

**QUARRY DROWNING** A teenage boy died Tuesday after swimming in a Westford quarry with some friends when he went under water and did not resurface, the Middlesex district attorney's office said in a statement. Lawrence Police Chief Roy Vasque late Tuesday night identified the boy as William Lopez, 16, of Lawrence.

"The preliminary investigation suggests the male was swimming with a group of three friends at the time that witnessed him go under and attempted to rescue him," the statement said. "A responding police officer also attempted to locate him upon arrival but was unsuccessful." Around 11:45 a.m., the group of friends called the Westford Fire and Police Departments reporting a possible drowning, Fire Deputy Chief Victor Neal said. The friends, two young males and one female, told fire and police officials they saw their friend struggling in the water, Neal said. They tried to help him, but they were unsuccessful.

2018 Aug teen drowned in westford quarry

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