

Individual Incident Details 2019 Hunting Season

INJURY TYPE	non-fatal	SELF-INFLICTED?	no
DATE	1.26.19	TIME	1500
COUNTY	Kern	LOCATION	Kern NWR (Unit 2)
LAND OWNERSHIP	public	ANIMAL HUNTED	waterfowl
SHOOTER SEX	M	SHOOTER AGE	79
HUNTER ED CERT?	yes	WHICH STATE?	CA
Was Game law violated?	No	Which Law?	n/a
Firearm or bow?	firearm - shotgun	SAFETY POSITION	off
VICTIM SEX	M	DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE	90 yards
TOPOGRAPHY	flat	VISIBILITY	good
COVER TYPE	open	LIGHTING	sunny
WEATHER	clear	Blaze Orange Clothing?	no
FACTORS:	victim covered by shooter swinging on game; ricochet		
SUMMARY:	Shooter in kayak type watercraft. Paddled around small patch of tules and shot at ruddy ducks/coots that were running / sitting on water. Victim in kayak & saw shooter point shotgun in his direction. Covered chest & head with leg & arm. Struck in leg / thigh by several pellets resulting in welts. Shooter fired second shot striking victims kayak. Shooter involved in similar incident in December 2018.		

INJURY TYPE	non-fatal	SELF-INFLICTED?	no
DATE	09.01.19	TIME	0600
COUNTY	Riverside	LOCATION	Blythe
LAND OWNERSHIP	private	ANIMAL HUNTED	dove/pigeon
SHOOTER SEX	unknown	SHOOTER AGE	unknown
HUNTER ED CERT?	unknown	WHICH STATE?	n/a
Was Game law violated?	unknown	Which Law?	n/a
Firearm or bow?	firearm - shotgun	SAFETY POSITION	off
VICTIM SEX	M	DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE	11-50 yards
TOPOGRAPHY	flat	VISIBILITY	poor
COVER TYPE	medium	LIGHTING	dawn
WEATHER	sunny / clear	Blaze Orange Clothing?	no
FACTORS:	victim out of sight of shooter		
SUMMARY:	Victim was standing near a 6 foot tall bush. Does not recall hearing or feeling shot. Struck with approximately 30 #7 shot pellets in upper body & face. Per victim and hunting partner they did not see anyone else in the area.		

INJURY TYPE	non-fatal	SELF-INFLICTED?	no
DATE	09.01.19	TIME	0755
COUNTY	Riverside	LOCATION	Menifee
LAND OWNERSHIP	private	ANIMAL HUNTED	dove/pigeon
SHOOTER SEX	M	SHOOTER AGE	36
HUNTER ED CERT?	yes	WHICH STATE?	CA
Was Game law violated?	no	Which Law?	n/a
Firearm or bow?	firearm - shotgun	SAFETY POSITION	off
VICTIM SEX	M	DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE	11-50 yards
TOPOGRAPHY	flat	VISIBILITY	good
COVER TYPE	open	LIGHTING	sunny
WEATHER	sunny/clear	Blaze Orange Clothing?	no
FACTORS:	victim covered by shooter swinging on game		
SUMMARY:	Victim was attempting to retrieve a downed dove in a harvested wheat field. As he		

approached the dove it flew away. Shooter shot at the same dove as it approached him. Victim was about 25 yards from shooter and received several pellet wounds to face, chest, & arm.

INJURY TYPE	non-fatal	SELF-INFLICTED?	no
DATE	10.08.19	TIME	1015
COUNTY	Siskiyou	LOCATION	Dorris
LAND OWNERSHIP	private	ANIMAL HUNTED	waterfowl
SHOOTER SEX	M	SHOOTER AGE	
HUNTER ED CERT?	yes	WHICH STATE?	CA
Was Game law violated?	no	Which Law?	n/a
Firearm or bow?	firearm - shotgun	SAFETY POSITION	off
VICTIM SEX	M	DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE	51-100 yards
TOPOGRAPHY	flat	VISIBILITY	good
COVER TYPE	medium	LIGHTING	sunny
WEATHER	sunny/clear	Blaze Orange Clothing?	no
FACTORS:	victim covered by shooter swinging on game; ricochet		
SUMMARY:			

Shooter shot at two ducks - one was taken cleanly, the other was crippled. Shooter shot at crippled duck on the water. Victim was behind 8 to 12 feet of vegetation, said he recalls the sound of shot coming through the vegetation while being struck in the face with several pellets. Note: Victim was wearing safety glasses that clearly stopped at least one pellet from entering his eye.

INJURY TYPE	non-fatal	SELF-INFLICTED?	yes
DATE	09.21.19	TIME	1700
COUNTY	Mendocino	LOCATION	Barley Lake, Mendocino NF
LAND OWNERSHIP	public	ANIMAL HUNTED	deer
SHOOTER SEX	M	SHOOTER AGE	25
HUNTER ED CERT?	Yes	WHICH STATE?	CA
Was Game law violated?	no	Which Law?	n/a
Firearm or bow?	Firearm- handgun	SAFETY POSITION	off
VICTIM SEX		DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE	0 - 10 yards
TOPOGRAPHY	hilly	VISIBILITY	good
COVER TYPE	medium	LIGHTING	sunny
WEATHER	clear	Blaze Orange Clothing?	no
FACTORS:	trigger caught on object		
SUMMARY:			

Shooter / victim removed his M1911 handgun from his backpack and attempted to place the handgun in a holster on his hip. He thought it was unloaded. The trigger caught on the holster. He was shot through the ankle and foot.

INJURY TYPE	non-fatal	SELF-INFLICTED?	no
DATE	11.10.19	TIME	0830
COUNTY	Klamath	LOCATION	Tulelake NWR
LAND OWNERSHIP	public	ANIMAL HUNTED	pheasant
SHOOTER SEX	M	SHOOTER AGE	37
HUNTER ED CERT?	yes	WHICH STATE?	OR
Was Game law violated?	no	Which Law?	n/a
Firearm or bow?	firearm - shotgun	SAFETY POSITION	off
VICTIM SEX	M	DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE	51 - 100 yards
TOPOGRAPHY	flat	VISIBILITY	good
COVER TYPE	medium	LIGHTING	sunny
WEATHER		Blaze Orange Clothing?	yes

FACTORS:
SUMMARY:

victim covered by shooter swing on game
Shooter & victim were hunting along the same levee. The shooter was approximately 80 to 100 yards behind victim. Shooter took one shot at, and missed, a rising pheasant. Victim was struck in the back by several pellets.

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DATE	11.09.19	TIME	0830
COUNTY	Tulare	LOCATION	Exeter
LAND OWNERSHIP	private	ANIMAL HUNTED	pheasant
SHOOTER SEX	M	SHOOTER AGE	about 14
HUNTER ED CERT?	unknown	WHICH STATE?	n/a
Was Game law violated?	no	Which Law?	n/a
Firearm or bow?	firearm - shotgun	SAFETY POSITION	off
VICTIM SEX	M	DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE	11-50 yards
TOPOGRAPHY	flat	VISIBILITY	good
COVER TYPE	open	LIGHTING	sunny
WEATHER	sunny/clear	Blaze Orange Clothing?	yes

FACTORS:
SUMMARY:

victim covered by shooter swinging on game
Occurred during a hunting association's youth pheasant hunt. Each youth hunter was accompanied by an adult. Shooter & victim were about 30 to 40 yards apart. A pheasant flew between them and was shot by the shooter as it descended. Victim was struck by two pellets in the face and one in the chest.

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DATE		TIME	
COUNTY		LOCATION	
LAND OWNERSHIP		ANIMAL HUNTED	
SHOOTER SEX		SHOOTER AGE	
HUNTER ED CERT?		WHICH STATE?	
Was Game law violated?		Which Law?	
Firearm or bow?		SAFETY POSITION	
VICTIM SEX		DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE	
TOPOGRAPHY		VISIBILITY	
COVER TYPE		LIGHTING	
WEATHER		Blaze Orange Clothing?	

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LAND OWNERSHIP		ANIMAL HUNTED	
SHOOTER SEX		SHOOTER AGE	
HUNTER ED CERT?		WHICH STATE?	
Was Game law violated?		Which Law?	
Firearm or bow?		SAFETY POSITION	
VICTIM SEX		DISTANCE FROM MUZZLE	

TOPOGRAPHY
COVER TYPE
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FACTORS:

SUMMARY: