



Accident Database

Report ID# 279

Help

1992-03-03

Date

Kevin McLean

Victim

25

Victim Age

Kentucky River

River

Section

Lock 7 Dam near Pleasant Hill, KY United States Kentucky, US

Location

Gage

Medium

Water Level

IV

River Difficulty



Cause Code(s)

- Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic

Injury Type(s)

- Does not Apply

Factors

- Cold Water
- Poor Planning
- One Boat Trip

Inexperienced

Victim Experience Level

Private

Trip Type

Raft

Boat Type

Group Info

Other Victim Names

Reported

Status

Accident Description

MAN DROWNS AT KENTUCKY RIVER DAM

DESCRIPTION: Kevin McLean, 25, was rafting with friends on the Kentucky river near Pleasant Hill, Kentucky on March 3 when the river's current swept them over the Lock 7 dam. Two companion escaped injury; the victim was recovered downstream and pronounced dead at the scene.

SOURCE: Associated Press via Ken Johnson

ANALYSIS: Dams kill many unwary paddlers each year, and are not usually runnable. I have to wonder if warning signs were in place this early in the year, and whether the high water levels common at this time contributed to the death.



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