National Weather Service
Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena

July 1998

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons Killed	Number of Persons Injured	Estimated Damage Property	Estimated Damage Crops	Character of Storm

CALIFORNIA, South Central

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24	**0830PST**		**1**	**0**		**Excessive Heat**

While the temperature was not high on July 24, there had been a stretch of days from the 16th through the 20th that were quite hot in Central California, including the Kern Deserts. The fatality was reported on 7/24/98 but death occurred sometime earlier in the week (when warmer).

Record delays in reaching triple-digit temperatures occurred this year in Central California (records for the latest 100-degree occurrence were reset to July 16th in both Fresno and Bakersfield ... eclipsing records of the 6th and 5th in Fresno and Bakersfield, respectively). However, the onset of the "normal" summer temperatures began in earnest in mid-July with 9 of the last 15 days of the month 100 deg.F. or greater. M86PH