

Man spends night outside after skiing out of bounds

Two men who skied outside of Heavenly Mountain Resort's boundaries were cited after being rescued. One of them had to spend the night in the wilderness with a search and rescue crew.

The incident started Feb. 22 at 5pm when the duo called for help. They told Douglas County sheriff's dispatch they had some water, but were wet and cold, their cell phone batteries were diminished, and one was suffering from a medical condition.

Search and rescue members found Timothy Dane, 24, from Branford, Conn., and Eshai Delacruz, 25, of San Francisco in Mott Canyon.

Delacruz and SAR members were able to get to safety that night. He was cited for skiing out of bounds, which carries a bail/fine of \$640.

Dane was unable to evacuate on foot because of a medical condition unrelated to their misadventure. The storm prevented an air rescue. He and SAR members spent the night in the single-digit weather during the snow storm. Beforehand another SAR team responded to the shelter location to bring medication to Dane.

On Friday morning a Blackhawk rescue helicopter from Fallon Naval Air Station airlifted Dane out of the forest. Once safe he declined further treatment. However, he was cited for skiing out of bounds

SAR teams from El Dorado and Washoe counties assisted.

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