

Youth rescued from mine shaft

A Sturgis youth was rescued from an abandoned mine shaft in the Tinton area Saturday by the Spearfish Search and Rescue Unit.

Authorities said Shane Anderson, 15, of Sturgis received minor injuries when he fell about 25 feet while exploring the hole with a companion, also of Sturgis.

Authorities said the pair had apparently forced open the protective grate covering the shaft and were using a knotted rope to climb down into the 45- to 50-foot deep hole.

Terry Wenzel, a member of the rescue team, said the youth landed in about four feet of water at the bottom of the shaft and the water probably broke his fall.

Wenzel said the rescue team was able to maneuver a truck near the shaft and winch the boy out without difficulty. Anderson received only minor abrasions and a jammed knee in the accident. He was taken to Lookout Memorial Hospital for treatment.

The accident was reported to authorities about 1:30 p.m.

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