

Teacher Dies In Mine Shaft Fall

MONROE — A 22-year-old physical education teacher lost his life Sunday when he apparently slipped from a rope and fell in a 100-foot abandoned mine shaft.

State Police at Monroe said Walter Kersavage had tied a rope to a tree and was attempting to lower himself down the shaft when he slipped.

Kersavage taught at the McQuad Foundation, an orphanage in Route 94 outside Newburgh.

Police said he was hiking with a group of boys from the orphanage.

Kersavage lived in Central Valley.

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