

Worker died in Genoa, the driver: "Sleep shot for overwork"

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To say it, through his lawyer Paolo Scovazzi, it was the port driver who last night was the operator that ran over and killed his colleague Gianni Battista Macciò in the port. The investigators are now trying to understand why the driver of the tractor did that maneuver defined as "anomalous"



The protests after the death of a worker at the Port of Genoa - ©Ansa

"I was tired, I had a sleep stroke because of the overwork". This was said, through his lawyer Paolo Scovazzi, by the port driver who was leading the rally last night who overturned and killed his colleague Gianni Battista Macciò in port. "I'm devastated by what happened," the man added. "The other colleague (he was hurt, *ed*) is like a brother". As for the positivity to cannabis, the worker admitted: "I smoked a joint one or two days before the accident. "But only" - he said - "because I couldn't sleep".

Investigators at work to reconstruct the reasons for an anomalous maneuver

The tests showed, in fact, that the 54-year-old man was positive for cannabinoids, but was not in a state of alteration. He has undergone a second test and further examinations are now awaited. Instead, he was negative for the alcohol test. From the investigations, among other things, it emerged that he was not on the phone.

The investigators, coordinated by the prosecutor Arianna Ciavattini, are trying to understand why the driver of the vehicle did that maneuver defined as "anomalous". In addition to the video surveillance images that filmed the tragedy, the investigators also took images from the previous days to understand if it was a practice to make that reversal. From what was reconstructed, in fact, the vehicle made a U-turn, but instead of going straight it turned and turned ending against another vehicle still crushing Macciò who was on the ground and was checking a container. The documents relating to the driver's service status and periodic verifications of eligibility have also been acquired.

An ongoing investigation

"There is an ongoing investigation into the accident and therefore we must wait for the analysis into the dynamics. But what I can emphasize is that unfortunately we only talk about safety when someone dies in the workplace". This is the comment of Luca Franza, coordinator of the delegates of the Culmv of Genoa to which the fifty-two-year-old port man who died this morning belonged. Meanwhile, already this early morning a spontaneous blockade has formed at the Ethiopia bridge, in Sampierdarena, to which many people are gradually adding.