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Arkansas Businessman's Death Reported in Mexico

By: KARK 4 News
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A Mexican website is reporting the death of an Arkansas man who was in Cancun on vacation.

The site enfoqueradio.com.mx says Carl Wendell Flemister, Jr., 50, died Monday afternoon of cardiac arrest after nearly drowning in the ocean off the Ritz Carlton hotel.

Flemister died in the private hospital Hospiten, the report said.

Flemister reportedly was being pulled out to sea and had fought the waves to make his way back to shore. After collapsing in the sand, hotel workers rushed to his aid.

Flemister was the owner and CEO of Vacation Tour and Travel, Inc. which is located in Conway.

A representative of the company issued the following statement via email this afternoon:

"It is with a saddened heart that I confirm the accidental death of Vacation Tour and Travel CEO Carl Wendell Flemister, Jr. on Monday, March 19.

Mr. Flemister was a brilliant businessman and will be missed by all who knew him. His family respectfully asks for privacy at this time.

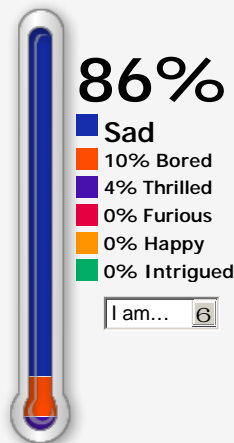
Funeral arrangements have not yet been made but details will be released when complete."

Thank you
Connie Kirby
Sr. Vice President/Company Spokesperson

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