

Clinton County Sheriff's Office

News Release

TO: Area News

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SUBJECT OF RELEASE: Fatal Incident

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NAME OF SUBJECT(S): Deceased- Pearly J. Provo

ADDRESS: Salem, NY

AGE/SEX: 77 year old male

NARRATIVE: On July 18, 2014 at 7:46am, sheriff deputies were dispatched to the Clinton County Landfill for a report of an individual that had been buried and was currently trapped. Upon the arrival of deputies, the male victim in this incident had the material uncovered from his person by witnesses and he was being attended to by EMS personnel. At that time the victim was able to breathe on his own and appeared to be in stable condition. Once the victim arrived at CVPH his condition worsened and after numerous life saving measures, the victim was pronounced deceased by hospital staff. Through the course of the preliminary investigation, it has been determined that Pearly J. Provo, the driver of the tractor trailer with a dump trailer, was dumping his load at the Clinton County Landfill. The load consisted of a wet, dirt like substance which was heavy in nature. Upon the dumping of the load of material, it is believed that Pearly went to check on his trailer to make sure that all of the material had left the trailer. While doing this he was standing behind the raised box and some left-over material slid out of the dump trailer striking him in the chest and stomach area. This action caused Pearly to fall backwards landing on his back while becoming entrapped in the material. At this time the investigation is still ongoing. Deputies were assisted by NYSP CVEU, Morrisonville Fire Department and Morrisonville EMS.