

FATAL FREE SOLO FALL — Climbing Unroped

Canada, British Columbia, Cheakamus Canyon

On October 15, Nathan Roberts (35) died as a result of a fall while free soloing Mrs. Negative (5.12a) at Cheakamus Canyon, a sport crag north of Squamish. He was alone at the time and attempted the route while waiting to meet up with a climbing partner.

ANALYSIS

While there's not much educational nor technical analysis to be made in free solo accidents, Roberts had on previous occasions climbed several routes in the 5.12 range in that style. Mrs. Negative was a route he had climbed many times, including a week prior. It is not known what caused him to fall. (Source: Climbing.com.)

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