

Teen's drowning linked to LSD

A 19-year-old Otsego County youth plunged 45 feet to his death in a quarry

in Springfield Center after taking LSD during a party, state police said.

The death early Sunday of Duane Armstrong was ruled accidental and blamed on drowning in the quarry pool by Coroner George Tillapaugh. The coronor said his autopsy did not include a check for the hallucinogenic drug lysergic acid diethylamide.

State police at Oneonta said their preliminary investigation found that Armstrong was under the influence of a substance they believe to be the psychedelic drug that gained its greatest public notice in the 1960s through the followers of Timothy Leary.

Authorities said Armstrong was at a party involving some 100 youths aged 17-to-25 in the abandoned quarry. He scaled the quarry wall and started shouting, they said.

Witnesses told police that a pile of rocks rolled down the sheer wall of the quarry at the north end of Otsego Lake and Armstrong was tangled in the stone.

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