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05/05/2016 Update

The victim of yesterday's accident in the Wenatchee River near Dryden has been identified as 53 year old Keith M. Thomas of Shelton. Mr. Thomas and a teenage girl were in a commercial raft operated by Orion River Rafting of Leavenworth when the accident occurred. An autopsy has been scheduled.

Sheriff Brian Burnett reports a fatality this afternoon on the Wenatchee River near Dryden. A commercial raft occupied by an adult male in his 50's a teenage girl, and the operator flipped over near Dryden at approximately 2:00 p.m. Both the male and female were ejected from the raft. The female was able to climb back into the raft the male was not. A safety kayaker accompanying the raft attempted to assist the male to shore. Rescuer's performed CPR on the male for over 30 minutes but were unable to revive him. Both the male and female were wearing wet suits and personal flotation devices.

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