

## Texas officer not indicted in drug suspect's death

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FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) - A North Texas police officer who fatally shot an armed suspect during a 2013 drug investigation will not face charges.

A Tarrant County grand jury on Wednesday declined to indict the officer, who was never charged. The officer works for the police department in Euless, northeast of Fort Worth, but has not been identified.

Prosecutors say 26-year-old Thomas Bradley Garza was fatally shot after pointing a shotgun at narcotics officers executing a search warrant at a Fort Worth home.

Authorities say Garza died at the scene. Four other men in the house were questioned and released. They were not hurt.

The officer was part of a regional narcotics team targeting drug dealers and distribution.

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# Man in wheelchair, 3 dogs killed in Euless fire

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EULESS -- Fire officials are investigating what caused an apartment fire in Euless which killed a man in a wheelchair and his three dogs.

The two-alarm fire broke out at the Terrace Apartments at 306 Park Drive Friday morning. Euless and Arlington fire crews responded.

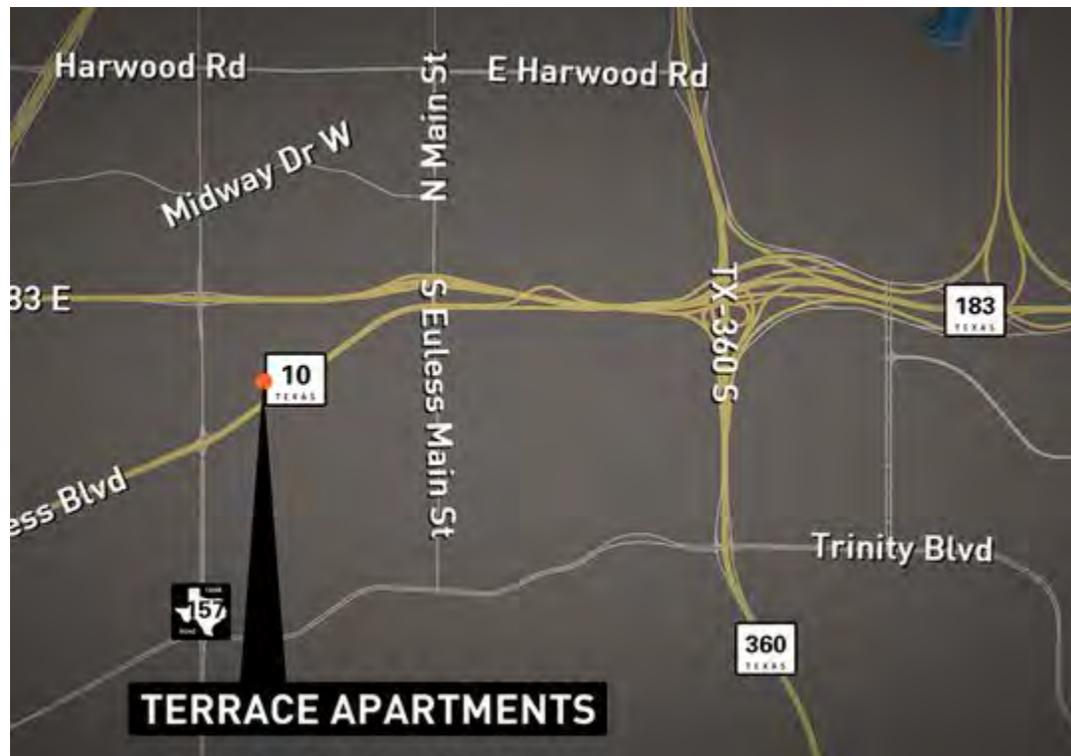


One killed in Euless apartment fire.

Investigators tell News 8 that the man who was killed was paraplegic and was trying to save his three dogs. His wife was able to get out safely.

Two apartment units were destroyed in the fire. Three others have major smoke damage.

No other injuries were reported, and the victim's name has not yet been released.



Euless apartment fire (Photo: WFAA)

# Star-Telegram

## Three candidates vie for open seat on Euless council

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Three candidates are vying to fill a vacant position on the Euless City Council after a veteran councilman died this year.

David Brown, Darl Easton and Harry Zimmer are running in the Dec. 9 election for the Place 5 seat left vacant by Councilman Glenn Porterfield, who died Aug. 16. Porterfield had served on the council since 1999.

Early voting got underway Monday at the Mary Lib Saleh Euless Public Library, 201 N. Ector Drive, and runs until Dec. 5. Council members serve two-year terms.

Brown, 50, whose occupation is software logistics, is running for office for the first time. Since moving to Euless 14 years ago, Brown has volunteered with the city parks department, and he serves on the planning and zoning board.

Asked why he is running for office, Brown said he is pleased with the city's conservative approach to its operations but said it needs to cash in on development opportunities, pointing to the the new river walk development in the southeast part of town along Texas 10.

"My concern if any is that we maintain that same conservative growth strategy and that we take advantage of what few sites for development we have left in Euless," he said.

Easton, 67, a retired United Airlines pilot, is running for office for the third time after making bids for mayor and council. Easton said the city staff does a good job running Euless, but he wants more transparency in city government.

Easton said he first became concerned about the city being more transparent when he learned that the council spent \$6,000 to attend a retreat several years ago.

"My main objective is more transparency and openness," he said. "I thought that [the retreat] was a waste of money."

Easton said that the city is putting more information online such as check registers and audio of council meetings, but he thinks other information, such as recordings of work sessions, should also be available. Easton said he is satisfied with services such as street maintenance.

Zimmer, who described Porterfield as a mentor, said he wants to help Euless move forward with its master plan. Zimmer has served on several city boards including zoning. The retired 69-year-old engineer cited his 33 years of experience managing companies for giving him a good understanding of budgets and finance.

Zimmer said the city's master plan calls for using property taxes to pay for day-to-day operations, and royalties from gas drilling and tax dollars from car rentals at Dallas/Fort Worth Airport to build new parks and other facilities. The plan also calls for putting money in reserves for future needs and to lessen the need for debt.

"From my experience of going to meetings and following the City Council closely for a year, I'm satisfied that our leadership is doing a very good job," Zimmer said.

Porterfield is a retired banker who belonged to many organizations including the Rotary Club of Hurst-Euless-Bedford, the H-E-B Chamber of Commerce, and the Crime Control and Prevention board.