

Accident Database

Report ID# 117853

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Help
2024-01-14
Date
Andrew M. Locash
Victim
26
Victim Age
Black River
River
Patriot Hydropower Dam on the Black River, Town of Leyden United States New York, US
Location
Water Level
N/A
River Difficulty

Cause Code(s)

Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic

Injury Type(s)

- Does not Apply

Factors

- Cold Water
- Solo Paddling

Private		
Trip Type		
Kayak - Other		
Boat Type		
Solo		
Group Info		

Reported

Status

Accident Description

January 17, 2024 troopers.ny.gov/news Leyden, NY

State Police Investigate Drowning Incident in Port Leydon

On January 14, 2024, State Police responded to 2490 State Route 12 in the town of Leyden for a report of a possible drowning.

When patrols arrived, they found 26-year-old Andrew M. Locash from Port Leyden deceased at the Patriot Hydropower Dam in the Black River, Town of Leyden. The

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preliminary investigation has determined that Locash was kayaking down the Black River in frozen waters and drowned when his kayak overturned.



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