

Man dies in 'battle dance'

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NEW BRITAIN, Conn. - A man died after falling on his head during a Connecticut parking lot "battle dance."

Police said the death of Robert Stitt, 48, appeared to be alcohol-related and accidental, the Hartford Courant reported.

"He was a pretty good dancer. Back in the day he used to do flips," John Boxley, a friend of Stitt's who witnessed Monday's accident, told the Courant.

"It was a bunch of older guys dancing who thought they were still young."

The newspaper said that in a "battle dance," participants see who can complete the most difficult dance maneuvers, such as the flip that Stitt failed to accomplish.

"He would give you the shirt off his back if he liked you," Stitt's brother, Rodney Johnson, told the Courant. "I think he sometimes tried to live like he was still in his 20s, but that was the way he was."

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