

Cabarrus Boy Drowns In Abandoned Quarry

MIDLAND — A 17-year-old boy drowned last night while swimming with several other companions in an abandoned rock quarry this south Cabarrus County community.

Cabarrus County Coroner Clifford Brown identified the dead youth as Larry Allen Roberts, 17, of Box 97, Locust, in Stanley County.

The accident occurred when Roberts and two other companions were swimming in the old abandoned Superior Stone Company rock quarry west of the town of Midland.

It was reported that Roberts dived off a wooden raft into the water, which covers an area larger than a football field, and he didn't come up. His two companions alerted authorities.

Members of the Cabarrus County Rescue Squad arrived shortly after the 7:15 p.m. accident, and several divers plunged into the water in attempts to locate the body. However, the attempt was

abandoned as the water was too cold.

Douglas Wiley of Mt. Pleasant used a diving suit and located the body in excess of 30 feet of water after about 15 minutes of searching. Officers said that some water depths in the quarry are in excess of 100 feet.

He was rushed to Cabarrus Memorial Hospital but was pronounced dead on arrival.

The coroner's reported listed death to asphyxiation due to drowning, and there was no evidence of injury or foul play.

Man Accused

LONDON (AP) — A detective told a court Wednesday Anthony Regan, 40, stabbed his wife, 39, to death, locked the body in an attic bedroom and went on living in the house for three months with their three young children.

A detective said Regan's secret was discovered by a daughter who found the key and opened the bedroom door.