

Princeton Man Drowns In Michigan Kayak Accident

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Three Rivers, Michigan authorities search the St. Joseph River June 25, 2022 for a missing kayaker. The body of Donovan Forsythe of Princeton, NC was later recovered. Photo courtesy Tom Putney.

THREE RIVERS, MI – Michigan authorities have identified a drowning victim as a Princeton, NC man. Three Rivers Police said a fisherman witnessed a kayaker fall into the water around 5:46am Saturday near a dam on the St. Joseph River near the area of Wood Street and River Drive.

The fisherman said the victim was in distress and “bobbing” in the water before going under and not resurfacing. Another fisherman attempted to reach the victim but was unable to do so because of the churning waters.

The Three Rivers Police Department, St. Joseph County Sheriff’s Office, Fabius-Park Fire Department, White Pigeon Fire Department, Liberty Township Fire Department and the Michigan State Police Marine Services Team spend the entire day searching for the kayaker. His body was located at 7:14pm.

Three Rivers Police identified the victim as Donovan Forsythe, age 26, of Princeton, NC.

“Three Rivers Police Department would like to extend its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the victim,” said Police Chief Scott Boling.