

## Teen drowns in quarry despite rescue attempts

CHENANGO (AP) — A teenager who was swimming with friends in a gravel quarry could not stay afloat and drowned, despite the efforts of bystanders to save him.

Jeffrey P. Humphrey, 15, was pulled out of a quarry in the town of Chenango Wednesday afternoon by a scuba diving team Wednesday afternoon following a two-hour search. He was pronounced dead three hours later, at 7:30 p.m., at Wilson Regional Medical Center in Johnson City.

Broome County sheriff's deputies said Humphrey, of Afton, was with friends Robert Oakley, 17, and George Kurtz, 14, both of nearby Binghamton, trespassed onto a private quarry for a swim.

As they tried to swim toward an island in the quarry, Humphrey began to flounder.

Humphrey's friends and two bystanders, Tracy Farr, 22, and Gail L. Hurdum, 23, tried to rescue the teen. Farr swam to Humphrey but could not reach him before he went under.