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Death Investigation

Niles, IL – On May 8, 2018 at approximately 10:41 p.m. Officers were dispatched to Ecodirect Laundry and Cleaners at 6977 N. Austin for a man stuck in a laundry conveyor belt. Police Officers and Niles Fire Department staff were directed to the main dryer area of the business where the victim was located stuck between a dryer and a laundry conveyer. The Niles Fire Department checked the victim for vital signs and they were unable to find any signs of life.

The Cook County Medical Examiners' Office was contacted and responded to the scene. Upon interviewing witnesses it was learned that employees had not seen the victim since 9:30 p.m. After a review of surveillance video, it was learned that at about 9:56 p.m. the victim working alone attempted to remove a towel that was hanging from the dryer in front of the conveyer system. The system is seen to move upward and then stop. It is at that time it is believed the victim was stuck in the conveyer system and the dryer. At 10:25 p.m. another employee realized the washer and dryer were not working. When the employee went to check on the washer and dryer system, the victim was discovered.

The victim's remains were transported to the Cook County Medical Examiner's Office. Based upon the evidence gathered the incident appears to be accidental, pending the results of toxicology results from the medical examiners office.

The victim:

GONZALEZ-HERNANDEZ, PASCUAL Male, 42 yoa
5000 blk of N. Clark, Chicago, IL