

## Glen Taylor: Granddaughter was near I-35 bridge when it collapsed

### She's OK, he tells reporters

Minnesota State Mankato alum Glen Taylor, his voice cracking, told reporters that his granddaughter had been on I-35 near the Mississippi River bridge when the bridge collapsed. Taylor said his granddaughter is okay, and he postponed a scheduled news conference about the trade of Timberwolves superstar Kevin Garnett out of respect for families of the dead and injured.

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Glen Taylor

The Timberwolves postponed a Wednesday evening news conference at Target Center scheduled to start less than an hour after the Interstate 35W bridge collapsed.

Wolves owner Glen Taylor, his voice cracking, sent home reporters gathered for the introduction of four new players obtained in Tuesday's blockbuster trade that sent Kevin Garnett to the Boston Celtics. He said he wanted to be "as respectful as possible" to people injured or killed in the collapse.

He said his granddaughter was traveling the freeway when the bridge collapsed into the Mississippi River.

"She was going over the bridge, but she called," Taylor said, his voice breaking off.

Newly acquired Al Jefferson, Ryan Gomes and Sebastian Telfair were at Target Center, but are expected to leave town today. Taylor said the players' introductions will be rescheduled, possibly next week.