his gun went off striking him in the foot.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Eleven **County of Incident:** Clatsop **Wildlife Management Unit:** Saddle Mt.

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/3/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 27 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 5
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30.06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 35
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: Open

Summary:

Victim stated that he saw suspect looking at him through his telescope on his rifle. Victim walked towards the shooter before shooter shot. Shooter thought he was shooting at a deer.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter

Incident: Twelve **County of Incident:** Yamhill **Wildlife Management Unit:** Trask

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/5/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 34 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .35 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 23
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Hunters had tied a shot deer to a pole to carry. Shooter placed rifle between deer's legs, because rifle did not have a sling. Hunters lifted deer over a log, and when they set the deer down the rifle fired.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Thirteen **County of Incident:** Tillamook **Wildlife Management Unit:** Trask

Property Damage () **Personal Injury ()** **Fatal (X)**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/5/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 43 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: 30.06 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 31
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 51-100 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Shooter thought the victim was down in the canyon in front of him, heard a noise behind him and saw what he thought was a coyote walking on a log. Checking twice he fired one shot and heard the victim yell out.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Fourteen **County of Incident:** Wallowa **Wildlife Management Unit:** Snake River

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/10/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 29 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: 7mm Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 33
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 101+ Yards
Type of Cover: Open

Summary: Victim and shooter were tracking an elk blood trail that went into a thicket. The victim and shooter split up. The victim went around to attempt to head the animal off. The shooter saw what appeared to be an elk approximately 150 yards away. He shot once and then saw his brother fall from his

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter

Incident: Fifteen **County of Incident:** Grant **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 11/13/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 41 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 30
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: .270 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 24
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Shooter was walking through the brush, he bent over to pick up a horn on the ground, when he looked up he saw a flash of yellow, a few seconds later he saw another flash of yellow, then another flash and shot. He heard the victim yell and ran over to him.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Sixteen **County of Incident:** Grant **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**
Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/14/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 18 **Hunter Education:** Yes
Years Hunting Experience: 3
Game Hunted: Elk
Firearm Used: .357 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: Unknown
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim was just getting out of vehicle loading his rifle. His arm hit the hammer on the .357 revolver he was wearing in a holster causing accidental discharge. Bullet went into right leg.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Seventeen **County of Incident:** Harney **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/23/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 65 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: 40
Game Hunted: Rabbits
Firearm Used: .22 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary:

While hunting rabbits, victim was walking down a hill with his piston in his right hand. He stated that the weapon discharged, striking him in the right calf.

Cause: Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Eighteen **County of Incident:** Gilliam **Wildlife Management Unit:** Unknown

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted (X) **Same Party ()**

Date: 11/24/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 18 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Rabbit
Firearm Used: .357 Handgun

Victim Information

Age: N/A- Shooter
Blaze Orange Apparel: N/A- Shooter
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: N/A- Shooter

Summary: Victim was hunting rabbits in Gilliam Co. Victim raised pistol to fire at rabbit but did not shoot when he lowered pistol. He was letting the pistols hammer down to safe his thumb slipped off of hammer causing pistol to discharge.

Cause: Holstering handgun, Careless handling of firearm

Incident: Nineteen **County of Incident:** Benton **Wildlife Management Unit:** Alesa

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 12/2/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 34 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Deer
Firearm Used: .30-30 Rifle

Victim Information

Age: 29
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 11-50 Yards
Type of Cover: Medium

Summary: Victim and shooter were part of the same hunting party, Victim has shot a deer the previous day but they didn't find it. The next day they both went to find the deer. Shooter mistook the victim for the deer and fired a single shot hitting the victim.

Cause: Victim mistaken for game by the shooter.

Incident: Twenty **County of Incident:** Crook **Wildlife Management Unit:** Grizzly

Property Damage () **Personal Injury (X)** **Fatal ()**

Self Inflicted () **Same Party (X)**

Date: 12/28/1990

Shooter Information

Age: 29 **Hunter Education:** No
Years Hunting Experience: Unknown
Game Hunted: Geese
Firearm Used: 12 Gauge Shotgun

Victim Information

Age: 41
Blaze Orange Apparel: No
Distance of Muzzle to Wound: 0-10 Yards
Type of Cover: Open Area

Summary: Shooter and victim were hunting geese out in an open field from a blind, as a flock of geese approached overhead. The shooter accidentally discharged his 12 gauge shot gun using # 2 shot into the victims lower left leg.

Cause: Careless handling of weapon