

Fall from roof—Insp # 1579645 Pinnacle Roofs Plus LLC

A **34 year old male** employee **fell from a steep roof** while re-roofing an existing residential home. The homeowner had hired the employer to replace the roof on the home after it received storm damage.

The owner stated that he had subcontracted the job out to another contractor and that the victim was a laborer supposedly employed by that contractor. Neither the owner of the sub-contractor nor any employees could be found and interviewed. The owner was not able to provide any evidence that indicated that the work had been subcontracted to another company.

The amount of work that had been completed in the area where the victim was working indicated that he was working somewhere in the vicinity to the peak of the roof on the East side of the house. The peak of the roof was 25 feet above the concrete driveway below. It was determined that the employee was not protected from falls while performing work on a steep slope roof.

The job had been completed before TOSHA was even made aware of the incident so there was very little information about the circumstances.

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

\$450.00

29 CFR 1926.50(c): A person who has a valid certificate in first-aid training was not available at the worksite to render first-aid:

In that there was no first aid certified person on site where the nearest medical facility, Summit Medical Center was located 3.7 miles (10 minutes) from the job site.

Citation 1 Item 2

Type of Violation: Serious

\$4,000

29 CFR 1926.501(b)(11): Each employee on a steep roof with unprotected sides and edges 6 feet (1.8 m) or more above lower levels was not protected from falling by guardrail systems with toeboards, safety net systems, or personal fall arrest systems:

In that on 1/11/2022 an employee was not protected from falls while performing roofing work and was fatally wounded when he fell 25 feet.

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Citation 2 Item 1

Type of Violation: Other-than-Serious

\$2000.00

TDLWD Rule 0800-01-03-.05(1)(a)1: Within eight (8) hours after the death of any employee as a result of a work related incident, the employer did not report the fatality to the TOSHA Division of the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development.

The employer did not report a workplace fatality that occurred on January 11, 2022 and TOSHA was notified by a third party representing the family of the employee on January 19, 2022.

