



**NICOLLET COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE**  
**INCIDENT REPORT**

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<b>ICR#</b> 19007739	<b>AGENCY ORI#</b> MN0520000	<b>JUVENILE:</b>		
<b>Reported:</b> 08-14-2019 1546 <b>First Assigned:</b> 1548 <b>First Arrived:</b> 1559 <b>Last Cleared:</b> 0700				
<b>Committed Start:</b> <b>Committed End:</b>				
<b>Title:</b> Occupational Accidents Fatality <b>How Received:</b> 911				
<b>Short Description:</b>				
18 YR OLD CAUGHT IN THE GRAIN BIN - GOT CAUGHT IN THE CORN SWEEP				
<b>Summary:</b>				
farming accident, 10-72				
<b>Location(s)</b>				
<b>Address:</b> 43041 CO RD 15	<b>City:</b> ST PETER	<b>State:</b> MN	<b>Zip:</b> 56082	<b>Country:</b>
<b>Officer Assigned:</b> Jensen, Karl		<b>Badge No:</b> 2302	<b>Primary:</b> No	
<b>Officer Assigned:</b> O'Gorman, Mic		<b>Badge No:</b> 2318	<b>Primary:</b> Yes	
<b>Officer Assigned:</b> Nelson, Alex		<b>Badge No:</b> 2305	<b>Primary:</b> No	
<b>Officer Assigned:</b> Hlavac, Steve		<b>Badge No:</b> 2317	<b>Primary:</b> No	
<b>Involvement:</b> Deceased		<b>Name:</b> Gran, Landon David		
<b>Age:</b> 18				
<b>Address:</b> (Residence) 37135 425TH AVE	<b>City:</b> ST PETER	<b>State:</b> MN	<b>Zip:</b> 56082	<b>Country:</b>
<b>Involvement:</b> Assisted		<b>Name:</b> St Peter Funeral Home		
<b>Address:</b> (Business) 906 Washington Ave N	<b>City:</b> St Peter	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b> 56082	<b>Country:</b>
<b>Involvement:</b> Parent/Guardian		<b>Name:</b> GRAN, DAVID DUANE		
<b>Age:</b> 51				
<b>Address:</b> (Residence) 37135 425th Ave	<b>City:</b> St Peter	<b>State:</b> MN	<b>Zip:</b> 56082	<b>Country:</b>
<b>Involvement:</b> Location Taken		<b>Name:</b> Ramsey County Medical Examiner		
<b>Address:</b> (Business) 300 E University Ave	<b>City:</b> St Paul	<b>State:</b> MN	<b>Zip:</b> 55130	<b>Country:</b>
<b>Involvement:</b> Owner		<b>Name:</b> Gaalswyk, Richard Allen		
<b>Age:</b> 48				
<b>Address:</b> (Residence) 43041 RD 15	<b>City:</b> ST PETER	<b>State:</b> MN	<b>Zip:</b> 56082	<b>Country:</b>

<b>Supplemental Report</b>	
<b>ICR:</b> 19007739	<b>Last Modified:</b> 08-16-2019 1649
<b>Title:</b> Initial Report - 2318	<b>Created By:</b> Mic O'Gorman

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On August 14th, 2019, at approximately 15:46, I, Deputy Michael O'Gorman, was dispatched to 43041 County Rd. 15, Saint Peter, in response to a report of an 18-year-old caught in a grain bin, caught in the auger. Saint Peter Fire Department was also dispatched.

I arrived on scene at 15:59. Upon my arrival, I was met by **Richard Allen Gaalswyk XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX**, owner of the property, and also **David Duane GranX XXXX XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX** father of the party caught in the auger.

Richard walked toward me and stated "we've lost him, he's gone". I asked Richard when was the last time someone saw him. Richard interrupted me and stated "no, he's gone".

I entered the grain bin and observed, what I believed to be a male, slender in size, lying on the bottom of the grain bin partially on his left side facing away from me. It was a very graphic scene. It appeared both of his legs had been mutilated by the auger and were gone up to the knee. I checked for a pulse on his right wrist, but he was cold to the touch and his limbs were already in rigor mortis. At this point, I heard Chief Deputy Karl Jensen arrive on scene. At 16:01, I advised Chief Deputy Jensen that this was going to be a 10-72.

I left the grain bin and advised Chief Deputy Jensen what it appeared had happened inside the grain bin. Chief Deputy Jensen went in the grain bin. I went to my squad and collected my camera and returned to the grain bin to start photographing the scene.

Chief Deputy Jensen and I were assisted by Deputy Steve Hlavac. We began processing the scene. **Landon David Gran, DOB/06-12-2001**, had been caught from behind by the grain bin auger. We observed blue jean material at the beginning of the auger, by the auger support wheel, which was the possible initial point of contact. There was a grain shovel lying by the exterior wall of the grain bin. Landon would have been shoveling grain away from the wall of the grain bin. Landon's boots were somewhat intact and it appears as his legs were pulled into the auger by his blue jeans. Landon had traveled a couple of feet down the auger. We discovered a blue, fuzzy material all over the grain bin floor; it was blue jean material. It appeared the auger had been operating for quite some time to turn the blue jean material into pulp.

It appeared that from the point of initial contact, Landon had been pulled across the grain bin floor until he ran into an auger bearing bracket that supports the

two pieces of auger, where they are bolted together. The auger had pulled his pants completely off of him and pulled his legs into the auger blade, mutilating his legs up to the knee joints. There appeared to be a large amount of arterial spray inside the shroud of the auger itself. It would appear Landon died by massive blood loss.

We were assisted, at this point, by Conservation Officer Corey Wiebusch. Approximately 5 to 6 feet away from Landon, between Landon and the shovel, were a pair of black headphones that had radio capability. Officer Wiebusch recovered the headphones and found that they were still on and playing music.

At 16:26, I made contact with the Ramsey County Medical Examiner's Office and spoke with Nathan Banks. Nathan indicated they wanted Landon's body sent to their office.

Saint Peter Funeral home arrived on scene at 16:59. We assisted in collecting Landon and passing him through the grain bin door to the awaiting St Peter Firemen.

I put an identification lock with Landon's name and our agency report number on the two zippers.

I briefly spoke with Richard Gaalswyk. Richard said he had spoken with Landon at approximately 12:30 - 12:45. Landon stated he wanted to clean the rest of the corn out of the bin before starting anything else. Richard made a delivery, returned to the farm, and noticed the machinery was on. When Richard looked into the grain bin, he discovered Landon and called 911.

End of report.

Deputy Michael O'Gorman