



# MARSHALL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE



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**Drowning**

1/2 Mile East of Hwy 330 bridge South of Albion - At about 645pm on Monday, July 19, 2010, emergency personnel responded to the Iowa River south of Albion, on a report of a man going under the water while swimming with companions.

It was determined that this occurred by the railroad trestle located about 1/2 mile east of the Hwy 330 bridge south of Albion.

Personnel from the Albion Fire Department, Albion First Responders, and the Marshall County Sheriff's Office responded to the scene. The Marshalltown Fire Department was then summoned to utilize their boat and search equipment. At about 900pm, fire personnel did retrieve a body in several feet of water from the river. Dr. Mark Bethel with the Marshall County Medical Examiners Office did respond to the scene at that time.

The victim was later identified as:

Joseph Gutierrez, age 18, of 607 Woodbury St., Marshalltown.

Information gathered from the investigation indicates that Gutierrez, his brother and a friend, were jumping off the trestle and swimming in the river, and that Gutierrez was not an experienced swimmer, and was overtaken by the deep and strong current. The incident is considered to be an apparent accidental drowning at this time.

Also assisting with the incident were staff from Emergency Management, Marshalltown Police, and the Red Cross.

The investigation is continuing.

**About Marshall County Sheriff's Office**

The Marshall County, Iowa Sheriff's Office is headed up by Sheriff Ted G. Kamatchus. Sheriff Kamatchus is committed to keeping communities and neighborhoods safe in Marshall County.

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