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Work-release Inmates Involved in Industrial Workplace Accident

(LINCOLN) – At approximately 2:30 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2016, two Nebraska Department of Correctional Services work-release inmates, assigned to the Community Corrections Center – Lincoln in Lincoln, Neb., were involved in an industrial workplace accident.

Dennis Hines, (58) inmate #78019, was pronounced dead at Bryan West Hospital due to injuries sustained in the accident. Hines was serving six to 10 years for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. His sentence began on May 13, 2013 and he had a projected release date of March 21, 2018.

Jarrold Mittan, (46) inmate #79679, was also transported to Bryan West Hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries sustained in the accident and is projected to be released today. Mittan is serving five to 12 years for theft by receiving stolen property and possession of a controlled substance. His sentence began on February 20, 2014 and he has a projected release date of November 13, 2019.

Hines and Mittan were participating in the work-release program and were employed at the Mid-America Recycling in Lincoln. Preliminary reports indicate a skid-steer loader in the area made contact with a precast concrete retaining wall section. The contact knocked it over and fell on Hines and struck Mittan knocking him out of the way.

Even though the accident occurred in the community, because Hines was an NDCS inmate at a work-release job site, a Grand Jury will conduct an investigation.

This is all the information available at this time.