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Youth drowns in old quarry

TRUSSVILLE (AP) — A Birmingham youth drowned on Tuesday in abandoned rock quarry that officials say they have been trying to close for the past five years.

Jefferson County Coroner C.C. Robey said the youth, Gregory Blackmon, 16, left school early with four other boys to go swimming at the quarry near U.S. 11, a popular swimming hole.

Trussville Police Chief Irving Nash said the youths were swimming across the 85-foot-deep waters when Blackmon became tired. Efforts to save him were fruitless.

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