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Public Information Release

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Case #14-004800

Work Related Fatality

On Monday June 9, 2014 at about 9:26 a.m., Meriden Police Officers were dispatched to the corner of Lanouette St and Lanouette St Ext for a work related accident. On arrival responding officers were advised that 26 year old Frank Cline of Dover Plains, NY had been struck in the head by a tied off tree limb that began to swing once it had been cut by another worker. Upon being struck, Mr. Cline fell to the ground. After falling to the ground the tree limb landed on top of him striking him in the upper body.

Mr. Cline was transported to Yale New Haven Hospital where he later died from his injuries. Mr. Cline was employed by Tree Inc of Houston, TX. The company was cutting trees for CL&P. The incident was referred to OSHA for additional investigation.