



**GABRIELLE  
MCCOY**

#### TANGIPAOA PARISH, La. —

Search efforts resumed Monday morning for a 9-year-old girl who disappeared while swimming in the Tangipahoa River, officials said.

Gabrielle McCoy, of Roseland, was last seen around 1 p.m. Sunday approximately 1 mile east of Independence, on the river near Serenity Sands Beach.

Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff's Office investigators said the girl was swimming with another person when she vanished after being swept away by the river current. Search teams are using water patrol units, cadaver dogs and sonar equipment.

Search teams suspended the search Sunday evening, but returned to the area around 5:30 a.m. Monday to resume their efforts.

Officials said Independence firefighters, the St. John the Baptist Parish Sheriff's Office and firefighters from Amite and Loranger are assisting in the search.

Sunday's search lasted nine hours, the Sheriff's Office said.