

LOCAL NEWS

# Man drowns after falling into Colorado River, ATCEMS says

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AUSTIN, Texas — A man drowned after falling into the Colorado River Sunday afternoon, officials confirmed.

At around 2:45 p.m. Sunday, Austin-Travis County EMS stated that medics, Travis County STAR Flight and Austin Fire Department crews were responding to a wilderness rescue near 9100 Ramirez Lane in Austin. Callers reported a possible drowning after a patient fell off their raft into the Colorado River. Bystanders were performing CPR.

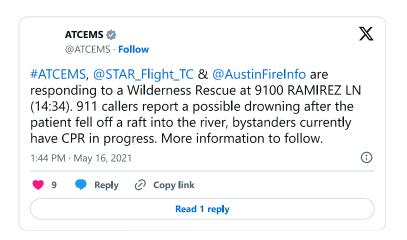


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Shortly after, ATCEMS said hasty teams were on the scene and STAR Flight had landed near the patient. Rescuers were at the patient's side with CPR in progress. Additional rescuers were attempting to reach the scene by boat.

At 3:20 p.m., ATCEMS said STAR Flight had obtained a deceased on scene pronouncement of an adult patient. At that point, the scene was turned over to the Austin Police Department.

The Austin Fire Department said that the victim was caught in a hydraulic after rafting over a low head dam on the Colorado River.



AFD later confirmed that the victim was a man in his 30s. He was with three others, all in separate kayaks. The victim had a life jacket with him, but he was not wearing it.

No additional information is available at this time.

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