

Negro Boy Drowns At Wingate Beach

Sammy Davis, 17, Called for Help

A 17-year-old Negro drowned Sunday afternoon while swimming at the foot of Wingate Beach, Deputy Sheriff Marco White reported.

The Negro, Samuel Nathaniel Davis of 3452 Market St., was pronounced dead on arrival at Escambia General Hospital.

White reported Davis was swimming with seven other youths—brothers and friends—when the accident happened. He quoted the youths as saying Davis went under after calling once for help.

The accident was reported to the Sheriff's Department at 3:18 p.m.

Bud McDonald, a skindiver with the Escambia Search and Rescue Unit, located the body about 5 p.m. White said the unit had arrived shortly after the accident was reported.

The body was taken to Benboe's Funeral Home.