

## No. 2 of our Top 5: Drownings claimed 3 lives in May

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MARION - Within the course of a few days in May, three drownings were reported in Marion County.

A 15-year-old Columbus resident drowned after jumping off a cliff at Quarry Park into the lake during a Saturday afternoon in May. The Marion County Sheriff's Office dive team found Shavon Reid's body in the lake at around 5:45 p.m. May 20, after he was reported missing earlier that day.

Just three days later, two Marion men, Tyler Webb, 29, and Raymond Williams, 28, drowned on May 23 while kayaking on the Scioto River.

Both men were discovered in the river near a lowhead dam where their kayaks are believed to have capsized.

Marion County Sherriff Tim Bailey said that both men were wearing life jackets but got caught in the current of the dam.

There are eight lowhead dams along rivers in Marion County and the hydraulic pressure created is almost impossible to escape, once trapped, according to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

According to the Marion Police Department, Reid was swimming with other teenagers. They were jumping off one of the cliffs at the park into the lake, which is illegal.

One of the teens told police that Reid began to experience difficulties and started yelling for help. He then went under and was not seen again until his body was recovered.

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City Council member Josh Daniels said this cliff at Quarry Park had long drawn teenagers, a prime diving spot. He said the site is the deepest part of the quarry. The area has since been leveled. SARAH VOLPENHEIN/MARION STAR

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