

Owner charged in worker's death

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Boris Nanoff, the owner of Rainbow Concrete, has been charged with criminal negligence causing death in relation to a fatality that occurred on company property on Feb. 15, 2017.

On Monday, a Greater Sudbury Police Service detective arrested and charged the 56-year-old man. Nanoff was released on a promise to appear. He will appear in court on Sept. 26 to answer to the charge.

The detective also served Rainbow Concrete with a summons for the same Criminal Code of Canada offence.

Shortly after 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 15, 2017, police officers were called to Rainbow Concrete, 2477 Maley Dr., in relation to an industrial incident.

Rheal Dionne, 38, was operating a construction vehicle when a concrete slab fell on the cab of the vehicle, trapping him inside. Emergency responders were able to get him out of the vehicle and he was rushed to hospital; however, Dionne succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

The police service launched an investigation in collaboration with the **Ministry of Labour** and the coroner's office. During the preliminary, investigation there was no suspicion of a criminal offence and the **Ministry of Labour** took the lead in the investigation.

The **Ministry of Labour** has laid 12 charges against Rainbow Concrete, its owners and two supervisors in relation to the accident.

Although the investigation was conducted by the **Ministry of Labour**, evidence was obtained that permitted a Greater Sudbury police detective to successfully obtain a search warrant in relation to the matter and on June 20, a search warrant was executed at Rainbow Concrete as part of the investigation.

In the case of a serious injury or fatality in the workplace, the Greater Sudbury Police Service responds and works in collaboration with the **Ministry of Labour** and/or the coroner's office. A determination is made about which agency will take the lead in the investigation.

The **Ministry of Labour** investigates under the Ontario Health and Safety Act. Where there is suspicion of a potential criminal offence that results in a serious injury or fatality, the police conduct the investigation under the Criminal Code of Canada.

If no criminal offence is suspected in a workplace death, police support the coroner's office through its investigation. The matter remains open until all agencies have completed their investigations. sud.editorial@sunmedia.ca Twitter: @SudburyStar