



Texas Parks and Wildlife Hunting Accident and Incident Report Form



Fatal Non-fatal Report Number: _____
(will be assigned in Austin)

INSTRUCTIONS TO GAME WARDEN:

This form is to be used for reporting all accidents/incidents arising from hunting, firearm or bow related activities classified as follows:

- An accident/incident resulting from the discharge of a firearm or bow while hunting, which causes the injury or death of any person(s).
- An accident/incident while hunting, not involving the discharge of a firearm or bow, which causes the injury or death of any person(s).
- Any other accidents/incidents resulting from the discharge of a firearm or bow, which causes the injury or death of any person(s), other than tile hunting

NOTE: If possible, firearms, archery tackle, ammunition/powder or other equipment involved in a hunting accident/incident should be taken to the custody of the investigating officer for testing and/or evaluation.

Items marked with an asterisk are annually reported to the International Hunter Education Association, the organization responsible for compiling data from throughout North America.

I. *State/Province: Texas Location: Armstrong Ranch
 County/Parish: Kenedy Date: 02/11/2006 Time of Day: 5:30 pm
 Day of season: _____ Description of Injuries: Shotgun wound to right side of face, neck and chest.



Land Ownership: Public Private
 *Classification of Accident:(see above) A B C
 *Type of Casualty: Fatal Non-fatal
 Report submitted by? Shooter Other: Sheriff's Dept.
 Were shooter & victim members of same party? Yes No Number of persons in party: []
 Relationship of victim(s) to shooter Friend Relative Other: _____
 *Was injury or death self-inflicted? Yes No
 Type of Firearm Shotgun Rifle* Handgun* Muzzleloader* Bow* Crossbow* Unknown*
 Type of Action: Hinge Bolt Lever Semi-Auto Pump Revolver Other
 Miscellaneous: Caliber: 28 Draw Weight: _____ Make: Perazzi Model: Brescia Serial#: 115288
 Sights used: Open Scope Peep No Safety Factory Factory
 Safety Position: On Off Unknown No Safety Factory Factory
 Treestand used: Yes No Homemade Ladder
 Type of Treestand: Ground Elevated Vehicle Ladder
 Ammunition: Reload Military Factory
 Type of Ammunition _____

II. If self-inflicted, supply only SHOOTER information below, otherwise supply both SHOOTER and VICTIM information below.

SHOOTER
 Name: Richard B. Cheney
 Address: Number 1 Observatory Circle NW
 City: Washington DC State/Province: DC Zip: 20008
 ID/DL/SSN#: _____ DOB: 01/30/41 *Age: 65
 Hunting License#: 135360000166 N/A
 Years hunting experience: _____ Sex: Male Female
 Under the apparent influence of intoxicants or drugs? Yes No Unknown
 Hunter Education Certified? Yes No Unknown
 State/Province Certified: _____ N/A
 *Game law violated? Yes No Unknown
 If so, what section? P & W Code 43.652
 Other laws violated?
 Shooter involved in hunting related activity? Yes No Unk
 Shooter's activity at time of incident: Stalking Sitting Other
 Check the appropriate boxes below:

VICTIM
 Name: Harry M. Whittington
 Address: 3201 Greenlee
 City: Austin State/Province: TX Zip: 78703
 ID/DL/SSN#: _____ DOB: 03/03/27 *Age: 78
 Hunting License#: 640600008232 N/A
 Years hunting experience: _____ Sex: Male Female
 Under the apparent influence of intoxicants or drugs? Yes No Unknown
 Hunter Education Certified? Yes No Unknown
 State/Province Certified: _____ Unknown
 *Game law violated? Yes No Unknown
 If so, what section? P & W Code 43.652
 Other laws violated?
 Victim involved in hunting related activity? Yes No Unk
 Victim's activity at time of incident: Stalking Sitting Other
 Check the appropriate boxes below:

Clothing Worn	Cap	Coat/vest	Trousers
Blaze Orange	X	X	
Red			
Brown			X
Blue or Green			
Camo (not Camo-orange)			
Other?			

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Blaze Orange	X	X	
Red			
Brown			X
Blue or Green			
Camo (not Camo-orange)			
Other?			

Witness Name	Address	City	State/Province	Telephone
Kathrine Armstrong	Armstrong Ranch	Armstrong	TX	(361) _____

***ANIMAL BEING HURT BY SHOOTER**

<input type="checkbox"/> Deer	<input type="checkbox"/> Duck/Geese	<input type="checkbox"/> Dove/Pigeon	<input type="checkbox"/> Antelope	<input type="checkbox"/> Bear	<input type="checkbox"/> Bobcat	<input type="checkbox"/> Cottontail	<input type="checkbox"/> Coyote	<input type="checkbox"/> Crow
<input type="checkbox"/> Moose	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-game birds and mammals	<input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant	<input type="checkbox"/> Pheasant	<input type="checkbox"/> Elk	<input type="checkbox"/> Fox	<input type="checkbox"/> Grouse	<input type="checkbox"/> Hares	<input type="checkbox"/> Javelina
<input type="checkbox"/> Wild Boar	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Upland Game Birds	<input type="checkbox"/> Other Small Game	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quail	<input type="checkbox"/> Raccoon/Opossum	<input type="checkbox"/> Other:		<input type="checkbox"/> Squirrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey
								<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

VI. MISCELLANEOUS FACTORS


Topography: (Check one only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hilly	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Flat	Unknown	Describe		
Visibility: (Check one only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Poor	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Describe	
Type of cover: (Check one only)	<input type="checkbox"/> Open	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Light	<input type="checkbox"/> Medium	<input type="checkbox"/> Dense	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	Describe
Lighting: (Check one only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sunny	<input type="checkbox"/> Overcast	<input type="checkbox"/> Dawn	<input type="checkbox"/> Dusk	<input type="checkbox"/> Dark	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
Weather: (Check one only)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clear	<input type="checkbox"/> Calm	<input type="checkbox"/> Windy	<input type="checkbox"/> Rain	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow	<input type="checkbox"/> Fog
Distance from muzzle to victim in yards:	<input type="checkbox"/> 0-10	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 11-50	<input type="checkbox"/> 51-100	<input type="checkbox"/> 101+	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown

VII. *CONTRIBUTING FACTORS—Mark major factor with an X. Mark additional factors with an A.

Hunter's Judgment Factors <input type="checkbox"/> Victim moved into line of fire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game <input type="checkbox"/> Victim out of sight of shooter <input type="checkbox"/> Victim mistaken for game	Safety/Law Violations <input type="checkbox"/> Running/walking with loaded firearm <input type="checkbox"/> Removing/placing firearm in vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Using firearm as a club <input type="checkbox"/> Discharge firearm in/on vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Firearm fell from insecure rest <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting from/across roadway <input type="checkbox"/> "Horseplay" while hunting <input type="checkbox"/> Apparent use of intoxicants/drugs	Miscellaneous Factors <input type="checkbox"/> Fall from watercraft <input type="checkbox"/> Improper powder substitution <input type="checkbox"/> Mixed Ammo/Incorrect substitution <input type="checkbox"/> Faulty Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Ricochet <input type="checkbox"/> Obstruction in barrel <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Skill and Aptitude Factors <input type="checkbox"/> Trigger caught on object <input type="checkbox"/> Loading firearm <input type="checkbox"/> Unloading forearm <input type="checkbox"/> Improper crossing of obstacle <input type="checkbox"/> Dropped firearm <input type="checkbox"/> Shooter stumbled and fell <input type="checkbox"/> Careless handling of firearm (please describe in detail)	Archery Related Factors <input type="checkbox"/> Archery not matched to bow <input type="checkbox"/> Careless handling of bow/arrow <input type="checkbox"/> Carrying nocked arrow <input type="checkbox"/> Defective bow or arrow <input type="checkbox"/> Stringing bow	Treestand Related Factors <input type="checkbox"/> Fall while climbing into or out of position <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to use haul line <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to use safety belt <input type="checkbox"/> Faulty/old material/equipment

VIII. Summary:
 Whittington downed a bird and went to retrieve it. While he was out of the hunting line another covey was flushed and Cheney swung on a bird and fired striking Whittington in the face, neck and chest at approximately 30 yards. Cheney was using a 28 gauge shotgun loaded with 7 1/2 shot. Immediate medical attention was rendered from Cheney's staff.

IX. Attachments: Continuation Photos Drawings Shooter's Statement Victim's Statement Witness' Statement Other
 Note: Please attach a copy of local law enforcement/hospital report.

X.  Game Warden's Signature Game Warden I Title 02/13/2006 Date of Report

Please return through proper channels to:
 Texas Parks and Wildlife
 Attn: Education
 4200 Smith School Road
 Austin, Texas 78744
 512/389-4999

For education Division Use:
 Received by: _____
 Printed Name Signature Date

KENEDY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

PRESS RELEASE

On Saturday February 11, 2006, there was an incident on the Armstrong Ranch during a quail hunt in which Harry Whittington, a guest hunter and personal friend of Vice President Cheney was accidentally shot.

Due to a lack of communication the personnel manning the front gate upon Kenedy County Officer's arrival did not have any information and were unaware of the incident. Sheriff Salinas was informed shortly after the incident by Secret Service Agents by phone due to incompatibility of radio equipment. Mr. Whittington was transported to the Christus Spohn in Kingsville and later transferred to Spohn Memorial Hospital in Corpus Christi, TX.

The investigation reveals that there was no alcohol, or misconduct involved in the incident. Mr. Whittington's interview collaborated Vice President Cheney's statement. This Department is fully satisfied that this was no more than a hunting accident.

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