Train conductor killed after getting caught between rail car and scrap metal pile

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ALBERTVILLE, AL - A train conductor killed Wednesday night when he became caught between the last car he was riding and a scrap metal heap at Progress Rail yard here has been identified as Dustin Moles, 33, of Southside, Marshall County. Coroner Marlon Killion said this afternoon.

Killion said the conductor had been directing the engineer of the 75-car train by radio on how close he was to the scrap metal heap and the end of the track when the engineer lost radio contact with him.

The accident occurred about 10:20 p.m. But because of the amount of scrap metal in the rail yard, Killion said, it took emergency crews until about 4 a.m. to recover the victim's body. He said investigators from the Denver-based Omni Trax, a railroad safety overseer, are still at the scene trying to determine how the accident occurred.

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