20-year-old R.J. Corman employee from Prestonsburg killed in Illinois accident

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An R.J. Corman Railroad Group employee was killed Thursday in a railroad work accident in Illinois, authorities said.

James C. Campbell, 20, of Prestonsburg suffered a fatal head injury while working along Canadian Pacific Railroad tracks near the village of Forreston, according to the Ogle County, Ill., Sheriff's Department.

Campbell was in an all-terrain vehicle near a spot where other workers were using a large magnetic boom to pick up metal railroad spikes along the tracks, the sheriff's department said.

The boom somehow went out of control and spun, striking the four-seat vehicle, the sheriff's department said.

Campbell, the only person in the vehicle, died at the scene, officials said.

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Kentucky man killed in Illinois railroad work accident

FORRESTON, Ill. (AP) - A Kentucky man has died in an accident while working in northern Illinois on the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

 Officials in Ogle County say 20-year-old James C. Campbell of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, died Thursday morning just north of the village of Forreston. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Ogle County Sheriff's Department says Campbell was the only occupant of an ATV when a large magnetic boom struck the top of the vehicle and pushed it onto its side. Officials say the boom spun out of control as it was being used to lift metal railroad spikes.

Officials say Campbell was ejected from the vehicle and injured his head. He was doing private contracting work. His death remains under investigation.

Forreston is about 30 miles southwest of Rockford.