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SUBJECT: Worker Falls From Stadium Construction Site

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NARRATIVE:

On Wednesday, July 24, 2002 at 1:53 p.m. the UPD responded to the Ben Hill Griffin Stadium construction area reference a worker falling from the site. UPD officers arrived at the stadium and met with members of Gainesville Fire and Rescue and it was determined that James Joseph Sudak, (12/31/56), 9728 Jupiter Court South, Jacksonville, FL 32246 was killed as a result of injuries obtained in the fall.

The investigation has so far determined that a piece of construction steel used in bracing pre-cast concrete columns struck the victim forcing him over perimeter protection resulting in the victim falling approximately 60 feet or 5 stories to a platform just above ground level. Occupational/Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) officials will continue to investigate the fall.

If you should have questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Joe Sharkey at 392-1114, or after hours at 392-1111. I can also be reached via e-mail at jsharkey@admin.ufl.edu, or see the UPD web-page at <http://www.police.ufl.edu/>

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