

■ RICHMOND TOWNSHIP **Kempton teen drowns swimming in quarry**

A 17-year-old Kempton boy drowned while swimming with friends in an abandoned quarry in Richmond Township Monday, police said.

The boy, whom police would not identify, was swimming with three friends about 4 p.m. at the Kirbyville Quarry on Route 222 just south of Route 662 when he disappeared from view, said Patrolman Greg Geisinger of the Fleetwood Police Department, which covers Richmond Township.

Geisinger said the boy had tried to swim across the quarry at its narrowest point, about 150-200 feet wide. The widest point is about 300-400 feet, he said.

Two divers from the Northeastern Berks Regional Police Department found the body in 21-foot-deep water about 5:15 p.m., he said.