

Sisters Man Sought in Stabbing Incident

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Deschutes County Sheriff's deputies are looking for a Sisters man in connection with an argument over money that sent another man to the hospital with a potentially life-threatening stab wound.

About 8:15 p.m. Sunday, deputies were called to 154 East Washington Avenue in Sisters to investigate three unwanted intoxicated men at the location. The suspects had left the area before officers arrived, said Sergeant Kevin Disney, and the residents did not request any further assistance.

Shortly after 9 p.m. deputies learned a stabbing victim was admitted to the emergency room of St. Charles Medical Center-Bend, and that the stabbing had occurred at the Sisters location.

Further investigation revealed that three Hispanic males, Elmer Tapio, 26; Abraham Sanchez, 18; and Modesto Sanchez, 19; all Sisters residents, went to the home of Jamie Mendez to confront him about an undisclosed amount of money owed. An argument began which escalated into an assault.

Tapia sustained a stab wound to his arm, which was described by Disney as "life-threatening", although he was in fair condition Monday at the medical center.

Deputies served a search warrant at Mendez's residence where blood and other evidence was discovered in and around the home.

Mendez's roommate, Enrique Camacho-Moreno, was arrested for tampering with evidence, hindering prosecution, and obstruction of governmental administration and was lodged at the Deschutes County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

A search of the area failed to locate Jamie Mendez.

An investigation is continuing, and anyone with information about the possible whereabouts of Mendez is encouraged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 388-6655 during business hours, or 693-6911 at other hours.

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