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A rail worker who died after he was struck by a train in St. Paul early Saturday has been identified as a 43-year-old from West Allis, Wis., the Ramsey County medical examiner's office said Monday.

Police were called about 12:30 a.m. to the Canadian Pacific rail yards across the Mississippi River from Holman Field airport, where Jeffrey Harsh had been injured during a shift change, police said.

Harsh was crossing the tracks when a slow-moving train hit him, knocking him down, said Sgt. Mike Ernster, a St. Paul police spokesman, said Monday. Police had initially said he was pinned between two train cars. Harsh was transported to Regions Hospital and pronounced dead.

Harsh had sustained a laceration to the back of his head, according to the medical examiner's office.

The Federal Railroad Administration sent investigators to the scene and their investigation is ongoing, an agency spokeswoman said Monday.

“Our thoughts are with the employee’s family and friends at this time,” Martin Cej, Canadian Pacific assistant vice president of communications, said in a statement. “Out of respect for their privacy, we are not releasing additional details about the employee or the incident. CP is conducting a thorough investigation into the incident to better understand what occurred.”

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