35-year-old New Hampshire man fatally injured in railroad accident at Pan Am railroad yard in Deerfield

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DEERFIELD - A 35-year-old New Hampshire man, caught under a railroad car early Tuesday morning as he and others attempted to uncouple it from a second car while they were working in a River Road railroad yard, died from his injuries at Baystate Franklin Medical Center in Greenfield.

Northwestern District Attorney Elizabeth D. Scheibel said the victim, Kurt Ward of North Conway, N.H., suffered a severe leg injury about 1:45 a.m.

Ward, Scheibel said, was a worker at the Pan Am railroad yard. "He was caught under the car while it was uncoupling," Scheibel said.

Scheibel said an autopsy will be conducted on Ward and that her office is investigating his death.

The Federal Railway Administration is also investigating, Scheibel said.

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