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1.	Yes	1/28/2015	9:00PM	Pepin	.22 round to groin area and lodged in posterior	No	SI	The shooter was hunting raccoon. Shooter previously drove over raccoon. The raccoon continued to run in an open corn field while shooter shot an estimated 10 rounds at raccoon. Shooter thought firearm was empty and grabbed on to the barrel with both hands and attempted to use the butt of the firearm to club the raccoon. The stock broke off the gun and a .22 round fired hitting shooter.	47 yr. M No	Same as Shooter	.22 Semi-Automatic Action Rifle
2.	Yes	03/07/2015	2:00PM	Rusk	gunshot wound to abdomen	Yes	Neither	The shooter was hunting coyote. Shooter fired one shot at running coyote, missing coyote and striking victim in abdomen. Shooter and victim (non-hunter) were approximately 811 feet apart.	17 yr. M Yes	60 yr. M Yes	30.30 Slide/Pump Action Rifle
3.	Yes	04/25/2015	9:30AM	Sheboygan	2 shotgun pellets in the left hand	No	Neither	Shooter was hunting turkey. Shooter set up with turkey fan decoy along field	62 yr. M No	28 yr. M Yes	12 Gauge Semi-Automatic Action

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								edge. Victim was crawling on the ground holding a strutting tom turkey decoy heading towards shooters decoy. Shooter saw turkey decoy through brush and shot once hitting victim in left hand.			Shotgun
4.	Yes	04/29/2015	3:42PM	Racine	gunshot wound to right heel	No	SI	Shooter was hunting nuisance black birds. Shooter rested firearm against a tree while working in the garden. The firearm fell causing it to discharge and strike victim in the right heel.	69 yr. M No	Same as Shooter	12 Gauge Slide/Pump Action Shotgun
5.	Yes	08/26/2015	7:30PM	Kenosha	gunshot wound to center of chest	Yes	SI	Shooter was hunting coyotes. Shooter was on ATV/UTV type of vehicle with loaded firearm. Firearm discharged at very close range with buckshot striking shooter/victim in chest.	66 yr. M No	Same as Shooter	12 Gauge Slide/Pump Action Shotgun
6.	Yes	09/13/2015	10:20AM	Vernon	gunshot wound to shoulder, broken humerus bone	No	Neither	Shooter was hunting squirrel. Shooter thought victim was a squirrel and shot at movement failing to	45 yr. M No	43 yr. M No	.17 Bolt Action Rifle

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7.	Yes	09/16/2015	7:30PM	Sheboygan	gunshot wound entered lower left torso above hip, no exit	No	SI	identify target. Shooter was hunting squirrel. Shooter shot at squirrel then proceeded to go retrieve the squirrel when shooter tripped and fell, which caused shooter to lose control of firearm with the safety in the off position.	20 yr. M Yes	Same as Shooter	.22 Semi-Automatic Action Rifle
8.	Yes	10/03/2015	7:00AM	Green Lake	Fine shot to right jaw and right middle finger	No	SP	Shooter was hunting waterfowl. Shooter and victim set up about 50 yards apart, shooter shot once at wood duck just above cattail height hitting victim with fine shot.	31 yr. M Yes	34 yr. M Yes	12 Gauge Slide/Pump Action Shotgun
9.	Yes	10/11/2015	1:30PM	Bayfield	6 pellets to left side of body from mid high to scalp	No	SP	Shooter was hunting grouse. Grouse flushed in a thicket and shooter shot once striking victim on the far right side of the line. Shooter lost sight of the victim.	18 yr. M Yes	16 yr. M Yes	12 Gauge Slide/Pump Action Shotgun
10.	Yes	10/12/2015	1:45PM	Chippewa	bullet went through right foot from top and exited out bottom	No	SI	Shooter was hunting nuisance squirrel. Shooter unaware of bullet already chambered was attempting to load	53 yr. F Yes	Same as Shooter	.22 Semi-Automatic Action Handgun

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								the .22 rifle when rifle discharged directly into right foot.			
11.	Yes	10/17/2015	8:00AM	Waukesha	cross bow bolt penetrated through right foot, entered top of foot between the bones on first and second toe	No	SI	Shooter was stalking antlerless deer. Shooter was carrying crossbow in a high ready position and lost sight of deer. During the transition from the high ready carry back to a one handed side carry the crossbow discharged.	42 yr. M Yes	Same as Shooter	Crossbow
12.	Yes	10/17/2015	8:10AM	Columbia	bullet entered right bicep and went through causing an approximate 2 inch wound	No	Neither	Shooter was hunting squirrel. Victim was archery hunting in an elevated treestand. Shooter saw movement and looked through the scope on his gun and shot at what he thought was a squirrel hitting victim.	30 yr. M Yes	34 yr. M Yes	.22 Caliber Bolt Action Rifle
13.	Yes	11/05/2015	11:00AM	Jefferson	BB to eye and right shoulder and chest area	No	SP	Shooter was hunting pheasant on gamefarm with hunting party of five. Shooter trailed behind the group after changing direction in field. The	34 yr. M Yes	37 yr. M Yes	12 Gauge Slide/Pump Action Shotgun

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								shooter flushed a pheasant behind group and took a shot at the pheasant hitting victim.			
14.	Yes	11/07/2015	7:45AM	Waupaca	birdshot wound to the shoulder, 2" laceration with 19 BB's embedded below skin	No	SI	Shooter was hunting pheasant. Shooter believes safety was bumped when shooter tripped and believes a stick may have contacted the trigger causing the shotgun to discharge.	41 yr. M Yes	Same as Shooter	28 Gauge Break/Hinge Action Shotgun
15.	Yes	11/21/2015	09:00AM	Rock	gunshot wound to left leg just above knee breaking several bones	No	SI	Shooter was hunting deer. Shooter was seated along field and began to fall asleep. Gun discharged striking shooter/victim in left leg	16 yr. M Yes	Same as Shooter	20 Gauge Slide/Pump Action Shotgun
16.	Yes	11/22/2015	8:00AM	Marathon	gunshot wound through left arm, grazed chest, and entered right arm where it lodged	No	SP	Shooter was hunting deer. Shooter was reloading firearm when attempting to de-cock the hammer, it slipped, and the rifle discharged striking victim approximately 3 feet away.	14 yr. M Yes	26 yr. M Yes	30-30 Caliber Lever Action Rifle
17.	Yes	11/22/2015	8:59AM	Columbia	Gunshot wound entering near armpit	Yes	SP	Shooter was hunting deer. Shooter was already in treestand while victim was on	35 yr. F Yes	39 yr. M Yes	.308 Lever Action Rifle

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								ladder handing up a loaded rifle to the shooter. Gun went off striking the victim.			
18.	Yes	11/23/2015	4:20PM	Manitowoc	Gunshot wound to the left leg, femur area	No	SP	Shooter was hunting deer. Victim walking towards shooters location attempting to push deer to shooter. Shooter saw two deer at approximately 140 yards and shot at deer hitting victim in leg.	17 yr. M Yes	18 yr. M Yes	.308 Bolt Action Rifle
19.	Yes	11/23/2015	4:18PM	Waushara	Gunshot wound to sternum area, exiting the side	Yes	Neither	Victim was walking through pines, hunting deer. Victim heard two shots and was hit in the lower chest area.	22 yr. M Yes	56 yr. M Yes	.7mm Bolt Action Rifle
20.	Yes	11/27/2015	9:49AM	Jackson	Gunshot wound to right foot near toes	No	SI	Shooter was on a deer drive while walking through some brush. Shooter/victim lowered his rifle to get through brush when the firearm discharged twice hitting foot.	35 yr. M Yes	Same as Shooter	.308 Caliber Semi-Automatic Action Rifle
21.	Yes	11/29/2015	unknown between 3:15pm-9:14pm	Marathon	Gunshot wound entering chest and exiting through back	Yes	SI	Shooter was presumably hunting deer when gunshot wound entered chest and exiting through	50 yr. M No	Same as Shooter	.25-06 Caliber Bolt Action Rifle

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22.	Yes	11/29/2015	3:55PM	Polk	Gunshot wound striking victim in forearm	No	SP	After just shooting a deer, the victim and shooter were travelling down a county road with multiple loaded firearms in vehicle, the loaded .270 rifle was between driver and passenger when it discharged hitting victim.	unknown	16 yr. M Yes	.270 Caliber Bolt Action Rifle
23.	Yes	12/27/2015	11:00AM	Eau Claire	Pellets struck face and lodged in tongue and neck.	No	SP	Group of hunters pushing pheasants victim covered by shooter swinging on game	64 yr. M Yes	36 yr. M Yes	12 Gauge Semi-Automatic Action Shotgun