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#### **Sheriff's Office Investigating Fatal Accident at Grain Elevator in Haswell**

(EADS, COLORADO) A worker at the Tempel Grain elevator in Haswell died Friday (May 29, 2009) after becoming buried under grain inside a bin at the facility.

The Eads and Haswell fire departments, along with the Kiowa County Sheriff's Office, were notified at approximately 1:30 p.m. that a worker was missing and believed trapped in the bin. According to preliminary information, two people were assigned tasks in the bin and became separated.

When fire units arrived, attempts were made to locate the missing worker, who has been identified at Cody Clayton Rigsby, 17, of Wiley. Lamar Fire Rescue and the Hasty McClave Volunteer Fire Department were also called to the scene to assist with the rescue effort.

All four fire agencies, along with volunteers from the community, worked until after 7:00 p.m. to recover Rigsby's body, which had been buried under several feet of grain. Kiowa County Coroner Jimmy R. Brown pronounced Rigsby dead at the scene at 7:50 p.m.

It is not currently known when Rigsby entered the bin, or what safety equipment was in use at the time of the incident. The Kiowa County Sheriff's Office is working with officials from the Occupation Safety and Health Administration to conduct an investigation. Foul play is not suspected.

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