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Accidental Electrocution

On or about 4 August '10 at approximately 1144 hrs officers responded to 645 Fairview Ave for a subject that was electrocuted. Upon arrival a W/M/73 was seen lying face down on the ground. The victim fell from the roof of a two story house after being electrocuted high voltage power line. The victim was attempting to install a piece aluminum flashing when it came into contact with a exposed high voltage line. Officers of the Lancaster City Bureau of Police responded to the scene as well as detectives of the Criminal Investigation Division.

That the victim was transported to Lancaster General Hospital and was later pronounced dead.

The victim has been identified as Ron Mellinger M/73yoa. That Mr. Mellinger was a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and was working on the roof at 643-645 Fairview Ave when this accident happened.

The actual cause of death will be determined at a later date, pending the results of an autopsy. It appears that this death was accidental and no further police involvement will be required.

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