

BETTENDORF Drowning victim was star for West High

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The 16-year-old boy found Saturday night in Bettendorf's Crow Creek Park quarry was from Davenport.

The Bettendorf Police Department on Monday identified the teen who drowned as Jermilyn Gardner, a student at Davenport West High School.

Gardner was a junior this past season and was a first-team All-Mississippi Athletic Conference player for the Falcons. He led the team in scoring and several other statistical categories.

The police received several 911 calls at 6:27 p.m. of a person drowning in Crow Creek Park. The teen had been swimming in the quarry, according to a news release.

Officers launched a boat to help with the search. They found the body in the water at 8:27 p.m.

The department, in Monday's release, issued condolences to Gardner's family and classmates.

Further details of what police believe happened Saturday were not issued in Monday morning's release.



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Davenport West's Jermilyn Gardner (1), shown dribbling during a game Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, against Davenport Assumption drowned Saturday in Bettendorf.

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