

Lehi Man Hurt In Mine Fall

Kerry West, 24, of Lehi, remained in satisfactory condition Monday evening at Utah Valley Hospital in Provo after he and his motorcycle fell 30 feet into a mine shaft.

The accident occurred Saturday evening, May 8, about 6:45 p.m. in the area of Five Mile Pass, SR 73, near the Utah-Tooele County border.

A dispatcher for the Utah County Sheriff's Office said Mr. West and a friend were riding dirt bikes in the area when the victim apparently rode up a pile of mine tailing which led to a vertical mine shaft.

He and the motorcycle fell about 30 feet to the bottom of the shaft, the sheriff's report said. The bike apparently struck a ladder near the bottom of the shaft, which is believed to have broken the fall.

Mr. West suffered a broken leg and other injuries, and was taken to Utah Valley Hospital by Lehi ambulance.

He was rescued by members of the sheriff's office and by personnel from the Lehi Ambulance Association.

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