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MINER FOUND DEAD

Sherman Costello, 34, was found dead in a field three miles outside of town yesterday evening. Costello disappeared two days ago on his way home from the Delaney Copper Mine, where he worked as a shift foreman. Since then, his family and Sheriff Parker have been searching the area. Parker found the body two miles from the road, an apparent victim of an animal attack.

Costello's son Jesse, 19, doesn't believe that an animal is responsible for his father's death. "He's all chewed up sure enough, and they say it was a bear, but those weren't no bear tracks. And what bear is out hunting in the middle of winter? It doesn't make sense."

Sheriff Parker has also suggested that Costello could have been attacked by a wolf or a cougar. He doubts that foul play was involved, pointing out that Costello was a popular man, well liked and respected by all who knew him. Jesse Costello has his own theory: "It was Indians. I'm sure of it."

A funeral service will be held this Saturday at 10:00 am in the Costello home.
