

ORV rider dies after plunge into quarry

DELTA, PA. — For the second time within a week, a recreational vehicle operator was killed here on Sunday after plunging 75 feet into a quarry, according to the Pennsylvania State Police.

The body of Richard Truitt, Jr., of Delaware, was discovered in 35 feet of water about 6:40 p.m., police said. As of Tuesday afternoon, it had not been determined if Mr. Truitt had drowned or died from injuries suffered in the fall.

Mr. Truitt, police reported, was operating a three-wheel vehicle on trails that "border several abandoned quarries," when he apparently strayed from the paths and mistook a cliff above the quarry as a small jump.

Almost to the hour, a 22-year-old Joppa man, Victor Frederick Inzana, drowned in that same quarry, "a few hundred yards" west of where Mr. Truitt was killed, last Sunday.

He, too, was operating a recreational vehicle when he apparently mistook the cliff for a jump, plunging into 12-feet of water.

Reportedly, signs warning against trespassing are posted in that area, police said.

A police spokesman relayed that it is common for "a couple" of drownings to occur in that area annually. However, in regard to the two that have happened in the last week, he added, "But not this often."

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