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Police Story

PITTSBURGH- Five road workers are now dead after a truck struck them on route 60 at 10 a.m. Wednesday.

The driver of the truck, William J. McClelland, 81, began to weave, said state trooper, Cheryl Michalski. The five workers were working in a foot deep hole when the truck struck them. The workers that were dead at the site were Kim Johns, 46; Jeanne Sprague, 44, and Aaron Post, 35. The other two workers were sent to UPMC Presbyterian in Pittsburgh. They were James Trimpley, 54, and Frank Black.

Sprague was from Reynoldsville; Post from Meadville; Johns from Kittanning; Trimpley from Confluence; and Black from Knox. Black, Johns, Post, and Sprague were members of Heavy Construction Carpenters Local 2274 in Greentree, near the Pittsburgh airport. Trimpley worked for the general contractor on the job, Pittsburgh firm of Dick Corporation.

State police said that after striking the workers, the truck then hit a concrete barrier and flipped. The truck finally came to a stop with its wheels up about 150 yards away from the bridge that spans the Ohio River in Beaver County.

The passenger of the truck, Margaret Chancellor, 79, and McClelland were taken to the UPMC-Beaver County hospital after the crash. They were treated and later released, said hospital spokesman Evelyn Zimmerman.

State police said that a decision on charges wouldn't be made until the investigation is complete, and the district attorney can review all the findings.

The Dick Corporation and the union asked police permission to notify the victim's families, said Michalski.

The police are going to be checking if the truck may have suffered some mechanical failure.