



# Texas Parks and Wildlife

## Hunting Accident and Incident Report Form

☐ Fatal☒ Non-fatal

Report Number:

(will be assigned in Austin)

**INSTRUCTIONS TO GAME WARDEN:**

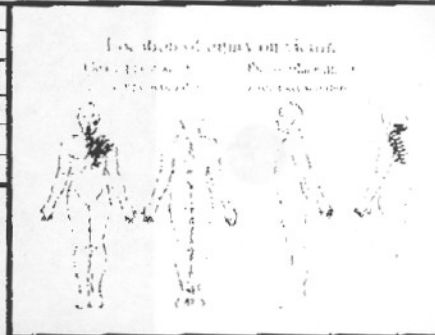
This form is to be used for reporting all accidents/incidents arising from hunting, firearm or bow related activities classified as follows:

- 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 while 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.

Forms 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: <u>Texas</u>		Location: <u>Armstrong Ranch</u>	
County/Parish: <u>Kenedy</u>		Date: <u>02/11/2006</u>	Time of Day: <u>5:30 pm</u>
Day of season: _____		Description of Injuries: <u>Shotgun wound to right side of face, neck and chest.</u>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <p>Land Ownership: <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private</p> <p>*Classification of Accident:(see above) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C</p> <p>*Type of Casualty: <input type="checkbox"/> Fatal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-fatal</p> <p>Report submitted by? <input type="checkbox"/> Shooter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Sheriff's Dept.</u></p> <p>Were shooter &amp; victim members of same party? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>Relationship of victim(s) to shooter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Friend <input type="checkbox"/> Relative</p> <p>*Was injury or death self-inflicted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>*Type of Firearm <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shotgun* <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle* <input type="checkbox"/> Handgun* <input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloader*</p> <p>Type of Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hinge <input type="checkbox"/> Bolt <input type="checkbox"/> Lever <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-Auto</p> <p>Miscellaneous: Caliber: <u>28</u> Draw Weight: _____ Make: <u>Perazzi</u> Model: <u>Brescia</u> Serial#: <u>115288</u></p> <p>Sights used: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Open <input type="checkbox"/> Scope <input type="checkbox"/> Peep</p> <p>Safety Position: <input type="checkbox"/> On <input type="checkbox"/> Off <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown <input type="checkbox"/> No Safety</p> <p>Treestand used: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Homemade <input type="checkbox"/> Factory</p> <p>Type of Treestand: <input type="checkbox"/> Ground <input type="checkbox"/> Elevated <input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Ladder</p> </div> <div> <p>Number of persons in party: <u>[ ]</u></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Bow* <input type="checkbox"/> Crossbow* <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown*</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pump <input type="checkbox"/> Revolver <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p> <p>Ammunition: <input type="checkbox"/> Reload <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Factory</p> <p>Type of Ammunition: _____</p> </div> </div>			



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

SHOOTER				VICTIM			
Name: <u>Richard B. Cheney</u>				Name: <u>Harry M. Whittington</u>			
Address: <u>Number 1 Observatory Circle NW</u>				Address: <u>3201 Greendale</u>			
City: <u>Washington DC</u>		State/Province: <u>DC</u>		City: <u>Austin</u>		State/Province: <u>TX</u>	
ID/DL/SSN#: _____		DOB: <u>01/30/41</u>		ID/DL/SSN#: _____		DOB: <u>03/03/27</u>	
Hunting License#: <u>135360000166</u>		*Age: <u>65</u>		Hunting License#: <u>640600008232</u>		*Age: <u>78</u>	
Years hunting experience: _____		Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Years hunting experience: _____		Sex: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	
Under the apparent influence of intoxicants or drugs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				Under the apparent influence of intoxicants or drugs? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
Hunter Education Certified? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				Hunter Education Certified? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
State/Province Certified: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				State/Province Certified: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
*Game law violated? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown				*Game law violated? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown			
If so, what section? <u>P &amp; W Code 43.652</u>				If so, what section? <u>P &amp; W Code 43.652</u>			
Other laws violated? _____				Other laws violated? _____			
Shooter involved in hunting related activity? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk				Victim involved in hunting related activity? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unk			
Shooter's activity at time of incident: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stalking <input type="checkbox"/> Sitting <input type="checkbox"/> Other				Victim's activity at time of incident: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stalking <input type="checkbox"/> Sitting <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Check the appropriate boxes below: <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Other				Check the appropriate boxes below: <input type="checkbox"/> Standing <input type="checkbox"/> Other			
Clothing Worn	Cap	Coat/vest	Trousers	Clothing Worn	Cap	Coat/vest	Trousers
Blaze Orange	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Blaze Orange	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Red				Red			
Brown			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brown			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Blue or Green				Blue or Green			
Camo (not Camo-orange)				Camo (not Camo-orange)			
Other?				Other?			

Witness Name	Address	City	State/Province	Telephone
Kathrine Armstrong	Armstrong Ranch	Armstrong	TX	(361) 216-5551

## \*ANIMAL BEING HUNTED BY SHOOTER

☐ Deer    ☐ Duck/Geese    ☐ Dove/Pigeon  
☐ Moose    ☐ Non-game birds and mammals  
☐ Wild Boar    ☐ Other Upland Game Birds

☐ Antelope    ☐ Bear  
☐ Pheasant    ☒ Quail  
☐ Other Small Game

☐ Bobcat    ☐ Coon  
☐ Fox    ☐ Raccoon/Opossum  
☐ Other:

☐ Conotail  
☐ Grouse

☐ Coyote  
☐ Hares  
☐ Squirrel

☐ Crow  
☐ Javelina  
☐ Turkey  
☐ Unknown

## VI. MISCELLANEOUS FACTORS

Topography: (Check one only) ☐ Hilly  
 Visibility: (Check one only) ☐ Good  
 Type of cover: (Check one only) ☐ Open  
 Lighting: (Check one only) ☒ Sunny  
 Weather: (Check one only) ☒ Clear  
 Distance from muzzle to victim in yards:

☒ Flat    Unknown  
☒ Fair    ☐ Poor  
☒ Light    ☐ Medium  
☐ Overcast    ☐ Dawn  
☐ Calm    ☐ Windy  
☐ 0-10    ☒ 11-50

Describe  
☐ Unknown  
☐ Dense  
☐ Dusk  
☐ Rain  
☐ 51-100

Describe  
☐ Unknown  
☐ Dark  
☐ Snow  
☐ 101+

Describe  
☐ Unknown  
☐ Fog  
☐ Unknown

☐ Unknown

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

## Hunter's Judgement Factors

☐ Victim moved into line of fire  
☒ Victim covered by shooter who was swinging on game  
☐ Victim out of sight of shooter  
☐ Victim mistaken for game

## Safety/Law Violations

☐ Running/walking with loaded firearm  
☐ Removing/placing firearm in vehicle  
☐ Using firearm as a club  
☐ Discharge firearm in/on vehicle  
☐ Firearm fell from insecure rest  
☐ Shooting from/across roadway  
☐ "Horseplay" while hunting  
☐ Apparent use of intoxicants/drugs

## Miscellaneous Factors

☐ Fall from watercraft  
☐ Improper powder substitution  
☐ Mixed Ammo/Incorrect substitution  
☐ Faulty Equipment  
☐ Ricochet  
☐ Obstruction in barrel  
☐ Other

## Skill and Aptitude Factors

☐ Trigger caught on object  
☐ Loading firearm  
☐ Unloading firearm  
☐ Improper crossing of obstacle  
☐ Dropped firearm  
☐ Shooter stumbled and fell  
☐ Careless handling of firearm (please describe in detail)

## Archery Related Factors

☐ Archery not matched to bow  
☐ Careless handling of bow/arrow  
☐ Carrying nocked arrow  
☐ Defective bow or arrow  
☐ Stringing bow

## Treestand Related Factors

☐ Fall while climbing into or out of position  
☐ Failure to use haul line  
☐ Failure to use safety belt  
☐ 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  
Title02/13/2006  
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

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