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## Death Investigation at Dupont Plant in Orange

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For Immediate Release:

On Monday October 11, 2010 at approximately 12:30 AM the Orange County Sheriff's Office received a call of a death investigation at the DuPont Plant on FM 1006 in Orange. Investigators from the Criminal Investigations Division responded to the scene and conducted the investigation.

The deceased was identified as MATTHEW ETHEREDGE, a 23 year old Orange resident and an employee working for a contractor inside the DuPont Plant. Mr. Etheredge was working on the railroad with several other workers moving railroad cars on the railroad inside the plant. Mr. Etheridge apparently was struck by one of the rail cars and when workers were not able to reach him via radio, they began searching for him. The Co-Workers found him unconscious near the edge of the railroad track. Emergency Personnel were summoned and performed life saving maneuvers but were unable to resuscitate Mr. Etheredge.

Orange County Precinct 2 Justice of the Peace Derry Dunn responded to the scene and pronounced him deceased at the scene. Judge Dunn ordered an inquest and Mr. Etheredge was transported to the Jefferson County Morgue where an autopsy was performed.

Preliminary autopsy results indicate that Mr. Etheredge died from blunt force trauma which was apparently caused by being struck by one of the rail cars.

There were not any signs of foul play and the investigation is continuing.

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