Coroner's bureau IDs crash victim near Port of Oakland

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OAKLAND -- A man driving a pickup died early Sunday morning when he plowed into a row of chassis near the Port of Oakland, authorities said.

The man, identified Sunday afternoon as Harvey Jackson, 57, according to Sgt. Paul Graves of the Alameda County Coroner's Office, was pronounced dead at the scene after the crash in the 1400 block of Middle Harbor Road around 6:29 a.m., police said. They did not say why he lost control of the two-door Tacoma truck he was driving.

The wreck happened at an intermodal ramp, where boxes and crates from trucks going to the Port of Oakland are loaded onto boxcars, Union Pacific police spokesman Francisco Castillo said. The truck drove into an unknown number of chassis, the underframe on a rubber tire trailer.

According to Castillo, the driver operated the truck for Securitas Security Services, located on Oakport Street in the city. The Oakland Police Department sent its traffic unit's fatal investigation team to the scene, and it remained there for several hours. They cleared the scene by noon, police said.

No other vehicles were involved.

Security Guard Killed While Patrolling Near Port of Oakland

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A security contractor with Union Pacific Railroad was killed in a crash near the Port of Oakland on Sunday morning, a Union Pacific spokesman said. Securitas Security Services employee Harvey Jackson, 67, lost control of his company-issued pickup truck and crashed at 6:29 a.m. as he was patrolling an intermodal yard in the 1400 block of Middle Harbor Road, where cargo from port ships is loaded onto freight trains, Union Pacific spokesman Francisco Castillo said.
The Toyota Tacoma slammed into a row of parked chassis underframes -- empty frames used to mount cargo containers for street or rail travel, Castillo said. Jackson was pronounced dead a short time later. Oakland police are investigating why Jackson lost control of the truck.