

# Peekskill boy drowns after quarry dive

A 16-year-old Peekskill boy drowned Friday afternoon after diving from a ledge in an abandoned Cortlandt quarry.

Police said Michael Plessner, of 18 North Third St., drowned in the 60-foot-deep quarry a quarter mile from Croton Park Road at about 1 p.m. Friday.

Plessner went to the quarry, long a popular swimming hole, with two friends at about 12:30 Friday afternoon, police said. After swimming for about a half hour, Plessner took a dive from a ledge, and witnesses told police he landed hard on his side in the water.

When Plessner came up, his friends asked him if he was all right, police said. Plessner shook his head "no," and swam about 10 feet more toward shore before suddenly sinking out of sight. His friends dove after him, but were unable to find Plessner, police said. A passer-by was sent for help, and state police and the Mohegan Fire Department responded, police said.

Firemen located Plessner's body at about 3:05 p.m. with dragging equipment, and he was pronounced dead on arrival at the Community Hospital in Peekskill at 3:35 p.m., police said.

A report on the cause of death was being held pending an investigation by the county medical examiner, a hospital spokesman said.

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