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Gaffney fisherman drowns in Broad River

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A man drowned while fishing at a power plant along the Broad River in Cherokee County on Monday night.

Carl Edward Owens Sr., 47, of 131 Marietta Road in Gaffney, was pronounced dead at Duke Energy's Gaston Shoals Hydroelectric plant on Dravo Road.

He and his son were leaving an area of Broad River at the plant when Owens fell into the water around 9 p.m., said Cherokee County Coroner Dennis Fowler.

Owens first fell to his knees while walking along a steep bank but then rolled into the water, Fowler said.

"The junior Owens tried to rescue his father but couldn't due to the swift current," he said.

Firefighters with the CKC Fire Department found Owens body about an hour later.

He was located about 10 feet from the shore in water that was about 5-feet deep, Fowler said.

An autopsy will be performed Tuesday to assist with the investigation.

The incident marked Cherokee County's first drowning of the year.