

Fall on Rock, Inadequate Belay

California, Squaw Valley, Big Chief Access Road

On June 9, Eric Johnson (23) of Reno fell approximately 40 feet off one of the area's popular climbing routes, breaking both heels and a vertebra. He fell after his climbing partner failed to secure an adequate belay. (Source: Sierra Sun, June 12, 2012.)

(Editor's note: We include this brief report because it highlights the theme of our "Know the Ropes" section.)

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