One Dead in October 8 Construction Site Shooting in Centreville

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A tragedy took place on Friday morning, October 8, at about 8:30 a.m. According to the Birmingham News, a construction worker at a work site in Centreville was shot to death by a coworker in what appears to have been a workplace dispute.

The wrongful death took place on the site of the new Bibb County Schools Board of Education building, which is at the intersection of Highway 82 and Birmingham Road in Centreville. Bibb County authorities are investigating the morning shooting. As the worker's death took place during the course of his employment, OSHA and workers' compensation investigators may also be called in.

According to Bibb County Assistant District Attorney Jim Ransom, the victim was simply doing his job when the suspect began arguing with him and then shot him.

"It appears to be an altercation between two workers that escalated regarding employment issues," Ransom told the Birmingham News on Friday.

As of the time the Birmingham News story was published, the victim's family had not yet been notified, and the victim has not been identified to the press.

Assistant District Attorney Ransom said that the suspect had been taken into custody at the scene and was awaiting interrogation by investigators. No further information was available.

In addition to facing criminal charges, the man could be held financially liable for the death of the Bibb County man via a <u>wrongful death</u> claim. The family could also seek death benefits through workers' compensation and any insurance policies he may have held.

Source: The Birmingham News, "Bibb County shooting leaves one dead at construction site," Carol Robinson, October 8, 2010