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### Update: Etheredge killed at DuPont, services released

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Update:

Matthew C. Etheredge, 23, of West Orange passed away on Monday, October 11, 2010.

He was a native of Galveston, Texas; born on November 12,

1986 to parents Barbara Soileau and Al Mark Etheredge. He had lived

most of his life in Orange. He was employed as a switchman with

Trans-Global Solutions and was a member of St. Paul's United Methodist

Church in Bridge City. He enjoyed tinkering around the house, trying to fix things. His was honored and proud to be a volunteer with the West Orange Fire Department

for four year, where his was a Fire Captain. Matthew was a loving

husband, son, brother, uncle and friend who will be missed dearly.

He was preceded in death by grandparents in law Jack and Eloise Jefferson.

He

is survived by his wife of four years, Amanda (Carriere) Etheredge of

West Orange; mother, Barbara (Soileau) Lopez and step father David of

West Orange; father, Al Mark Etheredge of Tellico Plains, TN;

sisters, Rachel Winfree and husband Kevin of Groves, Sara Etheredge and

fiancée Woody of Bridge City; brother, Edward Bernal and wife Alisa of

West Orange; step-brother, Chris Lopez of Sour Lake; grandparents, Charles B. and Barbara Soileau of Woodville; mother and father in law,

Becky and Todd Carriere of Vidor; grandparents in law, Audrey and Roy

Oathoutd of Louisiana. Also to cherish his memory are his wonderful nieces and nephews, Natalie Davis, Mikayla Winfree, Jesse Tyler Bernal and Noah Sherman and host of friends.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, October 14, 2010 from 5 pm until 9 pm at Dorman Funeral Home. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, October 15, 2010 at 10 am at the funeral home, with Rev. Brad Morgan officiating. Burial will follow at Orange Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

Serving as pallbearers will be the West Orange Firefighters, Randy Veitch (Chief), Mike Simon (Asst. Chief), Donovan Wise, Terry Veitch, Kendal Veitch, Dean Dyson and Grady Gray.

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Update:

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 Etheridge, a 23 year old Orange resident and an employee working for a contractor inside the DuPont Plant. Mr. Etheridge 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. Etheridge.

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. Etheridge was transported to the Jefferson County Morgue where an autopsy was performed.

Preliminary autopsy results indicate that Mr. Etheridge 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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