
Tennessee father of three drowns trying to save three daughters

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Rick Brown drowned Monday after trying to save his three daughters from a rip tide off the coast of North Carolina. (FACEBOOK)

A Tennessee father drowned while trying to save his three daughters from a rip tide off the coast of North Carolina, authorities say.

Rick Brown, 35, and his family were on vacation, and were swimming in the inlet near the Shackelford Banks group of islands on Monday, [CBS reported](#).

Brown rushed to save his daughters, after a strong current ripped them away from the western coast of the island, according to an official with the Atlantic Beach Fire Department. A sailor in a passing boat was able to help the girls. Brown's wife made it to shore on her own, the department explained in a news release.

Brown lost consciousness, before being brought to shore, where an off-duty paramedic performed CPR, unsuccessfully, until an Atlantic Beach police boat arrived. Authorities then continued life-saving efforts on the father.

Brown was taken to Carteret General Hospital, where he was pronounced dead, CBS affiliate [WJHL-TV](#) reported.

On Tuesday, family friend Becky Mason told WJHL-TV that "Rick was a loving father. You could see that when he was with his children, loving husband, just a wonderful Christian man."

"To me that was just what a father does. Your children are in danger, you go help them," she continued.

Another family friend told the television station "There is going to be a large void in our community, because of how he related to people and how important he was to the people he knew."

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