

REPORT: FE-40-97

RAILROAD: CSX Transportation, Inc. (CSX)

LOCATION: Ashford, Alabama

DATE, TIME: Dec. 9, 1997, 12:12 p.m., CST

PROBABLE CAUSE:

The Electrician was traveling in a company vehicle when another vehicle went through a stop sign and struck the CSX truck in the left rear, causing it to roll over.

EMPLOYEE: **Craft..... MOE**

Activity..... Traveling from job site, after completing electrical job, in a company vehicle.

Occupation..... Electrician

Age..... 54 years

Length of Service..... 27 years

Last Rules Training..... Unknown

Last Safety Training..... Unknown

Last Physical Exam..... Unknown

Circumstances Prior to the Accident

The Electrician had performed electrical work in Troy, Alabama earlier that morning and was en route to Bainbridge, Georgia. He was traveling eastbound in a CSX company vehicle on US Highway 84 east near Ashford. A pick-up truck was traveling southbound on Houston County Road 73.

The sky was clear, and the temperature was 65° F. Road conditions were good: the asphalt was dry, and the view was unobstructed.

The Accident

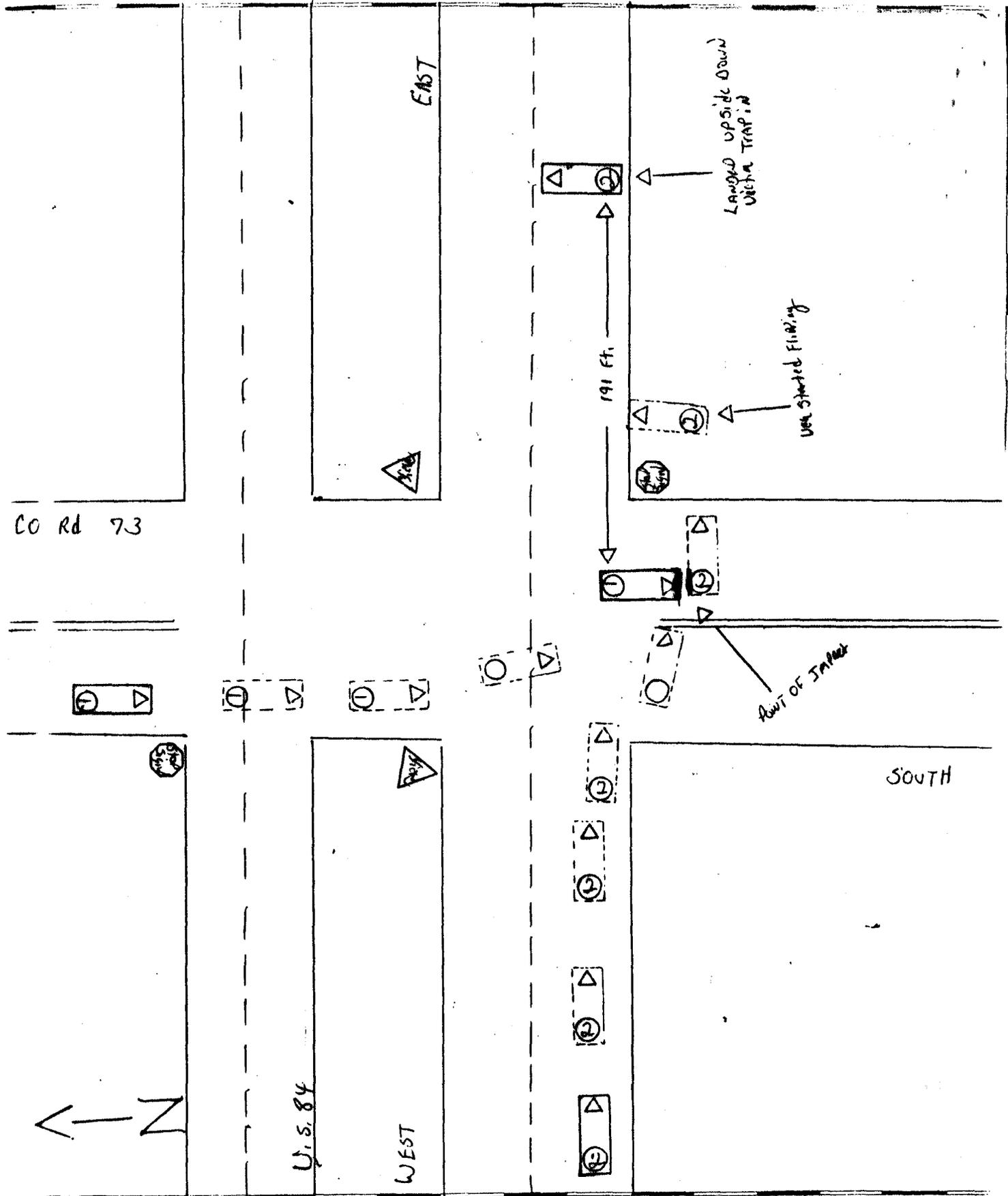
The Driver of the pick-up truck went through a stop sign and failed to yield the right-of-way to the Electrician. The Electrician ran off the road to avoid a collision with the pick-up truck. The southbound pick-up truck struck the CSX vehicle at the left rear, causing it to turn over several times. The collision resulted in the death of the Electrician at the accident scene.

Death was attributed to multiple blunt force trauma caused by injuries sustained in the vehicle collision. According to the death certificate, the Electrician was pronounced dead at 1:18 p.m.

(Please see the attached diagram of the accident scene to better visualize the events that led up to the fatality.)

Post-Accident Investigation

The Electrician was wearing his combination lap/shoulder seat belt at the time of the collision. His vehicle came to rest upside down, trapping him inside.



CO Rd 73

EAST

Landed upside down
UICHA TRAP IN

WAS STARTED FLYING

191 ft.

Rear of Truck

SOUTH

U.S. 84

WEST

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(Diagram Not to Scale) Diagram Scale 1 inch = (20 feet) / (10 feet)	Location U.S. 84 + CO. RD 73		Time 12:12 A.M. P.M. M.T.	
	Signature of Reporting Officer(s) <i>James Fowler</i>		DATE Month Day Year 12 09 1997	
Officer ID 902		Reporting Police Agency ORI 0380200		