

# Youth, 17, Drowns In Quarry

SAUK VILLAGE — John D. Holt, 17, of 22236 Merrill Ave., drowned Tuesday while swimming in an unguarded quarry at Burnham Avenue and Sauk Trail.

Police said Holt was swimming in the quarry with three friends when the tragedy occurred.

Holt's three companions were identified as Clifton McKeethern, 16, 22137 Yates Ave.; Willis Blevins, 14, of 1862 W. 225th St.; and Gerald Whitescarver, 13, 22416 Chappel Ave.

Police said the boys decided to swim the length of the quarry. About half way across Holt called out that he couldn't make it.

A Sauk Village fire department scuba diver recovered the body in 25 feet of water.

Holt had moved to Sauk Village from Missouri two months ago to live with his sister, Mrs. Margaret Baldaras.

The unguarded quarry in which the drowning occurred is across the street from the defunct Lakewood Club, where a large swimming pool is unused.

The village has tried unsuccessfully to purchase the club and apply for funds through the Office of Economic Opportunity to develop the abandoned club into a community center.

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