

# HURRICANE CENTER PLACES KATE DEATH TOLL AT SIX

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Hurricane Kate's U S death toll stands at six, a spokesman for the National Hurricane Center said Wednesday.

The figure is not expected to climb.

State Division of Emergency Management officials Tuesday had listed three deaths officially attributed to the storm, and another three deaths that might have been storm-related.

An emergency-management spokesman said the agency bases its records on law-enforcement reports.

The verified storm-related deaths are:

1. Ada Baker, 87, of Bloody Bluff in North Franklin County, was killed when her trailer home burned to the ground after a kerosene lamp was knocked to the floor and started a fire.
2. Minnie Louise Rehkopf, 81, of Hanover, Ontario, Canada, died after being evacuated. A Panama City tourist, Rehkopf was evacuated from Panama City to Chipley and died of a heart attack.
3. United Parcel Service driver Randall L. Williams, 22, of 801 Olive Avenue, Tallahassee, was killed in Thomas County, Georgia, on November 21, after a tree fell on his truck. Williams was assisting a wrecker driver when the mishap occurred, said a spokesman for the Thomas County Sheriff's Department.
4. Two people who drowned in the Florida Keys after Kate passed through that area November 19. The victims had gone out to check lobster traps and were caught in rough seas, a Monroe County sheriff's official said.

The hurricane was also reported to have been responsible for several deaths in Cuba.

In Tallahassee, one woman was injured when the car she was a passenger in was hit by a falling tree on Angels Hollow near Ty Ty Road on November 21.

The victim, Sandra C Walters, 42 of 2817 Diamond Head East, is recuperating in Tallahassee Memorial Regional Medical Center, a hospital spokesman said.