Kayaker dies after going over dam on Zink Lake

BY SHANNON MCGINNIS

A kayaker who fell into the Arkansas River on Monday was pronounced dead at a Tulsa hospital after rescue crews pulled him from the water.

The 35-year-old man, who was not identified Monday pending notification of his relatives, was kayaking alone when he went over the Zink Lake low-water dam, was pronounced dead at a hospital later Monday.

“Yeah, like I can tell you,” he said. “And I cannot pronounce that (city) name, China.”

SANDRA ESCALANTE

Eight-grade math and science teacher Joey Newsom explains how the WeatherBug station works in his classroom at Thoreau Demonstration Academy.

Students catch WeatherBug

BY ANDREA EGGER

Middle school uses grant to teach students to apply concepts in the real world

Oklahoma’s volatile weather brings math and science concepts to life inside Joey Newsom’s classroom at Thoreau Demonstration Academy.

“Thanks to a $12,000 grant from the Foundation for Tulsa Schools, a rooftop weather station and cameras linked to an international network called WeatherBug allows students to gauge the temperature and pressure across the globe. Students are using data they collect to do projects of their own to get a real-world look at math.”

WeatherBug gives Newsom access to curriculum from which he can pick and choose, depending on the math level of his students.

“I think it’s great to be able to show students that math isn’t just sitting on a blackboard behind the door. It’s the definition of education, of how you bring characters in the classroom. It’s a way to teach a student that’s not going to like education or to understand the differences and do so outside of a test,” Newsom said.

Emergency workers load a man into an ambulance after firefighters pulled him from the Arkansas River on Monday morning. The man, whose kayak had gone over the Zink Lake low-water dam, was pronounced dead at a hospital later Monday.

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BY MIKE AVEND

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Once they are housed, they can meet with a team of case managers from various agencies

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Local

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ME's Office ex-investigator's sex-battery trial begins

As a new report in The Oklahoma, the former chief investigator for the state Medical Examiner's Office, Kevin Rowland, is expected to go to trial this week on charges of lewdly touching an employee.

The Oklahoma County jury selected Monday for the second-degree rape case against Rowland was seated Tuesday after a day of voir dire. The trial is scheduled to begin Wednesday.

Rowland, 57, has pleaded not guilty to the charges. He is accused of lewdly touching an employee in 2017.

The trial is being held in Oklahoma County District Court. It is being presided over by Judge Scott Cassady.

Rowland was the state's top investigator from 2017 to 2019. He was fired by the office's executive director, Shannon Muchmore, in 2019 after allegations of sexual misconduct.

The case against Rowland was brought by the Oklahoma County District Attorney's Office. It was filed in 2017 after the victim, an employee of the office, reported the incident.

Rowland has denied the allegations and has said he is innocent.

The trial is expected to last several weeks, with testimony from both the victim and Rowland. The case is being heard by a jury of 12 jurors and six alternates.

The trial is expected to conclude in late June or early July, with a verdict expected to be announced soon after.

Rowland has been suspended without pay since his firing in 2019. He is currently on leave without pay.

The Oklahoma County Medical Examiner's Office is the state's only forensic pathology lab. It provides services to law enforcement agencies and coroners across the state. The office is headquartered in Oklahoma City.

The office is supervised by an executive director, who is appointed by the governor with the consent of the Oklahoma Senate. The current executive director is Shannon Muchmore.

The office is funded by state tax dollars and is responsible for providing forensic pathology services to law enforcement agencies and coroners across the state. It is also responsible for certifying that deaths in the state are caused by natural causes, suicide, accident, or homicide.

The office's mission is to provide accurate, timely, and reliable forensic pathology services to law enforcement agencies and coroners across the state. It is committed to providing high-quality services that are affordable and accessible to all.