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A Specialist assigned to Fort Riley, Kansas, died in an off-duty water-related mishap 2 May 2020 in Randolph, Kansas, at 1400 local. The Soldier was riding in his personal kayak when another Soldier noticed he was no longer in the cockpit. Multiple law enforcement and search-and-rescue agencies were involved in the search, later recovering his body.

Since FY16, the Army has lost an average of eight Soldiers a year to off-duty water-related mishaps. This tragedy was the second fatal off-duty water-related mishap of FY20 and below the number of similar fatalities from this time last year.

PLRs are intended to be used as an engagement tool for leaders to discuss the hazards and trends impacting Soldier safety and readiness. The PLR contains only basic information but provides sufficient background to allow leaders an opportunity to communicate risk at the Soldier level. More detailed information on this and other Army mishaps can be found on the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center website at <https://safety.army.mil/lessonslearned>.

To access current U.S. Army accident statistics and reports, visit <https://safety.army.mil/STATISTICS>.

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