

Two Drown In Yuba County Kayaking Accident

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An undated file photo of the Daguerre Point Dam. (Courtesy of Calif. Department of Water Resources)


MARYSVILLE, Calif. (CBS13) – A Plumas Lake resident and his stepson died Sunday morning after going over a dam on the Yuba River, authorities said.

The Yuba County Sheriff's Office said the two men began traveling on the Yuba River Sunday morning. The 24-year-old Tyler Minton was the driver of the boat. The 24-foot-tall low-head dam was located about 10 miles upstream from Marysville.



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Minton's stepfather, identified as 43-year-old Lee Mattice III, waded into the water to attempt to pull the teen to safety but was also pulled over the edge of the dam by the fast-moving current.

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Two fishermen were able to pull Mattice out of the water, but efforts by emergency responders to revive him were unsuccessful, authorities said.

A Sheriff's Department boat patrol found Minton downriver and rushed him to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

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