

Chesterfield youth drowns in old quarry

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DINWIDDIE — A 17-year-old Chesterfield County youth drowned yesterday while swimming in an abandoned quarry near DeWitt in Dinwiddie County, law enforcement officials said last night.

Deputy Sheriff Mitchell Harris said that the body had not been recovered before the search was called off shortly after 9 p.m. The search will resume at 10 this morning.

Harris wouldn't give the victim's name, although his parents had been notified. The deputy said "we know he drowned," but that his superior told him not release the name.

He said that the youth, with a brother and several others, were swimming in the quarry, a popular swimming hole for young people that reportedly has depths exceeding 60 feet. Apparently the youth got cramps and couldn't swim to shore.

Harris said authorities were notified shortly before 2:30 p.m. The Dinwiddie Rescue Squad and divers from the Chesterfield Fire Department probed the water to no avail.

The sheriff said the search was hampered for about 90 minutes when a severe thunderstorm moved through the area.

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