



City of La Porte

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Weapon discharge inside of residence ruled as manslaughter

At approximately 1:45 p.m., on Friday August 19th, 2016, La Porte Police Dispatch received a call for both medical and police assistance in the 9700 block of Wilmont Road. Details involved what was reported as an accidental discharge of a handgun, which resulted in the fatal injury of an 89 year-old male resident. On scene, and reporting the event, was the deceased homeowner's adult stepson.

Following an investigation by LPPD investigators, evidence was presented to the Harris County District Attorney's Office and 63 year-old Gary Shelton of La Porte was determined responsible for the reckless cause of death. Shelton now faces manslaughter charges.



Gary Shelton
10/12/1952