Pedestrian struck by train

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In the early morning hours the victim in this incident passed away from head injuries he received in this incident after being transferred from Holland Community Hospital to Spectrum Butterworth in Grand Rapids late last night. Since immediate family members of the victim have been contacted police are identifying the victim as 52 year old Ricky Pickett from the Holland area. Although autopsy results are not completed yet, police believe that alcohol may have been a factor in the incident.

EARLIER press release information
On 4-22-2013 at approx 9:21 p.m., officers and fire fighters of the Holland Department of Public Safety were dispatched to the railroad crossing by Lincoln Ave and 17th St in the City of Holland for an individual who had been struck by a train.
Officers and Firefighters located the Amtrak train stopped just south of 17th St. The train had been coming north bound through the city. The victim, a 52 year old Holland man was located next to the train and had serious injuries from being struck by the train. Firefighters and Paramedics rendered medical assistance and the victim was subsequently transported to Holland Hospital.
Preliminary investigation indicates that the victim was lying next to the tracks as the train was approaching. The engineer attempted an emergency stop but could not stop in time and struck the victim. It is unknown at this time why the victim was lying next to the tracks.
There were passengers on board the Amtrak train but no reports of any injuries on the train.
The victims name is being withheld at this time and he remains in critical condition.

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