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Accident at Virginia International Terminals Results in Fatality

NORFOLK, VA – Jonathan Andrew Richardson, 29, an employee of Virginia International Terminals Inc. [VIT], was fatally injured Wednesday, Nov. 14, in an industrial accident at Norfolk International Terminals.

Preliminary accident information gathered by the Virginia Port Authority Police Department, the investigating department, said Mr. Richardson was struck at 2:38 p.m. by a container trailer while directing traffic from Railroad Avenue into the North Transfer Zone Truck Entrance.

Several VPA police officers administered first-aid until the arrival of fire and rescue units from the City of Norfolk. Mr. Richardson was transported to Sentara Norfolk General Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 3:19 p.m.

The operator of the truck is a member of the International Longshoreman's Association [ILA] and employed by CP&O, a local stevedoring firm.

The VPA police investigation of this accident is ongoing.

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The Virginia Port Authority (VPA) is an agency of the Commonwealth of Virginia, reporting to the state Secretary of Transportation. The VPA owns and operates four general cargo facilities on behalf of the state: Norfolk International Terminals, Portsmouth Marine Terminal, Newport News Marine Terminal and the Virginia Inland Port in Warren County. The terminals are operated by Virginia International Terminals, Inc. (VIT) the non-stock, non-profit operating company. The VPA, through terminal earnings generated by VIT, is operationally self-sufficient. The VPA and correlating maritime industry is responsible for 165,000 jobs, \$762 million in business revenues and \$61 million in state and local taxes throughout the Commonwealth.