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Daniel A. Smith
Chief of Police

Lt Beenders,

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Sir,

At the end of my tour at approximately 0625 hrs. I was unloading my personal gear out of vehicle 503. When I unlocked the mount for the department issued AR-15 I opened the rear door and pulled up the locking arm. When I attempted to pull out the AR-15 I was having a little trouble so I rocket it to get it out of the mount. Somehow when doing this I had an accidental discharge of 1 round. After this happened I placed the rifle on the floor and secured the door and went inside headquarters to make sure I was not injured. I immediately called over the radio to Ptl. Nierodzik and Ptl. Irons to respond to headquarters.

Upon their arrival I advised them of the accidental discharge. We then inspected the vehicle and at that time took some photos of the interior of the vehicle with the department cell phone. After photos were taken I secured the AR-15. When I ejected the magazine and went to make the weapon safe from a recycled round I noticed that no round had recycled and there was no round loaded. I secured the weapon and spent casing in my locker and contacted you advising you of the situation.

Vehicle 503 was taken out of service and tape was placed over the hole in the roof.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sgt Jeffrey Delbuono". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and "D".

Sgt Jeffrey Delbuono