

**36 Struck by—inspection #1349096 Averitt Express Inc**

A **69 year old male** was fatally injured when he was **crushed between** two tractor/trailer trucks in a parking lot. It was explained that the victim would have been swapping out his belongings from his current sleeper tractor to a newly assigned sleeper tractor. The swap may have involved moving his TV, Microwave, refrigerator, personal items under the bunk, clothes, etc.

According to a surveillance camera, the accident occurred just after 4:00 am. The victim had hooked his truck to a parked trailer in the A-Line in the yard. He reportedly exited the cab of his truck without setting the truck's brakes to keep the truck and trailer from unintentionally moving. He then attached the trailer's air lines and lighting cable and raised the dollies. The victim apparently was walking between the parked trailer in the yard, and his truck and trailer. It is assumed that he was checking his trailer before preparing to leave the yard.

The truck and trailer began rolling backwards at a slight angle towards the parked trailer. The victim was pinned between the driver's side of his truck and trailer and a parked trailer. The victim was discovered in the standing position, pinned between the opened door of the parked trailer and his trailer.

**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**

**Type of Violation: Serious**

**\$2800**

**TCA 50-3-105( 1):** The 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 one employee was exposed to a struck-by hazard while walking next to a truck and trailer without having the brakes set, resulting in a fatality.

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