

## 2 Teens Killed In Mine Shaft

FORESTHILL (UPI) — A 17-year-old teenager was killed and a second critically injured in a weekend fall down a 160-foot mine shaft they were exploring, the Placer County sheriff's office reported.

David Burns was killed in the accident and his companion, David Wilburn, also 17, suffered a broken leg and possible back injuries when he fell down the abandoned gold mine shaft and landed on top of Burns.

Officers said a third youth, Randy Wright, was outside

the mine helping the other two when the rope they were using broke. He made his way through rugged hilly brush-covered terrain to the Foresthill Fire Department for help.

The three youths were students at Placer High School and lived in or near Foresthill, a small community northeast of Auburn.

Sheriff's deputy Rod Merydith said it was unclear whether the boys who fell were being lowered into the shaft or raised out of it.

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