

Youth, 15, drowns

NORTH HALEDON — A 15-year-old Paterson youth drowned yesterday in the abandoned quarry that lies between the borough and Hawthorne, police said.

Waymon Kearney of 451 10th Ave. was pronounced dead at Greater Paterson General Hospital, Wayne, at 3:30 p.m. after borough and Hawthorne police tried in vain to rescue him, said detective Bill Moran.

Moran said Kearney was swimming with a friend when he slipped from a ledge, falling into 25 feet of water.

With the aid of Todd Van Den Berg of Prospect Park, Moran said he was able to retrieve the youth from the water, but attempts to revive him failed.

There were reportedly 100 swimmers at the quarry, Moran said, even though it is illegal to swim there.

A Prospect Park youth drowned in the quarry, then owned by Sam Braen, in July of 1979. The quarry is now owned by A.P.A. Trucking Corp. of North Bergen.

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