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# Man drowns in Mayflower flood

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Motorists on Highway 89 in Mayflower cross water flowing from the lake to pooled areas across the roadway Sunday. Several areas on HWY 89 were flooded after several showers Saturday and Sunday. COURTNEY SPRADLIN PHOTO

By [Becky Harris](#)

Faulkner County Coroner Patrick Moore said Christopher L. Carter, 57, drowned Sunday morning when his Ford Expedition left the east side of North Main Street in Mayflower.

The location was a low area that drains water from the west side of the railroad tracks to the east side.

Investigators suspect that Carter's vehicle may have hydroplaned and left the roadway coming to rest in the ditch between the roadway and the railroad tracks, Moore said.

It was reported to the Coroner's investigators that Carter had contacted his wife, who is a Conway Police Department Officer, after landing in the ditch at approximately 1:22 a.m. and that he had requested assistance.

Due to the torrential rains that came through Faulkner County and the Mayflower

area the water levels rose very quickly and when first responders from the Mayflower Fire and Police Departments responded, the Carter vehicle was completely submerged.

According to statements by the first responders, investigators believe the water was 5-6 feet above the roadway when they were searching for Carter.

When the water receded, Carter's vehicle was located. He was pronounced

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The Coroner ruled the death accidental from drowning as a result of area flooding.

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