



Accident Database

Report ID# 3360

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Date

Fred DiGenova

Victim

43

Victim Age

Eel River

River

Section

United States Indiana, US

Location

Gage

Water Level

N/A

River Difficulty

Caught in a Natural Hydraulic

Cause

Cause Code(s)

- Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic
- PFD Not Worn or Present

Injury Type(s)

- Does not Apply

Factors

- Other

Private

Trip Type

Whitewater Kayak

Boat Type

Group Info

Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

Accident Description

Fla. man drowns while kayaking on N. Ind. river

06-19-10 ROANN, IN: A Florida man drowned when he tried to take his kayak over a dam on a northern Indiana river. State conservation officers say the body of 43-y/o Fred DiGenova was found Sun. (06-20), a day after he was lost on the Eel River near the Wabash Co. town of Roann. Conservation Officer Dan Lackman says the Lutz, Fla., resident who grew up in the Roann area was kayaking with 4 others who decided to carry their kayaks around the dam. When they arrived at the other side, he was nowhere to be found. Lackman says water around the low dam appears calm, but that is misleading because of turbulent water on the downstream side. DiGenova wasn't wearing a life jacket.

<http://www.miamiherald.com/2010/06/21/1691745/fla-man-drowns-while-kayaking.html>



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