

Drowning victims remain hospitalized; one critical

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LOUISVILLE, KY (WAVE) – Two young men remain at University Hospital in Louisville Wednesday after a near drowning Tuesday night in Harrison County, IN. According to Conservation Officer Mac Spainhour with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the incident happened just before 7 p.m. on Little Indian Creek near the YMCA in Harrison County.

Spainhour identified the young men as Evan Alexander and Bradley Miller, both between the ages of 18 and 19. At last report, Alexander was in critical condition and on a breathing machine in ICU; Miller was said to be up and alert. A third person, 19-year old Braden Richie, helped the other two teens out of the water.

The three were swimming in an area near Little Indian Creek. Spainhour says witnesses told them moments after they saw the boys on the levee toward the lower head dam, they heard someone screaming.

"What you have on a low water head dam is that the water that comes over that dam, there's a turbine motion called a boil," said Spainhour. "It recycles and is powerful

enough if you get in it, it keeps going and brings you to the top then brings you back down."

Spainhour says there was a double drowning in the same area several years ago. Little Indian Creek is considered private property so it is possible that the three were trespassing at the time. We'll bring you up updates throughout the day on wave3.com and on WAVE 3 News.

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