

Man killed, 3 others injured as vessel's line snaps at Port of Longview

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LONGVIEW, Wash. – A man was killed and three others were injured at the Port of Longview on Thursday morning when a vessel line snapped in half, recoiled and struck them, according to Port of Longview officials. Officers responded to the incident at 1:30 a.m.

According to officials, a vessel was moving along the dock from one loading hatch to another when one of the vessel's lines snapped and flew back toward the dock and the vessel.

International Longshore Workers Union member Byron Jacobs, 34, was struck and killed. He was found dead at the scene.

The chief mate aboard the vessel was also struck and is in critical condition at Southwest Washington Medical Center.

Another longshoreman and security guard also suffered injuries.

“This is a tragic day on the waterfront,” said ILWU Local 21 President Jake Ford.

“Byron was an active member of the union, loved his work and will be incredibly missed.” Officials say the vessel, MV ANSAC Splendor, remains docked at the Port's Berth 5.

The U.S. Coast Guard and Washington State Labor and Industries are investigating.