

Mechanic Electrocuted

JEFFERSON, Pa. (AP) — A mechanic at a southwestern Pennsylvania coal mine was electrocuted when he tried to remove a plug from a piece of electrical equipment, authorities said today.

Charles Wilson, 39, of Rices Landing, was electrocuted around 8 p.m. Monday at Clyde Mine Portal No. 3 near Jefferson, said Greene County Coroner Frank Behm. Wilson was pronounced dead at Greene County Memorial Hospital in Waynesburg.

Three miners trying to move some electrical equipment asked Wilson to help remove a plug, Behm said.

"They had gone through the necessary procedure to shut the power off. But apparently something didn't release," he said.

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