

# 16-year-old boy drowns Sunday in Rowan quarry

ROWAN COUNTY — A 16-year-old boy drowned Sunday while swimming at a quarry in eastern Rowan County. Officials say several people were swimming there and one of the swimmers went under the water and did not resurface.

A call was made to 911 around 11:50 a.m. indicating there was a drowning or diving accident in the 500 block of Balfour Quarry Road. Interviews with people who witnessed the drowning found that the victim went under water and did not resurface while trying to swim across the old quarry, which is filled with water. Divers recovered his body around 1:20 p.m.

Officials confirmed the victim was a 16-year-old black male, but had not released his identity as of Sunday evening.

The Rowan County Sheriff's Office, Rowan Rescue Squad, Rowan Emergency Services, Rockwell Rural, Faith, Granite Quarry and Millers Ferry Fire departments responded.

The North Carolina Highway Patrol also responded. Initially, additional dive teams from Davie and Davidson counties were requested, but recovery was completed prior to their arrival.

The Rowan County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate.

—Shavonne Walker