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Virginia medical examiner confirms body pulled from James River as 2nd woman who went missing over Memorial Day

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23-year-old Lauren E. Winstead of Henrico County and 28-year-old Sarah E. Erway of Chesterfield County.(Courtesy of Henrico Police)

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RICHMOND, Va. (WRIC) — The Virginia medical examiner’s office has confirmed that the body found in the James River last week was that of Sarah Erway, [a 28-year-old Chesterfield woman](#) who was part of a group that was swept over a dam on Memorial Day.

Multiple agencies and loved ones of Erway and Lauren Winstead, who went missing after going over Boshers’s Dam with their paddleboards, took part in a week-long search.

Winstead’s remains [were found on June 1](#) and a body believed to be Erway [was discovered on June 6](#). On Tuesday, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner confirmed that it had ruled both their deaths as accidental drownings.

Erway and Winstead were part of a group of 12 people riding rafts and paddleboards that went over Boshers’s Dam on May 30. The other 10 people also plunged over the dam but were either rescued or were able to get to safety, according to authorities.



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