

## **29 Struck by (undetermined) – Inspection # 1186505**

A **29 year old male** employee was the victim of a fatal head injury. On the day of the incident, the victim, a laborer, and his co-worker, the driver of the company truck, were laying traffic control devices in a triangular shape from the main roadway, I40 East, onto exit ramp 12A. Vehicular traffic coming off I40 onto the exit ramp would be guided by the devices into one lane, while new construction occurred within the opposite lane. The company Ford F-450 Extended Cab truck was loaded with an assortment of barrels and cones used to control traffic. According to the driver, he told the victim that he was going to move the truck 25-30 yards further up the ramp so it would not be in the way of the traffic. During this conversation, the victim was standing on the driver's side at the rear of the truck. After the Driver moved the truck he stopped, looked in the driver's side rearview mirror, and saw the victim lying on the ground. A definitive determination as to the cause of the injuries could not be established. The citation issued was deleted following an informal conference because the cause of death could not be determined and the employer documented the presence of an effective safety and health management system that met the required elements.

### **Citation(s) as Originally Issued**

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

#### **Citation 1 Item 1**

TCA 50-3-105(1)	Each employer did not furnish to each of its employees conditions of employment and a place of employment free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious injury or harm to its employees. In that an employee sustained mortal injuries to his head when he wither fell off the back of or attempted to jump on the company's Ford F-450 Extended Cab, Class 3 Light Duty Truck as the truck was being moved out of the construction area for Exit 12A on eastbound I-40. Among other methods, one feasible and acceptable method to correct this hazard is to train all employees and enforce rules prohibiting employees from riding on the back of company trucks unless they are placing/retrieving traffic control devices.
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Photo 1 of 1: Eastbound lanes of I40 near the Exit 12A, the yellow oval designates the approximate area where the incident occurred.