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Off-Duty Sports, Recreation, and Physical Training Mishap Claims One Soldier's Life

A Private assigned to Fort Campbell, Kentucky, died in an off-duty hiking mishap 16 March 2021 in Caldwell County, Kentucky at 1830 local. The Soldier and his girlfriend were hiking at a wildlife park, when they walked up to a common area known as Hunters Bluff to take pictures. When they reached the top, the Soldier tried to get close to the edge to take a picture, when he slipped on moss, and fell approximately 70 feet below. A civilian hiker witnessed the Soldier falling and provided medical attention. His girlfriend immediately called 911 and emergency medical services. A Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resource officer arrived on scene immediately after the Soldier fell. The Soldier was still alive but later died before paramedics could reach him.

Since 2016, the Army has lost an average of 27 Soldiers a year to off-duty PMV-2 mishaps. This mishap is the 11th off-duty PMV-2 fatality of FY21 and above the number of fatalities for the same time period 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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Additional U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center PLR resources can be found on the USACRC website at <https://safety.army.mil/PLR>.

