

Narrative

Incident No. 96028912
Date: 08-06-96
Writer: Sgt. Gregory Winn
Type: Accidental Drowning
Victim: Donald Jones [REDACTED]

Details: On August 4, 1996 writer responded to the station after being called to investigate a death by drowning at the Clement Circle Pool. Upon my arrival at the station, I met Officer Parrinello who was the responding officer to the scene and was in the process of writing his report. Officer Parrinello advised writer that the victim was a [REDACTED] boy by the name of Donald Jones and he died at Garden City Hospital after being transported there by the Livonia Fire Department. Officer Parrinello advised writer that he had talked to witnesses at the pool along with the four lifeguards who were in attendance.

The four lifeguards in attendance were:

Angela Bell [REDACTED]
Ann-Margaret McLean [REDACTED]
Lee Jones [REDACTED]
Jason Vanesley [REDACTED]

Officer Parrinello had already obtained written statements from the lifeguards as far as their account of the incident. Lifeguard Angela Bell had just gotten up in the deep end guard stand and scanned the area. She noticed someone at the bottom of the deep end of the pool. She waited approximately 10 to 15 seconds to see if he was just playing and, when he didn't come up, she used the megaphone to tell lifeguard Jason Vanesley to clear the pool. Angela Bell then got down off her stand where she was met by the victim's brother who stated, "Oh don't worry. That's my brother. He holds his breath a long time". After a few seconds, Angela states she dove in to get him anyway. She brought him up by herself to the side of the pool and with Jason's help he was brought out of the pool. At this time, Angela states the victim was breathing irregularly, his lips were blue and he was spitting up blood. His breaths were approximately five to ten seconds apart, therefore, she did not state rescue breathing immediately. When his breathing slowed further she started rescue breathing tipping his head to the side when he began to throw up. After about a minute, she checked for a pulse and couldn't find one so lifeguard Ann-Margaret McLean assisted her in administering two man CPR. Shortly thereafter, Angela states, Livonia EMS arrived and took over the scene.

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