

## Man survives fall into mine

SHAMOKIN, Pa. — A Northumberland County man survived a fall of nearly 200 feet into a mine shaft, authorities say.

Rescue crews pulled Arnie Campbell, 28, from the shaft Saturday after more than two hours of work, Coal Township Fire Chief Robert Wariki said.

Campbell sustained cuts, bruises and abrasions.

Campbell and an unidentified friend were out driving a four-wheel-drive pickup truck on coal lands northeast of Shamokin about 2 a.m. when they stopped to inspect an old fan house on Big Mountain, Wariki said.

As Campbell walked to the rear of the building, he fell down the mine shaft.

From what officials could determine, Campbell initially fell 40 to 50 feet, landed on a less inclined area, and then rolled about 30 feet along the "bench" before tumbling and falling another 120 feet.

Campbell's friend drove down the mountain to Shamokin to get help.

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