Virginia Lilly

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Bleachers collapse, one killed

One workman was killed and three others injured at Miami Beach Convention Hall today when a section of bleachers they were dismantling collapsed.

Police said that Virgil Lewis Lilly, 40, of 8750 NE 4th Ave. Rd. was dead on arrival at Mount Sinai hospital.

Those injured were listed as Elmer Toivonan, 43, 1025 NW 27th Ave.; Leslie Lam, 57, 724 S. Miami Ave.; and Morris Sawyer, 169 NE 6th St.

They were working on the top tier of a section of metal bleachers in the north hall of the convention complex. Irving (Duke) Ducoff, manager of the city-owned facility, said they were dismantling the bleachers to make room for a Senior Citizens Fair later this week.

LILLY

VIRGIL L. JR., 40, of 8750 NE 4 Ave. Rd. passed away Mon. A resident here 5 months formerly of Jacksonville, Fla. Survived by wife Leona A., 2 daughters Linda Louise of Key West, Anna Maria, of Riverside, Calif., 2 sons Robert L. and Thomas Lee Lilly both of Riverside, Calif., a sister Mrs. Nadine Bryant and a brother Bennie O. Lilly both of Texas, grandmother Lola F. Lilly and step-mother Clara R. Lilly both of Miami, aunt Mrs. T. L. Hamilton of El Portal. Services will be 11 A.M. Mon. in the PHILBRICK & SON MIAMI SHORES FUNERAL HOME 11415 NE 2 Ave. with interment Southern Memorial Park. Friends may call Sun. from 2-4 and 7-9 P.M. at the funeral home.