

Shipping container falls off truck, kills man at Long Beach-Carson border

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The accident scene Tuesday evening where one person died where Santa Fe Avenue crosses Warnock Way at the Long Beach-Carson border. Greg Yee/Press-Telegram

A shipping container fell off a flatbed truck Tuesday evening, crushing and killing a man near the Long Beach-Carson city boundary.

The accident happened near where Santa Fe Avenue crosses Warnock Way. Early accounts from the Long Beach and Los Angeles County fire departments differed as to which city the incident took place in. Both agencies responded.

“I just heard a big boom and it felt like an earthquake,” said Daniel Flores, who lives close to the accident site. “It shook the house a little bit.”

Los Angeles County fire dispatch Supervisor Melanie Flores said the container “struck a bridge and got knocked off the trailer.”

The victim was possibly on a bicycle, Lt. Arthur Escamillas of the sheriff’s Carson Station said.

Long Beach Fire Department spokesman Jake Heflin said the accident took place about 5:15 p.m. on the Carson side of the city line. Responders confirmed the victim had died about 5:30 p.m.