



Accident Database

Report ID# 421

Help

1996-06-16

Date

High School Boy

Victim

16

Victim Age

Elkhorn Creek (Forks of Elkhorn US460 Bridge to Knight's Bridge on KY1900

River

Forks of Elkhorn US460 Bridge to Knight's Bridge on KY1900 (6 miles)

Section

Jim Beam Distillery Dam (5' high) United States Kentucky, US

Location

Gage

Medium

Water Level

N/A

River Difficulty



Cause Code(s)

- Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic

Injury Type(s)

- Does not Apply

Factors

- Other

Inexperienced

Victim Experience Level

Private

Trip Type

Other

Boat Type

Group Info

Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

Accident Description

DESCRIPTION: On June 16, 1996 at around 7 p.m.

three high school students floating the river in inner tubes approached the 5' high dam at the Jim Beam distillery on Elkhorn Creek. The river, located just outside of Lexington, Kentucky, is a delightful Class I-II. Two of the boys had second thoughts and carried; the third ran the right side and was immediately trapped. His body was found three days later, over two miles downstream.

SOURCE: Cecil Tickameyer, posting to rec.boats paddle



On June 16 at 7 PM three high school students approached the 5' high dam at the Jim Beam distillery on Elkhorn Creek, just outside of Lexington, Kentucky. Except for the dam, this delightful class I-II creek is popular with beginners. Two of the boys had second thoughts and carried; the third ran the right side and was immediately trapped. His body was found three days later, over two miles downstream.



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