

You Tell The Story

A Medical Event in the Pool



Time: 11:00 AM

Brad (19 y.o.) begins his lifeguard shift. One of several after returning from college for winter break.

Time: 1:33 PM

Jim (63 y.o.), a pool regular, enters the water and begins swimming laps.

Time: 1:43 PM

Brad, the lifeguard, is in a roving position, circling around the entire edge of the pool. There are three other lap swimmers in the pool during this slower period.

Time: 1:45 PM

Jim stops at the end of his lane at the shallow end to wipe his eyes. A few seconds later, he falls face down on top of the water.

Time: 1:46 PM

Brad walks past Jim's location but does not see him on the surface. A swimmer in an adjacent lane stops to adjust her goggles. It is unclear if she sees Jim or not.

Time: 1:47 PM

Brad continues roving and walks past Jim for a second time. As he passes, he looks over his shoulder at Jim but does not stop.

Time: 1:48 PM

A swimmer sees Jim and alerts Brad. Brad calls for a 2nd guard, takes off his rescue tube, takes off his shirt, and puts his rescue tube back on.

Jim has been face down for 3 minutes.

Time: 1:49 PM

Marie, the other guard, arrives at the lap pool. Brad enters the water to make a rescue. Marie retrieves the backboard and tells a swimmer to call 911.

The Assistant Director arrives on the pool deck.

Time: 1:50 PM

Jim is extricated from the pool 4 minutes after he first went down.

Time: 1:51 PM

The assistant director leaves the deck to retrieve the AED. Marie steps away to grab gloves. Brad puts on his gloves and waits for their return.

Jim has gone 5 minutes without a breath.

Time: 1:52 PM

Staff return. One breath is finally given. At the sounds of gurgling, the team places Jim in a recovery position to clear his mouth of vomit.

They roll him on his back and chest compressions begin.

Time: 1:53 PM

The AED is opened. AED pads do not stick to Jim's hairy chest. There is no razor to remove the hair. AED is not used.

Chest compressions resume.

Time: 1:54 PM

EMS arrives on the scene and take over care.

Jim is transferred to the hospital about 15 minutes later.

Time: 2:44 PM

Jim is pronounced dead at the hospital.

The organization's CEO arrives at the hospital about an hour later to talk to the victim's family.

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change the story...**