

A **48 year old male** employee was **thrown from** a concrete truck when it rolled down an embankment about 250 feet into a tree line. This company had been hired to deliver concrete to a construction site that was working to add supports to a bridge overpass on I-840. This accident happened around midnight.

Interviews indicated that the concrete in the truck set up too quickly and could not be used to make the pour. It was stated that the victim backed the concrete truck about 50' away from where it was originally parked in order to clean out the concrete chute. The victim climbed the ladder to the platform over the cab of the truck and using a shovel began cleaning concrete out of the chute. After about 10 minutes the truck began to roll. It rolled off the pavement and down an embankment towards the woods.

Other employees on site saw the truck begin to roll and chased the truck's tail lights until it stopped. It was determined that the driver was knocked off the truck by the trees as it went through the woods; however, the truck continued on for several more feet before coming to a stop. The truck was found still running. Apparently the parking brake had not been set on the truck after it was moved to start the clean out.

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 **Type of Violation: Serious** **\$1,200**

TCA 50-3-105(1): The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or serious physical harm to employees:

In that the parking brake was not set on a concrete truck prior to an employee climbing on top of the truck's platform to clean out the chute. The truck rolled down an embankment into a wooded area before ejecting the employee, resulting in fatal injuries.

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One feasible and acceptable abatement method to correct this hazard is to set the parking brake before employees climb up to the platform to clean out the concrete truck's chute.

