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**LANE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**NEWS RELEASE**



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**NATURE OF STORY:**                Sheriff's Office Reminds Those Recreating with Firearms to Know What Lies Beyond Your Target

**DETAILS:**

**In the last month, the Sheriff's Office has received reports of stray bullets hitting houses and private property in the Marcola area. In one case, a large water tank was struck with a bullet. In another case, a BBQ was hit with a stray bullet (pictured below). On 5/7/2017, the door of a residence was struck with a bullet and multiple other rounds hit the home.**

**The Sheriff's Office would like to remind those recreating with firearms to put safety first, and to be sure of what lies beyond your target. Shooting into trees, bushes, and other objects that will not stop a bullet put those down range in serious danger. Recreational shooters should choose an area that has a dirt back stop. Additionally, shooting in the direction of any person, building, structure, or vehicle within the range of the weapon is against the law. Safety first!**

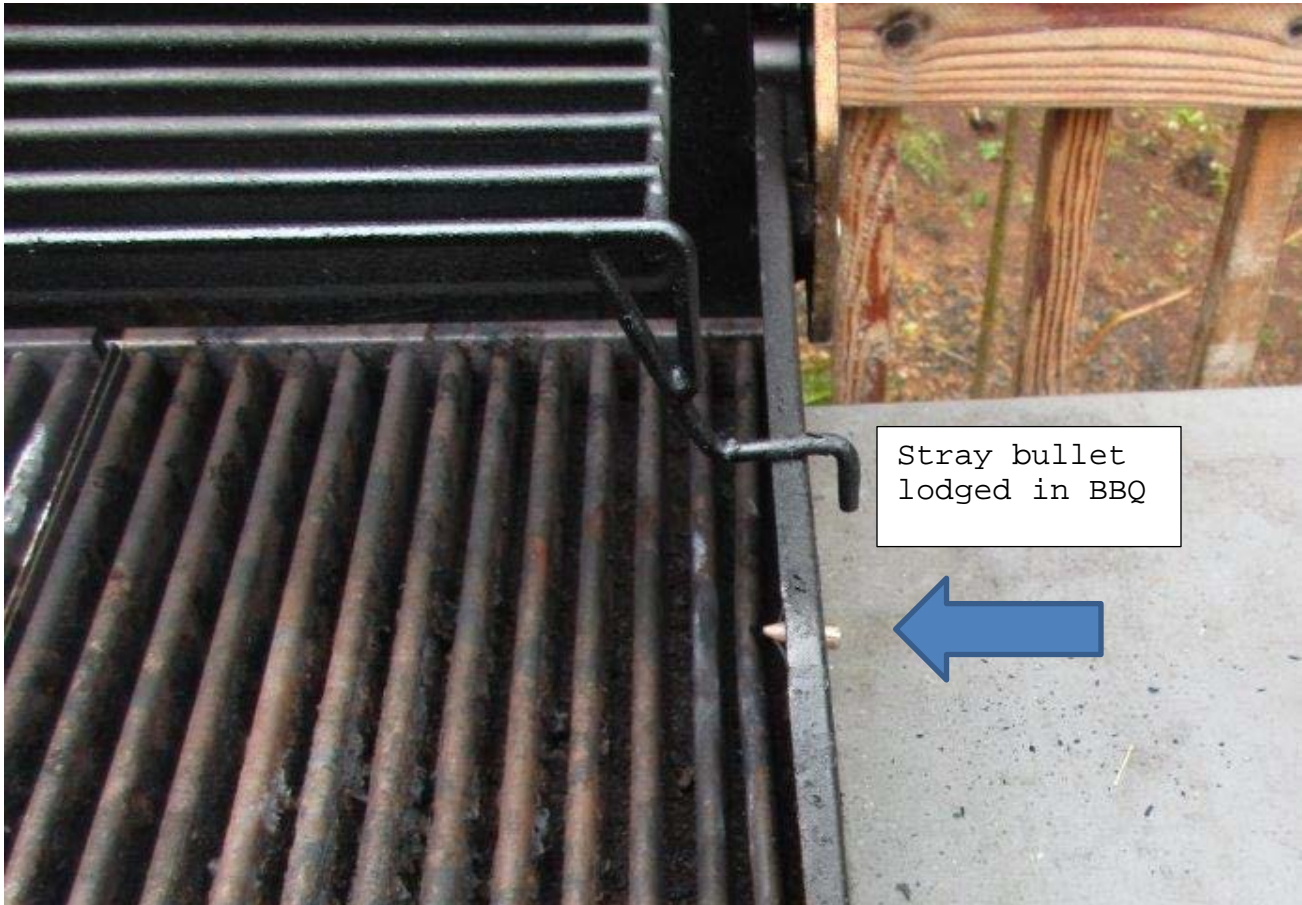
**Firearms Safety Tips**

- **Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.**
- **Never point a firearm at anything that is not your intended target.**
- **Keep your finger off the trigger and outside the trigger guard until you have made the decision to fire the weapon.**
- **Know your target and what lies beyond.**
- **Keep weapons locked in a safe place when they are not in use.**

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