

# Youth, 15 Drowns In Old Quarry

## *Fails To Reach Side Of Old Slate Pit*

A 15-year-old Baltimore youth drowned Sunday afternoon while he was swimming in a quarry located about one-quarter of a mile south of Main street in Whiteford.

State Police report the body of Jeffrey Robin Fletcher of Yakona road was recovered in about 45 feet of water by members of the Tri-County Divers Club.

The body was sent to the Baltimore City Morgue for examination, according to police reports.

Police said the youngster was at the quarry at approximately 4:41 p.m. Sunday when he attempted to swim across the water-filled abandoned slate pit, which is approximately 100 yards wide.

The boy was about 25 to 35 feet short of completing the swim when he apparently tired and yelled for help.

Police said Robert Davis of Baltimore twice attempted to help the victim but was unsuccessful because the youth panicked and struggled with him.

Mr. Davis backed away from the victim to catch his breath before making another rescue attempt, police said, and the victim went underwater and did not resurface.

Investigator Paul Bane of the Bel Air Barracks of the Maryland State Police, assisted by TFC. Richard Sheldon and Cpl. Francis Friedel, conducted the probe.

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