Two drown during fight in Southern Oregon reservoir

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Deputies say details are sketchy, but one young man was taken to the hospital with minor stab wounds and two others drowned in the Topsy Reservoir near Keno in Klamath County Tuesday evening.

According to a Klamath County Sheriffâ€™s Office news release, investigators believe that about six young men were above the river on a 20-foot ledge commonly used as a dive platform when a scuffle broke out about 7 p.m., May 29.

One man was stabbed at least twice in his upper torso, and was transported by private vehicle to the Keno Fire Station, then he was taken to Sky Lakes Medical Center for wounds described as â€œnon-life threateningâ€•.

After the stabling, one of the subjects involved pushed another off the ledge into the water. Deputies reported that the man in the water called for help, saying he couldnâ€™t swim well.

The man who pushed him in the water then jumped in, in an attempt to rescue him. Deputies say that both men slipped below the surface, and nearby fishermen were able to pull one of the victims out of the water. Attempts to revive the man were unsuccessful.

The dive team recovered the body of the second man about 9 p.m..

The investigation is continuing, and deputies estimate that at least 20 witnesses need to be interviewed.

Names of the persons involved are being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in the disturbance leading to the stabbing as well as the drowning deaths, deputies report.

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