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AUBURN POLICE INVESTIGATING LOGGING ACCIDENT ON GRACELAWN ROAD

AUBURN, ME – On October 22nd at approximately 2:20pm, Auburn Police and Auburn Fire/Rescue responded to the Auburn Sand Pit on Gracelawn Road for a reported logging accident where a male had been struck by a log.

42y/o Ryan Kane of Oxford was loading a logging truck with logs when a log fell out of the cherrypicker, striking 57y/o Thomas Staples of Oxford, who was standing near the truck. Staples was transported to Central Maine Medical Center where he subsequently died of his injuries.

The logging truck is owned by Ryan Kane Trucking & Custom Sawing. Staples was not an employee of the company but was Kane's cousin and was there to observe Kane working. This does not classify the incident as a workplace fatality and OSHA will not be part of the investigation.

The incident remains under investigation by the Auburn Police Department.