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Train-Pedestrian Accident

COPPERAS COVE, TEXAS – On January 15, 2023, at approximately 2:11 PM, the Copperas Cove Police Department received a report of a train-pedestrian accident.

It was reported the victim was lying on the railroad tracks adjacent to the 1500 block of East Business Highway 190. The train was traveling east, approaching the location of the pedestrian. The train operator noticed the pedestrian lying on the railroad tracks and immediately activated the emergency stopping system for the train while signaling with the horn. The pedestrian attempted but was unable to take evasive action to get away from the train before being struck.

The pedestrian suffered fatal injuries as a result of the collision and was pronounced deceased on scene by Justice of the Peace F.W. “Bill” Price. The pedestrian was later identified as 21-year-old, Masao Joverson Skilling.

The train consisted of two engines and 119 cargo cars, which were loaded with approximately 13,000 tons of various commodities. The Copperas Cove Police Department continues to investigate this incident.

