

Springfield Man Drowns in Rock Quarry

CROSS PLAINS, Tenn. — A Springfield man drowned yesterday in an abandoned rock quarry located north of Cross Plains, Tenn., officials said.

Mark Stewart, 20, drowned in about 30 feet of water where he had been swimming with a companion in a quarry located off Young Road, according to Robertson County Sheriff's Deputy Robert Gokey.

"We don't know what caused the accident now," said Gokey.

The drowning was reported about 2:30 p.m. by James Wiggins who had

accompanied Stewart on the outing.

"Wiggins said he was in a different area, but in the general vicinity when Stewart jumped into the water," said Gokey. "He said he went to the area and attempted to save him, but Stewart was struggling so much he was unsuccessful."

Members of the Sheriff's Department Rescue Squad and the Fire Department were called to recover the body, which was discovered by a diver about three hours after the accident.

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