



Company Owner Convicted a Manslaughter

Judge rules that the owner of Atlantic Drain Service is guilty of manslaughter in death of two employees

A Superior Court Judge found Kevin Otto, 45, of Blackstone, MA guilty of manslaughter and guilty of one count of witness intimidation in a trench collapse that killed two employees. Both men were killed when a trench collapse caused a nearby fire hydrant to fall into the hole, filling it with water. Since both men had been buried up to their waists, they could not escape. (Boston Herald, November 4, 2019)

All owners, supervisors, managers, and company executives should pay heed to this. Judges and juries are not taking workplace fatalities lightly, and more people are now being found guilty of crimes that result in jail time. Do not become one of these statistics! Do what is right, provide a safe work environment, follow the laws, and protect your employees! Additional details may be found by clicking the link below and reading the article.

<https://www.bostonherald.com/2019/11/04/verdict-stresses-importance-of-adequate-worker-safety-measures/>

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