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Man who fell down shaft dies

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YERMO — Kenneth "Rusty" Lasley, 41, of Vista, died of injuries sustained in

deep, he said. The man's son did not venture into the mine, Hubbard said.

The young boy rode his ATV to one of the few homes nearby, two or three miles from the mine shaft to seek help, and the homeowners called deputies.

At 12:30 p.m., Sheriff's deputies, County Fire personnel and two Sheriff's helicopters were dispatched to the area where the mine shaft goes an estimated 100 feet into the mountain.

The boy did not receive any injuries, said Hubbard,

It was determined, Hubbard said, that the mine shaft

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Another man falls down abandoned mine shaft

Man died in same place last week near Calico

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was in the area with his family, riding motorcycles. At some point the group saw the mine and decided to get off their bikes to look around.

won't know until we get down into the hole," Sgt. Doug Hubbard of the San Bernardino County Sheriff's Barstow station.

Hubbard said that the Sheriff's Search and Rescue team as well as mine rescuers from Los Angeles and Kern counties had responded to assist.

"Our priority is just getting to him and obtaining his medical condition," Hubbard said.

There are around 15,000 mines in San Bernardino and Riverside counties and about 47,000 in the state, according to the California Office of Mine Reclamation.

Hubbard called the mines

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was very unstable and portions needed to be shored up before rescue personnel could enter.

A call was made to the Kern County Sheriff Mine Rescue Team and two San Bernardino Sheriff's department helicopters flew to Kern County and picked up team members and brought them to the scene. Ac-

in the world at mine rescue.

Lasley's body was recovered at 8:30 p.m., eight hours after the first call came in to the Sheriff's department regarding the accident.

The Coroner's Office will attempt to determine the exact cause of death.

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