# Preliminary Report of Accident

**PR001 12/27/2019**

1. **Accident Type**  
   F - Fatal Injury

2. **Accident Classification**  
   17 - Machinery

3. **Date/Time of Accident**  
   12/23/2019 4:30 PM

4. **Date/Time of Death**  
   12/23/2019 5:00 PM

5. **Fatal Case No.**  
   FAI-2019-24

6. **Mine Information**
   - **Mining Company Name:** The Marshall County Coal Company  
   - **Mine Name:** Marshall County Mine  
   - **Parent of Mining Company:** Robert E Murray

7. **Mine Location Information**
   - **a) City:** Cameron  
   - **b) County:** Marshall  
   - **c) State:** WV

8. **Mine ID Number**  
   46-01437

9. **Union**  
   Yes

10. **Primary Mineral Mined**
    Bituminous Coal Underground Mining

11. **Number of Employees**
    - **a) Total:** 880  
    - **b) Underground:** 780  
    - **c) Open Pit/Quarry:** 60  
    - **d) Mill/Prep Plant:** 40

12. **Contractor Name**

13. **Contractor Union**

14. **Contractor ID Number**

15. **Contractor Address**
   - **a) City:**  
   - **b) County:**  
   - **c) State:**  
   - **d) Zip Code:**

16. **Number of Contractor Employees**
    - **a) Total:**  
    - **b) Underground:**  
    - **c) Open Pit/Quarry:**  
    - **d) Mill/Prep Plant:**  
    - **e) Other:**

17. **Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident**
    - **a) Mine Employees:** 325  
    - **b) Contractor Employees:** 0

18. **Number of Persons Unaccounted for**
    - **a) Mine Employees:** 0  
    - **b) Contractor Employees:** 0

19. **Accident Location**
   07 - Advance Mining

20. **Mining Height**
    8 Feet 0 Inches

21. **Nonfatal Injuries**
   22. **Fatal Injuries**
   1

23. **Victims Information**
   - **Raymond Starkey**
     - **a) First Name:** Raymond  
     - **b) Last Name:** Starkey  
     - **c) Age:** 21  
     - **d) Activity at Time of Accident:** Beltman
   - **Employee:** Mine Employee

24. **Mining Experience**
    - **a) Total Experience:** 2 Years 36 Weeks 0 Days  
    - **b) Experience at the Mine:** 0 Years 36 Weeks 0 Days  
    - **c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident:** 0 Years 36 Weeks 0 Days  
    - **d) Experience with Contractor:** 2 Years 0 Weeks 0 Days

25. **Autopsy Performed**
   Yes
   - **If Yes, Location:** Charleston, WV

26. **Mine Telephone No.**
   (304) 686-4308

27. **Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations)**
   A miner was fatally injured while attempting to remove a splice pin from a 72-inch main line conveyor belt splice. The victim was positioned between the bottom conveyor belt and the frame of the tail piece. A belt clamp and come-a-long failed, allowing the bottom belt to release stored energy, causing the belt to shift upward and pin the victim against the frame of the belt tail piece.

   The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data ONLY and does not represent final determination regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the accident.

28. **Equipment Manufacturer**
   Not listed

29. **Model**
   Fire Boss Conveyor Belt

30. **District**
   C0300 - Morgantown, WV

31. **Field Office**
   C0305 - St. Clairsville OH Field Office

32. **Event Number**
   6279833

33. **Accident Investigator**
   - **First Name:** Louis  
   - **MI:** V  
   - **Last Name:** Bernatowicz

34. **MSHA Person Notified**
   - **First Name:** Larry  
   - **MI:**  
   - **Last Name:** Johnson  
   - **Date/Time Notified:** 12/23/2019 4:35 PM

35. **Type of Report**
   Initial

36. **Name of Preparer**
   - **Full Name:** Michael P Stark  
   - **Date Prepared:** 12/26/2019

37. **Reason for Amendment**

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