

Youth Drowns While Swimming In Old Quarry

FARMINGTON — A 17-year-old Newington youth drowned in an abandoned quarry here Thursday afternoon while swimming with two teen-age companions.

Police said Ricardo R. Carter of 14 Chapman St. got into difficulty when he attempted to swim across the quarry, which is on town property off New Britain Avenue.

His friends, Jon P. Mercak, 15, and Kurt Cormier, 16, both of Newington, held onto him for awhile, said police, but are not good swimmers and had to let him go.

Carter's body was recovered by Farmington Police Department SCUBA divers at 5:48 p.m., about three hours after he went under.