



Man killed, 3 others injured at Port of Longview after line tied to ship snaps

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Byron Jacobs with wife Meg Jacobs (Courtesy: Meg Jacobs)
LONGVIEW, WA (KPTV) -

A man was killed and three other people were injured early Thursday morning at the Port of Longview after a line from a ship snapped. Longview police said officers responded to the port, located at 10 East Port Way, after an accident was reported at 1:37 a.m.

According to a Port of Longview official, a line tied to a ship at the port snapped in half after a ship tried to move along the dock to one loading hatch to another.

An International Longshore and Warehouse Union member, Byron Jacobs, 34, was hit by the line and was pronounced dead at the scene. The chief mate aboard the ship was also hit and is in critical

condition at a local hospital. Another longshoreman and security guard also were hurt with non-life threatening injuries.

“This is a tragic day on the waterfront,” ILWU Local 21 President Jake Ford said. “Byron was an active member of the union, loved his work and will be incredibly missed.”

The United States Coast Guard and Washington State Labor and Industries are investigating the incident.

Jacobs wife, Meg Jacobs, spoke with FOX 12 about his time at ILWU and his love for being a father to three children.

"Byron Jacobs was a 6th generation Longshoreman and worked for the ILWU at the Port of Longview for 16 years. He is a father of 3, ages 8, 5 & 2. His love for being a father radiated off of him. He was a wonderful husband, son, and brother. He was very proud to work for the ILWU and loved his Union Brothers and Sisters. He is very loved and is irreplaceable. We miss him so much already," she said.