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(FROM KEITH HAYES OF KAVL OF LANCASTER)

(MOUNTAIN PASS) -- FEDERAL OFFICIALS SAY THEY'VE RECOVERED THE BODY OF GOLDMINE OWNER FROM A MINESHAFT NEAR THE NEVADA-CALIFORNIA BORDER.

A SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY SHERIFF'S SERGEANT FROM THE BARSTOW SUBSTATION SAYS RESCUE WORKERS PULLED THE BODY OF 30-YEAR-OLD GLEN ALDAMA FROM THE KOKO WEEF GOLDMINE NEAR MOUNTAIN PASS JUST AFTER MIDNIGHT.

THE SERGEANT SAYS THE BODY WAS DISCOVERED BY ANOTHER OF THE MINE'S OWNERS.

THAT OTHER OWNER CALLED IN RESCUE WORKERS FROM THE NEARBY RIDGECREST CHINA LAKE NAVAL WEAPONS RESEARCH CENTER TO HELP RETRIEVE THE BODY.

THE SERGEANT SAYS THE MINE OWNERS HAD BEEN BLASTING INSIDE THE SHAFT WITH AMMONIA SULPHATE AND DIESEL FUEL. IT LEFT BEHIND A DEADLY RESIDUE OF AMMONIA THAT APPARENTLY WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALDAMA'S DEATH.

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