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Update: Blue Hill and Grand Island men identified as Guide Rock drowning victims



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Webster County authorities have released the names of the two men who drowned near the Guide Rock Diversion Dam on Friday. Cody A. Reutter, 29, of Blue Hill and Omar Martinez Cruz, 27, of Grand Island died after they went underwater after being pulled by an undertow.

One of their bodies was recovered Sunday afternoon about a half-mile from the dam where they were fishing. The other was found Monday afternoon around 3:00 p.m. He was located about one-and-a-half miles from the dam.

The Webster County Sheriff's Department released the names on their Facebook account Tuesday morning, where they also added their thoughts and prayers go out to the family and friends of the two.

Webster County Sheriff's office responded to the original call for help on the incident at around 3:30 p.m. Friday. The two men were fishing and went underwater after being pulled by an undertow.

A third male individual was rescued and taken to the hospital.

A search for the two missing men began Friday and lasted until late Friday evening. The search was then suspended and began again Saturday morning.

The search was conducted by the Guide Rock Fire and Rescue, the Dive Team from Hebron and Deshler, the Webster County Sheriff's office, Nebraska Games and Parks and Red Cloud Fire and Rescue.

Saturday afternoon, crews from the games and parks commission deployed a boat with side sonar to try and locate where the men could be in the water.

Webster County Sheriff Troy Schmitz said the current is so strong from water being released into the river in Harlan. They have requested for the water to be shut off to help with the search but it could be more than a day before the water levels lower.