Youth drowns at quarry

A 16-year-old Southgate boy drowned 15 feet from shore Sunday evening while swimming in a quarry in Gibraltar. Police said witnesses told them William Kirchoff was swimming across the quarry with his friend, Patrick Maharas, 16, also of Southgate, when the two boys tired.

Maharas was helped to shore by two fishermen while Kirchoff slipped under the water. Police said the fishermen told them another man tried to save Kirchoff, but couldn't find him.

The youth's body was recovered in 10 feet of water by divers from the Wayne County Sheriff's Marine Division.

The quarry is on property owned by McLouth Steel Corp. Swimming, fishing and other activities are prohibited, but police say they and McLouth security officers chase 30 people a week out of the area.