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The Northwest Regional Police have concluded an investigation into a shooting that occurred on Sunday, December 28, 2008. During the early morning hours of Sunday, December 28, 2008, Officer Harry Cleland of the Northwest Regional Police Department responded to the Hershey Medical Center for a report of a person suffering from a gun shot wound.

On Officer Cleland's arrival at the medical facility, he spoke to Daniel A. Stephenson M/26 YOA who is a resident of Elizabethtown. Mr. Stephenson was being treated for a gunshot wound to his left hand. He was admitted to the Hershey Medical Center for surgery.

The investigation determined that the shooting occurred outside a residence in the 1200 block of Scheaffer Rd. in Mount Joy Township. Stephenson was showing friends how to dismantle and assemble his 40 caliber Smith and Wesson handgun. As he was assembling the handgun, it discharged with the round going through his left hand and lodging into a nearby cooking grill.

The investigation has determined that the shooting was self-inflicted by Stephenson and classified as accidental.

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