

Drowns In Pit While Fishing

A Cincinnati fisherman drowned Monday afternoon, May 20, in an accident occurring at about 2:30 p.m. in a pool of water in an abandoned gravel pit below Hardintown.

Dearborn County Sheriff's Department identified the deceased as Roy Meador, 61, of 3344 Ninann Ct., Cincinnati. Dr. Murl Fox, county coroner, ruled death as accidental drowning.

Howard (Buck) Hempfling, conservation officer, and sheriff's deputy Joseph Andres said Meador was fishing with a friend, Charles Duke, 30, of 3341 Ninann Ct., Cincinnati.

The two men became separated along the steep banks of the quarry and after about an hour Duke became worried and began looking for his companion.

The body was located by a third fisherman, Fred Gromen,

3205 Mayridge Dr., Cincinnati, who was fishing from a boat about 200 yards distant from the body.

Gromen cast his fishing line over the body and pulled it to shore where he unsuccessfully attempted to revive the man with artificial respiration for a period he estimated as 45 minutes.

Police estimated the body had been in the water for about an hour as Hempfling and Andres were joined in the investigation by patrolmen from Greendale and Lawrenceburg police departments.

Lawrenceburg Life Squad took the body to Moon Funeral Home from which it is expected to be removed for burial from a Cincinnati funeral home.

Greendale Pool