

Cook's Point Man Drowns in Quarry; Arrest Companion

Joe Garcia, 56, Loses Life; Claim Pair Had Been Drinking

Joe Garcia, 56, Cook's Point, was drowned in a water-filled stone quarry a short distance from his home shortly before 8 p. m. Sunday, and Celso Elise, 63, also of Cook's Point, is being held for questioning by authorities who are seeking to establish what happened prior to the drowning.

Coroner Frank C. Keppy said he will hold an inquest at the city hall at 7:30 p. m. today.

Garcia's body was recovered a short time after police sent the Scott county emergency truck to the quarry. Members of the truck crew, Patrolman Walter Ehrmann and Deputy Sheriff Dick Holm, found the body, but efforts to resuscitate the victim were futile.

Pair Drinking

Police said they learned Garcia and Elise had been drinking home-brewed beer during the late afternoon while Elise was working in his garden near the quarry. Garcia's daughters said they went to look for their father, and when they asked Elise where he was, he pointed toward the quarry. The

Garcia family is under quarantine for scarlet fever.

A brother-in-law of Garcia, police said, reported he was working in a garden adjoining that of Elise and Elise did not tell him anything about Garcia's disappearance. Elise, the police said, showed no interest in the search for Garcia's body after the emergency truck crew arrived, and remained in his garden while the truck crew used grapping hooks to recover the body.

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