

Girl Injured In Fall Down Mine Shaft

SILVER CITY, N.M., Dec. 28 (AP)—A young Austin, Tex., girl plunged down an abandoned mine shaft in southwestern New Mexico Saturday and suffered serious injuries.

Rescuers had to lower a litter basket on a fire hose to pull Lucy Marian Watson, 10, from the 75-foot deep shaft. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James A. Watson of Austin.

The girl is in Silver City Hospital with a broken leg, a broken arm and internal injuries, and in deep shock.

State Patrolman Gene Tow said the Watson family was driving through the area on a Christmas vacation trip. They became attracted by the tailings dump and remains of the old Peerless mine shaft beside the road at Central in the Grant County copper mining district.

Lucy, described as a rockhound, went to search the ruins for mineral specimens and plunged down the open shaft.

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