

# Middletown teen drowns in quarry

A Middletown youth drowned Sunday afternoon while swimming in a rock quarry near Shelbyville.

Shelby County authorities said the body of Duffy Lee Cook, 16, 602 N. 11th St., Middletown, was recovered by emergency workers in a quarry at St. Paul, about 12 miles southeast of Shelbyville, at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Police said the youth was attending a Jeep giveaway contest sponsored by an Indianapolis radio station with several friends when the mishap occurred.

Witnesses said Cook dived off of a stone embankment about 10 feet high into 25 feet of water, apparently attempting to dive through an innertube. He initially came to the surface and then disappeared, prompting his friends to call police.

Shelby County rescue workers discovered his body about 15

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minutes after arriving at the scene.

Shelby County deputy coroner Robert Daugherty ruled Cook's death a drowning, and said an autopsy would not be performed.

Daugherty said there was no evidence that Cook struck anything when he dived into the water, and suggested that he might have landed in a manner that caused him to lose consciousness.

Two other people have drowned in the same quarry earlier this summer, Daugherty said.