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## MAN RUN OVER BY TRAIN AFTER TRESPASSING ON RAILROAD TRACKS DIES AS A RESULT OF HIS INJURIES

New Bedford, Massachusetts - Just after noon yesterday, a (28) year old man was run over by a train in the area of Worcester and Lynn Streets in New Bedford.

The preliminary investigation revealed that the male victim was trespassing on the railroad tracks and was drinking with a friend when the victim tried to jump onto the caboose of the train. The victim, a 29 year old Springfield man formerly of Fall River, slipped off the train and was then run over by it causing significant threatening injuries to his lower extremities.

The victim's friend ran for help causing the New Bedford and Massachusetts State Police as well as emergency personnel to respond. The victim was transported to St. Luke's Hospital in New Bedford and will likely be transported to a Boston or Providence trauma center. His injuries were considered life threatening.

The victim's name was not released at that time until proper notifications to the victim's next of kin could be made. The report was subsequently completed by the Massachusetts State Police because the railroad tracks are State property.

### **UPDATE (2/28/2008 @ 6:16 PM)**

The victim's name was cleared for release. His name is Richard BOYDEN. He was (28) years old, not (29) as originally reported (*that was an alias date of birth*). He was transferred to Beth Israel Hospital and his condition was still very serious. His photograph was attached to this release.

### **UPDATE (2/29/2008 @ 2:00 PM)**

The New Bedford Police Department is sad to confirm that the victim from yesterday's train accident passed away late last night, February 28, 2008 at Beth Israel Hospital in Boston.



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