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MEDIA ADVISORY: Man Killed In Farming Accident

A 51 year old San Joaquin man was killed earlier today while harvesting almonds west of Fresno.

On August 14th at approximately 8:30 am, Fresno County Sheriff's deputies responded to an injured person call in the area of 13250 W. Annadale Ave.

Abel Ramirez Castro had been harvesting almonds in an orchard near the address. While operating the almond harvester, an obstruction caused the hopper to stop working. When he attempted to clear the obstruction, Castro became caught in the hopper and was killed.

A co-worker discovered Castro a short time later and immediately called 911.

Castro had been employed by Weis Farms for approximately 8 years.