

Pinned-Down Gem Miner Saved, Jailed

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (AP)—A gem miner trapped for 10 hours in a cave-in Friday was behind bars Saturday in the county jail.

He is Calvin Trevor Mellish, 42, of nearby Escondido. He was pinned by his right arm 130 feet underground in a tourmaline mine 63 miles north of here when a 500-pound boulder rolled down on him.

Mellish, serving a year's sentence for arson in the burning of his home, was freed last month on \$2,625 bail to enter the mine. He told the court at that time he wanted to recover a cache of gem stones and \$8,300 in cash.

Rescue workers had to shore up a narrow mine shaft and jack up the boulder to free Mellish. He was released from a hospital last night.

Bail bondsman George Martin said he had surrendered Mellish to the county jail.

"He was supposed to get that money," Martin said. "but now it's too dangerous in there, and a slide has covered his cache."

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