

Man drowns in old quarry

FREDERICKSBURG

— Fredericksburg police have identified a man who drowned while swimming in an old quarry.

Police spokeswoman Natatia L. Bledsoe says 18-year-old Anthony Mandel Johnson Jr. was swimming toward a rope swing with a female friend when he began to struggle in the water.

Bledsoe says the friend and others at the quarry tried unsuccessfully to save Johnson. He was pronounced dead at a local hospital.

The medical examiner ruled Johnson's death as an accidental drowning.

The incident occurred Monday evening.

Bledsoe said Tuesday in a news release that the quarry is a popular swimming site, although it's on private property that's posted against trespassing. She says the police department plans to increase patrols in the area through the rest of the summer.

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