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## **Dock worker died after falling into the sea**

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Rodrigo Esteban Flores Álvarez, the worker was identified who, while carrying out work at site 4 of the DP World San Antonio terminal, fell into the sea, as a result of which he died during the night of this Monday.

The fatal victim was working unloading a bulk ship, when due to situations that are still being investigated, he fell into the sea, where he remained for about an hour, and was later rescued by a smaller vessel.

The San Antonio Harbor Master's Office indicated that, "on November 30 at 9:57 p.m., the San Antonio Harbor Master's Duty Operator intercepted and received an emergency communication that reported the fall to the sea of a dock worker at the DP World terminal. As a result of the above, a land patrol and the maritime unit LPM 4410 were dispatched to the site, requesting support from the vessels that were in the vicinity".

Thanks to the support of dock workers and witnesses, it was possible to locate the injured worker at sea, under the dock, who was quickly rescued by naval personnel who jumped into the sea, and later transferred to the Puertecito dock under constant cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Once at the dock, Rodrigo Esteban Flores Álvarez was transferred to the emergency service of the Claudio Vicuña hospital in San Antonio, where, unfortunately, and despite the efforts made, the death of the worker was confirmed.

Minutes after the tragedy that occurred at the DR World terminal, dozens of third-shift dock workers went to the outskirts of the Claudio Vicuña hospital as a sign of support for the family of the deceased worker.

In the statement from the San Antonio Port Captaincy, signed Port Captain (s) Cristhian León, they added that the facts were reported to the Public Prosecutor's Office, who ordered the Homicide Brigade of the Investigative

Police to carry out the corresponding proceedings, together with initiating a summary investigation by the maritime prosecutor's office in parallel. Likewise, the Local Maritime Authority deeply regretted this tragic accident, sending condolences to the worker's family and to the dock workers of the Port of San Antonio.

DP World San Antonio also issued a statement about the tragedy that occurred during the night of this Monday, in which the death of worker Rodrigo Esteban Flores Álvarez was regretted, adding that, "the company's operations are halted. The authorities are conducting investigations. Along with this, it was indicated that, "we have already made contact with the family, which we will support in this difficult situation that mourns our entire company."

Public Declaration of Puerto San Antonio Puerto San Antonio regrets the death of Rodrigo Flores and expresses the most sincere condolences to his family and to all the workers of the DP World San Antonio terminal.

For us, each person in the port is the priority of the operation. The antecedents of the unfortunate accident are being analyzed by the corresponding authorities to determine the causes of what happened. For our part, we are coordinated to collaborate in the investigation and to be able to determine in depth the reasons for this serious accident. It is important to bear in mind that with the proper security measures, these types of events, with such serious consequences, are perfectly avoidable.

"As Puerto San Antonio, this death hits us very hard and we will promote each and every one of the measures that are necessary to increase safety at port operations," said Carlos Mondaca, Manager of Public Affairs of Puerto San Antonio. Puerto San Antonio reiterates its commitment to the safety of all those who work in the port, a key and fundamental element in the operation of its concession terminals.