

# Accident Database

**Report ID# 93033**

Help

2020-04-25

Date

Matthew Brannon

Victim

32

Victim Age

Richland Creek

River

Giles County United States Tennessee, US

Location

High

Water Level

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River Difficulty

Cause Code(s)

- Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic

Injury Type(s)

- Does not Apply

Factors

- Inexperience
- Other

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Victim Experience Level

Private

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Trip Type

Kayak - Other

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Boat Type

Reported

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Status

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## Accident Description

<https://www.newschannel5.com/news/mt-juliet-man-drowns-in-giles-county-while-trying-to-save-dog>

### Mt. Juliet man drowns while trying to save dog in Giles County

By: Laken Bowle

Newschannel 5, Nashville, TN

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MT. JULIET, Tenn. (WTVF) — Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency officials say a Mt. Juliet man drowned in Giles County while trying to save a dog from swift-moving water. TWRA said they were called to a low head dam on Richland Creek early Friday evening.

According to officials, two paddlers came up on a low head dam on the river. A woman was able to get to shore and portage around the dam but the man went over the dam and was kicked out by the water flow.

He made it to shore and put on a life jacket to try and save a dog he had been traveling with. As he was trying to rescue the dog, he was pulled into the water below the dam and drowned.

TWRA officers deployed boats and were able to make a recovery. He was not identified.

By Mike Organ, Nashville Tennessean, April 25, 2020

Matthew Brannon, 32, from Mt. Juliet drowned below a low head dam on Richland Creek early Friday evening in Giles County, according to the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

TWRA officers were called to an area on Richland Creek in Giles County on Friday, where Brannon and a female paddler had encountered a low head dam. The female paddler was able to get to shore and

Brannon made it to shore and put on a life jacket to try and save a dog he had been traveling with. In his effort to rescue the dog, Brannon was pulled into the turbulent water below the dam and drowned. TWRA officers deployed boats and were able to recover his body.



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