

27. Struck by Automobile

A 32-year-old employee of a tree trimming company was killed when he was struck by an automobile while walking on the road in a work zone. The victim was part of a crew conducting utility line clearance services on 55 mph roadway. The victim parked his bucket truck and walked to the work zone to consult with another crew member concerning a piece of equipment. He was walking west in the eastbound lane of the roadway approximately two to three feet inside the white line of the eastbound lane. A flagger cleared a car to travel through the work zone in the eastbound lane and as the car traveled east, he struck the victim walking in the lane. Appropriate warning signs, cones, lane closures, and flaggers were in place. The driver of the car later stated that the sun blinded him and he did not see the victim. The victim sustained fatal injuries.

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