

**The Giddings News**

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**MAN DIES WHEN  
SHOT BY OFFICER**

A welder employed in Houston killed a member of an auto finance company when the company was about to repossess the welder's automobile. After discussing with the owner of the company and his son, it was agreed to allow the welder one more month to reclaim his automobile. The welder then left the office, walked across the street, got into an automobile and drove on the company's lot, getting out with a 12-gauge shotgun, said he would kill the father and the son.

The son was killed and the father escaped through a window. The welder, Edsall by name, escaped by running red lights at 60 miles per hour through streets of Houston. His gasoline gave out west of Hempstead where he pointed his gun at a woman and her son but they would not stop. They ducked below the dashboard and his shot missed them. They drove on to Chapel Hill and reported him.

Edsall had caught a ride on a truck to the west of Brenham where he got off because the truck turned off the highway. The Brenham sheriff answered the call towards Chapel Hill but missed the slayer and the Brenham Chief of Police Arthur Sternberg was called to the shooting west of Brenham where several automobiles were fired into by Edsall who would try to stop them and they would not. One of these automobiles was Dr. Mentzel's of Giddings, which was considerably peppered with shot.

When Chief Sternberg approached the man, the man aimed his shot gun at the officer and the officer and his deputy both shot the man. He died Friday night six hours after he was shot.