

# Preliminary Report of Accident

U.S. Department of Labor  
Mine Safety and Health Administration



PR001 03/10/2026

<b>1. Accident Type</b> F - Fatal Injury		<b>2. Accident Classification</b>		<b>3. Date/Time of Accident</b> 03/05/2026 1:20 PM		<b>4. Date/Time of Death</b> 03/05/2026 01:30 PM		<b>5. Fatal Case No</b> FAI-F00BE1D-1		
<b>6. Mine Information</b>										
a) Mining Company Name:		Patton Mining LLC								
b) Mine Name:		Deer Run Mine								
c) Parent of Mining Company:		Foresight Energy Labor LLC								
<b>7. Mine Location Information</b>				<b>8. Mine ID Number</b>			<b>9. Union</b>			
a) City Hillsboro		b) County Montgomery		c) State IL	11-03182			No		
<b>10. Primary Mineral Mined</b> Bituminous Coal Underground Mining				<b>11. Number of Employees</b>		<b>c) Open Pit/Quarry</b>		<b>d) Mill/Prep Plant</b>		<b>e) Other</b>
				a) Total 174	b) Underground 129			45		
<b>12. Contractor Name</b>						<b>13. Contractor Union</b>		<b>14. Contractor ID Number</b>		
<b>15. Contractor Address</b>										
a) City		b) County			c) State		d) Zip Code			
<b>16. Number of Contractor Employees</b>										
a) Total		b) Underground			c) Open Pit/Quarry		d) Mill/Prep Plant		e) Other	
<b>17. Number of Persons in Mine at Time of Accident</b>					<b>18. Number of Persons Unaccounted for</b>					
a) Mine Employees 55		b) Contractor Employees 3			a) Mine Employees 0		b) Contractor Employees 0			
<b>19. Accident Location</b> 01 - Underground								<b>20. Mining Height</b> 10 Feet 3 Inches		
<b>21. Nonfatal Injuries</b> 0		<b>22. Fatal Injuries</b> 1								
<b>23. Victims Information</b>										
<b>Jessie E Smith</b>										
<b>a) First Name</b> Jessie		<b>a) MI</b> E	<b>a) Last Name</b> Smith		<b>b) Age</b> 32	<b>c) Regular Job Title</b> Continuous Mining Machine Operator		<b>d) Activity at Time of Accident</b> Operating Continuous Mining Machine	<b>Employee</b> Mine Employee	
<b>24. Mining Experience</b>										
a) Total Experience 6 Years 21 Weeks 2 Days		b) Experience at the Mine 4 Years 9 Weeks 0 Days			c) Experience at the Activity at the Time of the Accident 3 Years 41 Weeks 1 Days			d) Experience with Contractor 0 Years 0 Weeks 0		
<b>25. Autopsy Performed</b> No			<b>If Yes, Location</b>							
<b>26. Mine Telephone No.</b> (217) 532-7310 x 130										
<b>27. Description of Accident (include equipment involved, the exact location in the mine, and status and recovery operations)</b> A miner died after being pinned against the coal rib by a continuous mining machine.  <i>The information provided in this notice is based on preliminary data ONLY and does not represent final determination regarding the nature of the incident or conclusions regarding the cause of the accident.</i>										
<b>28. Equipment Manufacturer</b> Joy Machinery Co. (Joy Manufacturing Co)					<b>29. Model</b> 12CM-27					
<b>30. District</b> C0800 - Vincennes District					<b>32. Field Office</b> C0803 - Litchfield IL Field Office			<b>33. Event Number</b> F00BE1D		
<b>34. Accident Investigator</b>										
<b>First Name</b> Steven		<b>MI</b> P	<b>Last Name</b> Dingess							
<b>35. MSHA Person Notified</b>										
<b>First Name</b> Jennifer		<b>MI</b>	<b>Last Name</b> Shepard			<b>Date/Time Notified</b> 03/05/2026 1:30 PM				
<b>36. Type of Report</b> Initial		<b>37. Name of Preparer</b>			<b>Date Prepared</b>					
		<b>Full Name</b> Dustin Galloway			03/09/2026					
<b>38. Reason for Amendment</b>										