

Accident Database

Report ID# 49942

Help

2019-06-13

Date

Brent Parkin

Victim

57

Victim Age

Jordan

River

01. Utah Lake to Rose Park

Section

Spillway on the river at 4600 South, Taylorsville, UT United States Utah, US

Location

Water Level

N/A

River Difficulty

Cause Code(s)

- Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic

Injury Type(s)

- Does not Apply

Private

Trip Type

Kayak - Other

Boat Type

Reported

Status

Accident Description

Man who died kayaking on Jordan River identified

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TAYLORSVILLE — The man who [died Thursday kayaking](#) on the Jordan River was an employee of PacifiCorp, the parent company of Rocky Mountain Power, according to company officials. The man was identified as Brent Parkin, according to a message that was sent to company employees from Rocky Mountain Power president and CEO Gary Hoogeveen, which was acquired by KSL.com. Parkin had worked for the company for 34 years, according to the message. Parkin, who is also known as Warren B. Parkin, was 57, according to a tweet from Unified Police Department.

Parkin hit a spillway on the river at 4600 South and drowned about 6 p.m. Thursday, according to police. Parkin's kayaking partner got him out of the water and performed CPR. When first responders arrived, they also performed CPR on Parkin and transported him to a hospital, Hansen said, but Parkin had been submerged too long and drowned as a result, Unified police detective Kent Hansen said.

Parkin and his friend were trying to kayak to the North Temple area, according to Hansen. It's common for the Jordan River to pull people under, Hansen warned Thursday. He said the water can be misleading because although it's not typically a fast-moving river, it is deep, full and can be difficult to escape.

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