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PRISON FOR CRANE OPERATOR

Antony Valente, a crane operator from New York, has been sentenced to six months in prison and five months of probation for second degree manslaughter following the death of a co-worker who was crushed by a 'headache ball'/single line hook in 2022.

Valente activated an override to bypass the overload system whilst operating the crane, as a result a cable broke and the 130kg hook struck and killed Darren Miller.

The crane - working in the R.J. Valente gravel quarry in Grafton, east of New York - was ruled as 'unfit for service' in 2021 by the US Department of Labor after it had been damaged in a rollover two years earlier. Although repairs were made, the crane had not been re-inspected. Miller's death is now being used in safety training videos to serve as a reminder of the importance of inspecting equipment.



R.J. Valente quarry

CRANE FIRE COSTS \$83 MILLION

US company Monadnock Construction has been fined \$25,000 by the NYC Department of Buildings after a luffing jib tower crane fire caused its 55 metre boom and 16 tonne load to collapse onto luxury high rise apartments on 10th Avenue in Manhattan, injuring 12 and forcing residents in the area to evacuate due to concerns that the rest of the crane might collapse. A penthouse sundeck sustained the most damage as firefighters on the roof fought to extinguish the blaze.



The company, the main contractor on the new 47 storey tower, was fined for 'failure to safeguard all persons and property affected by construction operations'. The developer, Go Covenant, has since faced 10 lawsuits with damage estimated to have cost almost \$83 million in insurance claims alone.

TEREX UTILITIES' 39TH SERVICE SCHOOL

Terex Utilities held its 39th annual 'Service School' in June for 59 participants from Canada and the USA, aiming to provide technicians with greater knowledge on inspecting, maintaining, troubleshooting, servicing and operating equipment.

The event was held at Lake Area Technical college, west of Minneapolis, and included nine separate stations with training on specific models, as well as general instruction on maintenance and inspections.

Terex product support technician Will Biberdorf said: "This year we added a class on the new ANSI standard for 15 year structural testing which states that structural tests are required after a unit has been in service for 15 years, then every 10 years thereafter. This station covered all that this entails and participants got to perform an actual test on an aerial unit."



WHO TRAINED THEM THEN?

Spotted by a reader in Dusseldorf, Germany, a couple of men using the old fork and pallet method of powered access at the Rheinkirmes amusement/theme park in the city.

The two men, one driving the telehandler and the other up top, are checking roof lights on the various buildings with no safety measures whatsoever to prevent a fall.



DROPPED LOAD FATALITY COSTS £213K

UK based Erith Plant Services has been fined £175,000 plus £37,804 in costs after an employee, Liam McArdle, 24, died after he was crushed by an excavator attachment dropped from a loader crane in Swanscombe, east of London in September 2021.

The HSE found that Erith had failed to ensure there was a safe method of work whilst loading and unloading excavator attachments. There was also no defined segregation between vehicles and pedestrians at the company's yard, nor was there any suitable supervision.

HSE inspector Joanne Williams said: "This tragic death serves as an important reminder that workers need to be trained. Employers need to ensure that work practices are maintained to keep workers away from the danger areas during lifting activities."

McArdle's father, Declan McArdle, added: "The pain of losing my son has been and will continue to be unbearable. Liam worked hard and wanted to learn. He wanted to follow in my footsteps, and I was proud of the person he was becoming."

