

**#28: Fall – Inspection #1014735**

A **44 year old male** employee died due to injuries sustained after a 100-110 foot fall. Before work began, all fall arrest systems were inspected and found complete and in working order. The victim was climbing a monopole structure when the fall occurred. Witnesses heard a “metal smacking metal sound” as the victim fell. Physical evidence indicated the cable locking/grab device may have been attached upside down during the ascent.

**Citation(s) as Originally Issued**

A complete inspection was conducted at the accident scene. Some of the items cited may not directly relate to the fatality.

**Citation 1**

Item 1 1910.268(g)(1)	Safety belts and straps shall be provided. The employer did not ensure their use when work was performed at positions more than 4 feet above ground, on poles, and on towers, except as provided in paragraphs (n)(7) and (n)(8) of this section: In that one employee was provided a LadSafe flexible cable sleeve which should have attached to the galvanized steel rope (ladder cabled) as the manufacturer indicated. The employee was using the sleeve for climbing the monopole structure but did not don the equipment properly, resulting in death.
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Photo 1 of 1: Photo shows monopole structure the victim fell from.