



Accident Database

Report ID# 115397

Help

2021-10-08

Date

Linda D. Schledewitz

Victim

65

Victim Age

North Platte River

River

United States Nebraska, US

Location

Water Level

N/A

River Difficulty

Cause Code(s)

– Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic

Injury Type(s)

– Does not Apply

Factors

– Other

Private

Trip Type

Kayak - Other

Boat Type

2 paddlers

Group Info

Reported

Status

Accident Description

Authorities identify woman who died of drowning

by Maunette Loeks, Scotts Bluff Star Herald

Oct 11, 2021

Scotts Bluff County Sheriff Mark Overman has identified a woman who died last week as the result of a drowning in the North Platte River. The woman has been identified as Linda D. Schledewitz, 65, of Scottsbluff. A complete obituary is in Tuesday's Star-Herald and on starherald.com

Overman also clarified that the woman and her husband, Jerry Schledewitz, had been kayaking down the North Platte River at the time of her death, not using a canoe. Initial reports by law enforcement were that the couple had been canoeing down the river. The kayak reportedly overturned at a check dam. Multiple agencies responded after the woman's husband reported the drowning.

Responding agencies were the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, Scottsbluff Rural Fire Department, Scottsbluff Police Department, City of Scottsbluff Fire Department, Valley Ambulance, and the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office.

Authorities investigating woman's drowning

Star-Herald (Scotts Bluff, NE) Staff Report

Oct 8, 2021

Authorities are investigating the death of a woman on the North Platte River near the City of Scottsbluff wastewater treatment facility east of Scottsbluff. Initial reports indicated that the woman and her husband were canoeing on the river, and the canoe overturned at a check dam, Scotts Bluff County Sheriff Mark Overman said in a press release.

The drowning was reported shortly after 2 p.m. by the woman's husband. According to scanner traffic, the man initially struggled to reach his wife in the water. Once he did, he attempted to administer CPR. As of press time, the woman had not been identified, pending notification of kin. Overman said the man suffered minor injuries but was not transported to the hospital for treatment.

Nebraska Game and Parks and the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office are conducting the investigation, he said. An autopsy is planned. Responding agencies include the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Scottsbluff Rural Fire Department, Scottsbluff Police Department, City of Scottsbluff Fire Department, Valley Ambulance, and the Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office.



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