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The 80-foot Chivo waterfall in the Redington Pass area claimed another life this weekend when a 25-year-old Californian plunged to his death.

Richard Chapman of Imperial Beach was the fourth person to die in a fall at the waterfali in as many years, said Deputy Chuck McHugh, search-and-rescue coordinator for the Sheriff's Department.

McHugh said Chapman, who was visiting friends in Tucson, had told six companions as they drove to the falls Saturday that he could dive into the pool below. As the others were getting out of the car, Chapman scrambled up the sides of the falls and waved, the deputy said the friends told him.

When the friends looked up a second time, Chapman had vanished. They found him in the pool at the base of the waterfall with a badly broken arm and leg and apparent internal injuries, McHugh reported.

The driver of a four-wheel-drive vehicle, who came upon the accident scene, then drove to the nearest phone in Tucson to report the accident, according to the deputy.

"When they (the friends) took him to their car he was talking, but his condition deteriorated until they were supporting him with CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation)," McHugh said.

The accident occurred at 6 p.m., McHugh said, and Chapman was pronounced dead at the scene by medics aboard a Department of Public Safety helicopter, which arrived at 7:15 p.m.

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