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## **Grapevine Police Investigate Deadly Garbage Truck Accident**

GRAPEVINE, Texas - Just after 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, Grapevine Police responded to a man who was pinned between the hydraulic arms and bin of a garbage truck, then fell to the ground in the 4100 block of Cedar Drive. A Colleyville police officer arrived first on scene and began providing medical assistance. The victim did not have a pulse. Grapevine fire later arrived and also began medical assistance, but pronounced his death several minutes later.

Investigators determined the garbage truck had a mechanical problem prior to the accident, and a mechanic was sent over to troubleshoot and make repairs. While the mechanic was inside the cab, he moved the hydraulic arm, then stepped out of the truck and saw the truck operator on the ground. He did not know the operator had stepped onto an area where the arm would drop.

The operator was a 56-year-old man from Haltom City, and an employee of Republic Garbage.

Grapevine Police are investigating. No criminal charges have been filed.

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