5 Injured From Weapons Misfires in 3 Different Gun Shows

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Three in North Carolina, and one each in Ohio and Indiana, the casualties of last Saturday, forced officials to discuss whether allowing private gun sales at gun shows should be allowed.

Police explain that in the North Carolina (Raleigh) incident, there was a 46-year-old man trying to sell a shotgun near the entrance of the show. He was taking it out of the case when he accidentally discharged the shotgun.

At least 3 were injured from this misfire. One was a sheriff’s deputy and another was a 54-year-old woman.

Joel Keith, chief of police of the North Carolina State Fair says “I want to emphasize that this is an accident,”

Wake County’s sheriff’s investigators and the local prosecutor are still deciding whether or not to charge the gun’s owner. Authorities say it is illegal to bring a loaded gun to the fairground because of large crowds.

The show was only closed for the remainder of Saturday and reopened on Sunday.

"If we thought if it was a problem or a hazard, we wouldn't have this show," Keith said regarding the private gun sales at the show. "I'm sure there isn't anybody who hates this more than the guy who owned this weapon."

Police have decided to indefinitely disallow visitors to bring and privately sell their own firearms at this fair.