

Boy Rescued From 50-foot Mine Shaft

BAKERSFIELD (AP)—A 14-year-old China Lake boy was reported in good condition after being rescued from the bottom of a 50 - foot deep abandoned mine shaft.

Gilbert Soto, the boy who was rescued, and Allen Comb, also of China Lake, were exploring while on a visit to the Wheeler Ranch, some 70 miles east of Bakersfield.

Soto accidentally dropped his pellet gun into the shaft. He lowered himself into it but lost his grip and fell to the bottom.

The Kern County sheriff's office summoned the China Lake mine search and rescue group which pulled young Soto out.

1967 Gilbert Soto rescued from abandoned mine in Kern County

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