

Accident Database

Report ID# 887

Help

2005-04-09
Date
Arthur Suarez
Victim
40
Victim Age
James
River
4. Upper James into Richmond
Section
Williams Dam United States Virginia, US
Location
8 ft
Gage
High
Water Level
N/A
River Difficulty
Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic
Cause

Injury Type(s)

– Does not Apply

Factors

– Inexperience

– One Boat Trip

Inexperienced

Victim Experience Level

Private

Trip Type

Open Canoe

Boat Type

Group Info

Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

Accident Description

On April 9th three men paddled a canoe over Williams Dam on Virginia’s James River at high water. This low-head dam has claimed several lives over the past decade and warning signs were in place when the accident occurred. According to the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, Arthur Suarez, 40, became caught in a powerful hydraulic and recirculated until he drowned. Two other men in the canoe survived.

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