

Teenager Drowns In Big Clay Pit

Incident Occurs At Kupfrian Park

A 16-year-old Negro drowned Sunday afternoon while swimming with two other youths in a clay pit in Kupfrian Park.

The youth was identified as Herbert Page 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Page of 60 Morris Court.

Sheriff's Deputy Kilby Fillingim and Sgt. Aaron Suarez reported the Page youth went down as he was swimming with John Carter, 16, of 1318 W. Gonzalez St. and Willie Charles Green, 16 of 1117½ North M St.

The clay pit was partially fenced, Fillingim said, and about the size of a city block.

The boys ran for help after Carter had failed in an attempt to find Page. The youth drowned in 15 feet of water about 15 feet off shore.

Fillingim said Carter and Green ran to the Page boy's parents. The accident was reported to the Sher-

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iff's Office at 1:36 p.m. by Mrs. A. L. Taylor of 1414 W. Avery St.

Fillington said he and Suarez arrived about four minutes after the accident was reported and the Escambia Search and Rescue Unit arrived shortly after.

Skindivers located the body at 2:15 p.m.

The youth was pronounced dead on arrival at Escambia General Hospital.

Funeral arrangements will be announced by Morris Funeral Home.