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One Miner Killed in Overnight Mine Accident

FRANKFORT, Ky. – (March 3, 2012) – A mining accident in Harlan County has claimed the life of one miner. Preliminary reports indicate the miner was repairing a canopy – the protective covering over a shuttle car – when the canopy collapsed. The miner has not yet been identified and there are no other reported injuries. The accident was reported at 5:40 a.m.

The accident occurred at the Timber Tree Mine near the community of Blair. The mine is owned by Parton Brothers Mining. Investigators from the Kentucky Office of Mine Safety and Licensing are at the mine leading the investigation.

This is the first mining fatality reported in Kentucky in 2012.

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