

## Pound Ridge man drowns in pond at abandoned Bedford quarry

A 23-year-old Pound Ridge man drowned early Monday morning in a pond near Crusher Road in Bedford, police said.

Charles C. Corda was pronounced dead at the scene about 4 a.m., according to Bedford police Lt. Ted Wyskida.

Police received a call at 2:33 a.m. from a woman who said she had lost sight of a friend with

whom she and three other people were swimming.

Three members of the Bedford Fire Department scuba team responded.

Diver Justin Kernan said the three divers spent about a half-hour searching for Corda. "Visibility was not great," he said. "It was dark, and the water was very murky."

Kernan said they found the

body in 7 to 8 feet of water, about 15 feet from shore.

The body of water in which the people were swimming is an abandoned quarry about 25 feet deep, according to Wyskida.

"The water is very, very deep; it's a dangerous spot," said Wyskida.

Wyskida added that people frequently swim there.

An autopsy was being conducted late Monday by the Westchester Medical Examiner's Office.

Bedford police did not know how Corda drowned but said they were continuing their investigation.

"We have problems with trespassers constantly," he said. "We've made arrests there in the past."

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