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military training, when you're dealing with a handgun, a rifle or any other firearm, is that you don't be pointing it at people, and you're supposed to know whether it's loaded or unloaded. Is that the kind of training you received?

SENATOR PREISTER: That's the kind of training that I received, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: And if a trooper happened to shoot somebody, could he get away with saying it just went off, and they accept that? Or would they say, well, these weapons fire only when you pull the trigger?

SENATOR PREISTER: I think he would have to go through a court proceeding and they would have to ask him a number of questions probably, but I don't think he could get by with saying that I didn't know it was loaded or some other excuse.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: When you ever dealt with a firearm in the military, was any of them or were any of them of a type that would go off without you pulling a trigger or a lever or something that would cause it to discharge?

SENATOR PREISTER: Not in a firearm. There were other weapons that were used that could be tripped, but virtually all of them would have some kind of mechanism to cause them to be detonated. So they wouldn't just, on their own accord, go off and injure someone. They had to be acted upon by a human being in some fashion.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Preister. Members of the Legislature, I want to read again what this Iraq war veteran said. He didn't know the gun was loaded and it just went off. That's the kind of person Senator Combs thinks should be carrying these pistols. He didn't know it was loaded. Let me continue. The trooper testified Monday that Strasburg said he had pointed his gun into a parked vehicle because the occupants were "acting belligerent" and "try and make them show a little respect." Now he said he pointed the gun in the window at the occupants. But at another place he said...