

Angela states that she had just relieved lifeguard Vanesley at the stand and, after scanning the pool, she immediately noticed the victim. She further stated that she would say there were approximately 25 to 50 people in the water. This is her 7th summer as a lifeguard for the City of Livonia. She is also a manager at the pool.

Lifeguard Vanesley states that he was in the guard stand in the shallow end of the pool when he heard Angela yell for him to clear the pool. He states that she said there was a body in the deep end right in front of her and Vanesley states he then went down to the deep end and helped Angela pull the victim out of the water. Vanesley states that Angela and Ann-Margaret McLean performed CPR while Vanesley opened the gate for the EMS and the scene was subsequently turned over to Livonia EMS. Lifeguard Vanesley has been a lifeguard for two years and states that he was in the chair facing the shallow end of the pool and had already been in the chair when Angela called to clear the pool. He states that the victim was trying to breathe. He further states that EMS arrived rather quickly. Mr. Vanesley states that the emergency medical technicians were walking to the scene and not hurrying. Mr. Vanesley also states that he had heard that the victim was able to swim a long time under water.

Lifeguard Ann-Margaret McLean was working the cash box area of the pool and, shortly after going to two lifeguards because of the large amount of people who had just entered the pool, someone asked her where the phone was to call 911. She immediately grabbed the cash box and raced through the men's locker room and ran to the deck and found the victim laying on his side moaning and spewing blood on the floor. She ran back to the office and grabbed the mouth shield for the victim had stopped breathing. Ann-Margaret states that Angela administered CPR and she took over with mouth to mouth. They stopped when the paramedics told them to do so. She states the paramedics gave the victim shock treatments to revive his pulse and nothing seemed to work. Shortly thereafter, they transported him to Garden City Hospital and the stretcher. Ann-Margaret states that Donald was a boy that occasionally came to the pool and liked to swim under water for both lengths of the pool. She, herself, observed him previous to this date swim 50 meters entirely underwater. She remembers asking him how he did it to which he stated he just had to fill up his lungs with air. When she first observed the victim after the drowning he was on his side with his arm up over his head with two men and Angela with him. Ann-Margaret states there were approximately 50 to 60 people in the pool area.

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