TEXAS PARKS & WILDLIFE

Texas Parks and Wildlife
Hunting Accident and Incident Report Form

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

NSTRUCTIONS 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 form the discharge of a firearm or bow, which causes the injury or death of any person(s), other than ıle hunting

OTE: 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.

ems marked with an asterisk are annually reported to the International Hunter Education Association, the organization responsible r 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.



L Land Ownership: ☐Public ☒Private
*Classification of Accident:(see above) ☒A ☐B ☐C
*Type of Casualty: ☐Fatal ☒Non-fatal
Report submitted by? ☐Shooter ☒Other: Sherrif'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* ☐Other*
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
Safety Position: ☐On ☐Off ☒Unknown ☐No Safety
Treestand used: ☐Yes ☐No ☐Homemade ☐Factory Ammunition: ☐Reload ☐Military ☒Factory
Type of Treestand: ☐Ground ☐Elevated ☐Vehicle ☐Ladder Type of Ammunition

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

SHOOTER		VICTIM	
Name:	Richard B. Cheney	Name:	Harry M. Whittington
Address:		Address:	
City:	State/Province: Zip:	City:	State/Province: Zip:
ID/DL/SSN#:	DOB: 01/30/41 *Age: 65	ID/DL/SSN:	DOB: *Age: 78
Hunting License#:	☐N/A	Hunting License#:	☐N/A
Years hunting experience:	Sex: ☒Male ☐Female	Years hunting experience:	Sex: ☒Male ☐Female
Under the apparent influence of intoxicants or drugs?	☐Yes ☒No ☐Unknown	Under the apparent influence of intoxicants or drugs?	☐Yes ☒No ☐Unknown
Hunter Education Certified?	☐Yes ☐No ☒Unknown	Hunter Education Certified?	☐Yes ☒No ☐Unknown
State/Province Certified:	☒N/A	State/Province Certified:	☐Unknown
*Game law violated?	☒Yes ☐No ☐Unknown	*Game law violated?	☒Yes ☐No ☐Unknown
If so, what section?	P&W Code 43.652	If so, what section?	P & W Code 43.652
Other laws violated?		Other laws violated?	
Shooter involved in hunting related activity?	☒Yes ☐No ☐Unk	Victim involved in hunting related activity?	☒Yes ☐No ☐Unk
Shooter's activity at time of incident:	☒Stalking ☐Sitting	Victim's activity at time of incident:	☒Stalking ☐Sitting
Check the appropriate boxes below:	☐Standing ☐Other	Check the appropriate boxes below:	☐Standing ☐Other

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

Witness Name	Address	City	State/Province	Telephone
Katherine Armstrong	Armstrong Ranch	Armstrong	TX	

*ANIMAL BEING HUNTED BY SHOOTER

☐ Deer ☐ Ducks/Geese ☐ Dove/Pigeon ☐ Antelope ☐ Bear ☐ Bobcat ☐ Cottontail ☐ Coyote ☐ Crow
☐ Moose ☐ Non-game birds and mammals ☐ Pheasant ☒ Quail ☐ Fox ☐ Grouse ☐ Hares ☐ Javelina
☐ Wild Boar ☐ Other Upland Game Birds ☐ Other Small Game ☐ Raccoon/Opossum ☐ Squirrel ☐ Turkey
☐ Elk ☐ Other: ☐ Unknown

VI. MISCELLANEOUS FACTORS

Topography:	(Check one only)	☐ Hilly	☒ Flat	Unknown	Describe			
Visibility	(Check one only)	☐ Good	☒ Fair	☐ Poor	☐ Unknown	Describe		
Type of cover:	(Check one only)	☐ Open	☒ Light	☐ Medium	☐ Dense	☐ Unknown	Describe	
Lighting:	(Check one only)	☒ Sunny	☐ Overcast	☐ Dawn	☐ Dusk	☐ Dark	☐ Unknown	
Weather:	(Check one only)	☒ Clear	☐ Calm	☐ Windy	☐ Rain	☐ Snow	☐ Fog	☐ Unknown
Distance from muzzle to victim in yards:			☐ 0-10	☒ 11-50	☐ 51-100	☐ 101+	☐ 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 forearm
- ☐ 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 retrive 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. Jason Lute — 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

For education Division Use:
Received by:

Printed Name | Signature | Date

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