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Drowning victim identified from June 6, 2015 Colorado River.

On Saturday June 6, 2015, deputies with the Garfield County Coroner's Office were dispatched to the Grizzly Creek Rest Area, Interstate 70, Colorado River, for a report of a death. The investigation revealed that Dennis W. Janes, a 56 year old male from Warsaw, Illinois died from asphyxia due to drowning. He had been rafting in the Colorado River. An autopsy has been performed and the next of kin has been notified. The death has been ruled as accidental. The investigation revealed that the decedent was wearing a personal flotation device and a helmet.

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