

Consumnes River claims 2 lives

Publisher's note: *The body of Leo Wescombe, 29, of Australia has yet to be recovered from the Cosumnes River after the kayaker disappeared in rapids on Sunday.*

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A 19-year-old Mount Aukum man drowned Tuesday in the rapids of the Cosumnes River, officials said Wednesday.

El Dorado County sheriff's deputies said that John Fagan Jr. was swimming in a large pool in the middle fork of the Cosumnes River when he was swept downstream through a series of rapids.

Witnesses lost sight of him for several minutes until his body was spotted 200 yards downstream, floating face down, according to a news release.

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