

# Accident Database

### Report ID# 887

Cause

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Help		
2005 04 00		
2005-04-09		
Date		
Arthur Suarez		
Victim		
40		
Victim Age		
Victimings		
James		
River		
4. Upper James into Richmond		
Section		
Williams Dam United States Virginia, US		
Location		
8 ft		
Gage		
High		
Water Level		
N/A		
River Difficulty		
Caught in Low Head Dam Hydraulic		



Injury Type(s)  - Does not Apply			
Factors - Inexperience			
– One Boat Trip			
Inexperienced			
Victim Experience Level			
Private			
Trip Type			
Open Canoe			
Boat Type			
Group Info			
Other Victim Names			

## Reported

Status

## **Accident Description**

On April 9th three men paddled a canoe over Williams Dam on Virginia's James River at high water. This low-head dam has claimed several lives over the past decade and warning signs were in place when the accident occurred. According to the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, Arthur Suarez, 40, became caught in a powerful hydraulic and recirculated until he drowned. Two other men in the canoe survived.

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