

Boy rescued from Kennecott mine

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A 16-year-old boy who tumbled into an old mine shaft near the Kennecott copper mine was rescued after spending nearly seven hours underground while searchers tried to find the entrance.

Terry Blackburn, 16, was hiking with two companions, 15 and 17, in the Oquirrh Mountains around midnight Sunday when he fell 20 to 30 feet into a four-foot-wide ventilating shaft, said Salt Lake County Sheriff's Lt. Gil Howard.

Blackburn's friends went for help but were unable to immediately pinpoint the location of the mine shaft, which was near the west rim of the open-pit copper mine.

With the help of medical and sheriff's helicopters, searchers located the boy at about 4 a.m. Monday and pulled him from the shaft about 90 minutes later.

Blackburn was flown to Holy Cross Jordan Valley Hospital, where he was in fair condition and being treated for a broken leg, cuts and bruises.

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