



Accident Database

Report ID# 268

Help

1987-06-19

Date

Unidentified Man

Victim

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Victim Age

Arkansas

River

G. Stone Bridge to Rincon (Salida Town)

Section

5 mi above Salida United States Colorado, US

Location

Gage

Medium

Water Level

N/A

River Difficulty



Cause
Cause Code(s)

- Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic
- Equipment Trap

Injury Type(s)

- Does not Apply

Factors

- One Boat Trip

Inexperienced

Victim Experience Level

Private

Trip Type

Open Canoe

Boat Type

Group Info

Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

Accident Description

On June 19th, 1987 a man and his girlfriend launched a 17 foot canoe on the Arkansas River about five miles above Salida, CO. This 6' high structure is known to be dangerous and is well marked with warning signs. The man convinced the woman the dam was runnable. The canoe, predictably, flipped and became stuck in the hydraulic. The woman washed free; the man became entangled in the straps of his Type II PFD and drowned. When he finally washed out the woman made the rescue and summoned help.