

## Teen drowns after 40-foot dive at quarry

CEDAR COVE, Ala. (AP) — A 19-year-old drowned in the waters of an abandoned rock quarry when he jumped from a 40-foot ledge during an outing with friends, authorities said.

Morgan County Coroner Gene Shelton said Christopher Dockery of Decatur, who once was a member of a swim team, drowned in the quarry on Cedar Cove Road near Hartselle about 3 p.m. Thursday. He said there were no signs that Dockery struck his head.

Jeff Demastus, 22, Decatur, said the group was swimming at the edge of the quarry when Dockery

walked out on the 40-foot ledge and jumped. "People kept telling him, 'Please don't jump, Chris,'" said Demastus.

He said that instead of swimming back to the surface, Dockery floated up with arms extended and head down. "He came up one time but he went back under," said Demastus.

Several people jumped in but could not find Dockery, and a rescue squad was called. Scuba divers found Dockery's body in about 25 feet of water and brought it to the surface.

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