

Four Men Fall Down Mine Shaft, Two Are Killed

VIBURNUM, Mo. (AP) — Two men were killed and two critically hurt in a 100-foot fall to the bottom of a lead mine shaft Thursday.

Killed were Junior Gilliam of Potosi and Don Hall of Fredericktown. Injured were Lloyd Francis of Dillard and Loy Bennett of Fredericktown. Bennett's right arm was severed.

A mine official said all were between 30 and 35 years old and married. The mine is operated by the St. Joseph Lead Co.

The men were being hauled up from a new 800-foot-deep shaft in a bucket when one of two ropes clamped together to hold the bucket slipped, spilling them out.

1959 Two miners survive 100 foot fall down mine shaft

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