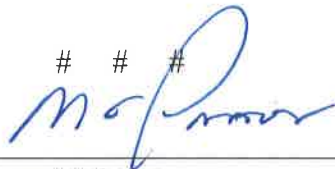


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Sheriff's Office Investigating Death at Construction Site

On Thursday, September 20, 2018 at approximately 9:03 am, the Union County Sheriff's Office received an emergency call reporting a person had been injured at a construction site in the 7000 block of Hyland Croy Road. Deputies and units from the Jerome Township Fire Department responded to the scene and found a fifty-three-year-old male had been struck by lumber that had fallen off a skid steer. The public safety officer assigned to Jerome Township was on the scene within two minutes and began immediate care of the victim. The victim was transported to Riverside Methodist Hospital, but later succumbed to his injuries. The deceased has been identified as Rodney C. Hickman, age 53 of Westerville, Ohio. Representatives from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration were called to the scene. The initial investigation has revealed that several straps on a lumber bundle containing approximately 105 boards failed while being lifted by a skid steer. An unknown number of 1x8x16 treated poplar boards struck the victim in the head and chest. The incident remains under investigation.



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Scene Photo:

