

## Stockton Teen Found Dead in Abandoned Mine

GOLD HILL, Utah (UPI)—A 19-year-old Stockton, Calif., ore hunter died Thursday in an abandoned mine underneath this ghost town when the roof of an underground cavern collapsed and dropped 15 tons of rock on him.

"He had been in there just 10 minutes when the roof fell in," said Tooele County Deputy Sheriff Marion Carver. "His father said he told him it was unsafe but he went in anyhow."

Carver said David E. Cureton, his father, Forest, and his younger brother, Michael, 11, had arrived at Gold Hill, 60 miles south of Wendover on the Nevada border, just before David went into the stope, or man-made underground cavern.

Cureton would mount samples of low-grade ore on showboards and sell them to help pay his college tuition, Carver said.

Volunteers from the Utah Highway Patrol and nearby salt and potash mines extricated the body.

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