

City Boy Drowns In Quarry

A 16-year-old Rochester boy drowned yesterday afternoon while swimming in a abandoned quarry off Five Mile Line Road, Penfield.

William Baccari, 109 Winstead Road, had started to swim across the quarry and then couldn't make it back to shore, according to sheriff's deputies.

Baccari and a friend, Russell Battaglia, 17, of 326 Winton Road N., were swimming when Baccari shouted to Battaglia, "I don't think I'm going to make it."

Battaglia told sheriff's deputies that they began swimming toward the nearest shore but Baccari "lost all his strength and just went under."

Battaglia said he could not rescue Baccari because he was not a strong swimmer.

Joseph Russo, 19, of 23 Garden Drive, Fairport, was exploring the woods nearby when he heard Baccari's shouts. Russo jumped into the water but was unable to reach Baccari in time.

An unidentified girl who saw the accident ran to phone the police.

It took police about 45 minutes to recover the body from the quarry, which is about 45 feet deep where the drowning occurred.

The quarry is posted with a "no swimming" sign and is regularly patrolled, sheriff's deputies said.

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