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# Man fatally struck by machinery at railroad yard identified

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The man who died when struck by heavy machinery at a Fort Lauderdale railroad yard has been identified as a 22-year-old Miami man, a police report shows.

When he was killed Oct. 7, Victor David Rodriguez Pajan was unloading crushed rock at the Florida East Coast Railway yard at 3125 S. Andrews Avenue, authorities said.

According to FEC Railway officials, Rodriguez was a contractor, not an FEC employee.

He worked for Gonzalez & Sons Equipment Inc. in Medley, a town in Miami-Dade, according to a Fort Lauderdale police report. No other details about the fatality were available. The company could not immediately be reached for comment.

Co-worker Vidal Gonzalez, 50, of Hialeah, witnessed the 4:45 p.m. incident. He declined on Tuesday to speak about the circumstances of Rodriguez's death.

Through an interpreter on the telephone, Gonzalez said, "Right now we don't want to speak nothing about what happened. Right now at the moment we're saddened by what happened."

The workers were unloading crushed rock, or ballast, used for construction of railroad tracks, said Bob Ledoux, an FEC Railway spokesman.

Rodriguez was inside a train container car when he was fatally struck, according to a news report by WPLG-Ch. 10.