

Accident Database

Report ID# 49862

Help

2019-06-08

Date

Ross Tharp

Victim

33

Victim Age

War Eagle River

River

War Eagle Mill in Rogers, AR United States Arkansas, US

Location

Water Level

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River Difficulty

Cause Code(s)

- Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic

Injury Type(s)

- Does not Apply

Factors

- Solo Paddling

Open Canoe

Boat Type

Reported

Status

Accident Description

Springdale man drowns after being thrown from canoe

by Staff Report NWA Democrat-Gazette

NW News on 06/11/2019

BENTONVILLE -- A Springdale man drowned Saturday after being thrown out of his canoe, according to the Benton County Sheriff's Office. Ross Tharp, 33, was pronounced dead at the scene, said Sgt. Shannon Jenkins, the spokeswoman for the Benton County Sheriff's Office. Tharp was in the a canoe that went over the spillway at War Eagle and he got caught under the water, Jenkins. said.

Tharp was wearing a life jacket, Jenkins said. Jenkins said there were attempts to save Tharp with CPR, but the efforts failed. Decatur Mayor Bob Tharp posted the following message Saturday on his Facebook page. "To all our friends ... please hold us up in prayers as we lost our youngest son, Ross in a canoeing accident today. We will be making funeral arrangements on Monday. We'll let you all know."

Man dies in canoe accident at War Eagle

By: [Garrett Fergeson](#) , Fox 16 Little Rock

Posted: Jun 10, 2019

ROGERS, Ark. ([KNWA](#)) - A man is dead after a canoe accident on Saturday afternoon. **Ross Tharp, 33, got caught up under the water after going over the spillway, according to Sgt. Shannon Jenkins with the Benton County Sheriff's Office.** First responders gave CPR at the scene to Tharp, but he did not recover and was pronounced dead.