

Our friend Takeshi "Terry" Watanabe was killed by a robber this morning

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Awful shocking news today.

Our friend Takeshi "Terry" Watanabe died this morning. He was killed by a robber while making seafood deliveries. A totally random crazy incident.

Tonight our church was packed, for an informal remembrance.

(Corrections and news links below.)



SUSPECT IN SAN LEANDRO FATAL HIT-AND-RUN IDENTIFIED



San Leandro police identified a man accused of killing a True World Foods employee in a fatal hit-and-run incident Monday as 27-year-old Richmond resident Kadeem Edwards. (KGO-TV)

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SAN LEANDRO, CALIF. (KGO) --

San Leandro police identified a man accused of killing a True World Foods employee in a fatal hit-and-run incident Monday as 27-year-old Richmond resident Kadeem Edwards.

The man was killed shortly before noon when he was hit by a pickup truck in the rear of a food supply warehouse in San Leandro in an incident that police are treating as a homicide.



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Suspect in San Leandro hit & run detained in pickup on E.12th St. In Oakland.

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Williams Street because he was struck and killed at about 11:45 a.m. after he got into an altercation with another man in the rear area where trucks load food products for delivery, San Leandro police spokesman Lt. Robert McManus said.



It appears that the suspect may have been trying to steal wood pallets in the back area, as there's a large market for recycling stolen pellets, according to McManus.

McManus said the man who was struck by the pickup truck was pronounced dead at the scene.

The suspect fled in his pickup truck and was detained just after 5 p.m. "We do know we have located the vehicle responsible for today's homicide," McManus said.



"We saw the truck, when we saw police with guns drawn we knew it was serious," witness Clinton Givans said.

Givans saw police searching for the suspect who was caught minutes later. "The officers chased him and found him hiding underneath a parked car," McManus said.

The suspect was described as a man with a dark complexion and a light-colored pickup truck.

Police said the suspect and his pickup were seen on surveillance video earlier in the day at the loading dock of True World Foods where the suspect was allegedly stealing wooden pallets. Then, police said an employee confronted the man and tried to stop him from leaving, but the pickup ran the worker down. "Obviously he tried to stop the crime today and paid a tragic price for doing the right thing," McManus said.

McManus said investigators are checking for surveillance camera footage of the incident and talking to officials at True World Foods San Francisco to confirm that the victim worked there.

Workers reacted to the tragedy Monday and management at True World Foods did not provide a comment.

A pallet recycling facility is located only feet away from where the suspect was arrested.



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True World Foods employees in [#SanLeandro](#) watch as police investigate homicide. Entire parking lot behind police tape. [#abc7now](#)

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[#BREAKING: #SanLeandro](#) police investigating a homicide at True World Foods. Police say employee run over and killed, suspect fled. [#abc7now](#)

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[#SanLeandro](#) police looking for light-colored full-size pickup truck. Male driver. Might have pallets in the back. [#abc7now](#)

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Other employees at True World Foods saw coworker get run over by pickup truck. Appears suspect stole some wood pallets and was confronted.



Man killed by pickup truck in apparent San Leandro homicide, suspect arrested

A man was killed shortly before noon on Monday when he was hit by a pickup truck in the rear of a food supply warehouse in San Leandro. Police are treating the incident as a homicide and have made an arrest.

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SAN LEANDRO, Calif. (KTVU/BCN) - The man killed Monday in the parking lot of True World Foods warehouse was an employee, who witnesses say had confronted a driver of a white pickup truck who was trying to take wooden pallets belonging to the business. The driver of the truck ran over the man and drove off, leaving the victim on the pavement. Emergency crews pronounced him dead at the scene.

"He tried to stop a crime today and paid the tragic price of trying to do what was the right thing. Our hearts go out to the victim, all the employees at True World Foods and the family of the victim and his friends," said San Leandro police spokesman Lt. Robert McManus.

Investigators issued an alert to neighboring cities, prompting a five-hour manhunt that led to an arrest about 5 p.m. in Oakland.



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The suspect's motive may have been trying to steal wood pallets, as there's a large market for recycling stolen pallets, according to McManus.

The suspect, Kadeem Edwards, 27, of Richmond, was spotted at 47th Avenue and E.12th Street in Oakland at 4:40 p.m., while driving a white Ford pickup truck with a red paper dealer advertising plate matching the vehicle in surveillance tape at the crime scene.

Two Oakland police officers had heard the description of the vehicle during the swing shift briefing and had been on patrol near a pallet recycling center on 47th Avenue, looking for the white pickup truck. The officers spotted the truck a block away as it headed south on East 12th Street. It had a stack of wooden pallets in the back.

Witnesses say Edwards exited his truck and hid under a car on 48th Avenue where he was located and arrested by Oakland Police. San Leandro police were then called to take control of the scene.

The company, whose warehouse is located just west of Interstate Highway 880, describes itself on its website as "one of the largest wholesale distributors of fresh and frozen seafood and specialty items in North America."

Edwards will be transported to Santa Rita Jail in Dublin where he will be held on suspicion of murder without bail. San Leandro Police Department, Edwards is expected to appear in Alameda County Superior Court in Hayward this week.