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Names released in drownings at Fort Ransom



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FORT RANSOM, N.D. — The Ransom County Sheriff's Office identified the two people whose bodies were recovered from the Sheyenne River.

Anton Schaffner, 69, and his grandson, Sterling Schaffner, 12, were kayaking down the Sheyenne River on July 28 but the two never showed up at the meeting point, according to Sheriff Darren Benneweis.

Anton was from Zeeland, North Dakota, and Sterling was from Bismarck, according to their obituaries on the Sannes Feist Family

Funeral Home's website.

Authorities and first responders responded to Fort Ransom Dam on the afternoon of July 28 to a report of two missing kayakers. The two kayakers launched north of Fort Ransom and were supposed to meet family at Sportsman Landing. The reporting party saw two kayaks below the dam.

The first body was recovered about 5 to 6 miles down the river on July 28. The second body was recovered on July 29 about a half mile from the dam.

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