

Calgary couple drowns during Mexican vacation

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Tanya Hastings and Kevin Suppes drowned Monday while on vacation in Mexico. (Courtesy Calgary Sun)

A Calgary couple have drowned while on vacation in Mexico, according to reports from Acapulco.

Tanya Hastings, 37, and Kevin Suppes, 47, drowned on Monday while swimming off a beach near a luxury hotel, Mexican officials told local media.

Scott Suppes, Kevin's brother, told the *Calgary Sun* he is piecing together what happened, but has heard they were swimming in the ocean when they got into trouble. Nearby fishermen tried in vain to rescue them and their bodies washed up on the shore.

"They were both great people and way too young for this to happen — it's unbelievable," he told the *Sun*.

The two brothers co-owned CP Distributors. Co-workers in the Calgary office told CBC News Wednesday they were still in shock over Kevin Suppes's death.

Alberto lozano, a spokesman for the Mexican Embassy in Ottawa, said an investigation is mandatory in this case, but as far as the embassy knows, their deaths were an accident.

Acapulco Bay, on the Pacific Coast, isn't known for strong currents, he added.

Foreign Affairs spokesman Alain Cacchione says Canadian government officials learned of the drowning deaths of two Canadians from Mexican authorities on Monday and are in contact with their families.

But Cacchione said he can't give any further details under Canada's privacy legislation.

"When a Canadian dies abroad, local authorities decide if they will run an investigation or not," he said. "Canada does not have jurisdiction in another country."

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