

Colorado Man Killed In Large Wood Chipper

Police Say Man Trimming Trees Was Pulled Into Machine

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LOVELAND, Colo. -- Authorities in Colorado are investigating the death of a man who was apparently pulled into a large commercial wood chipper while trimming trees.

The tree service employee and a co-worker had been cutting branches at a home in Loveland Wednesday.

The victim's partner saw what happened from the hydraulic bucket where he was cutting branches. He got down and ran to the house where they were working to ask for help. The woman inside called 911 for help, but the victim was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police Chief Luke Hecker said the victim was experienced at his work. They're classifying the death as an industrial accident.

Officers with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Loveland Police Department are investigating. OSHA is looking into whether the machine's safety equipment was working properly.

Wood chippers are used to chop up large tree limbs and turn them into mulch.

The victim has not been identified.

The accident occurred at about 1:30 p.m., when some neighbors were outside to witness the grisly scene.



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