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Sheriff's Office: "We need witnesses to come forward" - Undersheriff James Mairoano



One man is dead after an alleged parking lot fight at T&R Feed and Rope Center turned deadly Feb. 12.

The suspect, who Sheriff officials declined to name at this time, was arrested on Navajo Nation land thanks to some persistent witnesses.

McKinley County Sheriff's office responded to the "fight call" at 2:30 pm.

Undersheriff James Maiorano said before deputies arrived on scene they were notified that the Native American male stabbing victim was sitting in a gray pickup truck in the parking lot. When deputies arrived, medical personnel were already tending to the victim.

Witnesses to the fight saw the Native American man leaving the scene and followed him.

"With their help the suspect was apprehended by Sheriff's deputies on Navajo Nation land," Maiorano said. "The suspect was turned over to Navajo Police who arrested him on unrelated charges."

The victim later died at the hospital. Sheriff's office officials have declined to name the victim name now due to the ongoing investigation.

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“At this time, it is unclear what led to the altercation and subsequent stabbing however the Sheriff’s Office is diligently investigating this case,” he said.

Although there were witnesses that came forward and helped to apprehend the suspect, the investigation is ongoing.

But investigators need for more witnesses to come forward to help put the puzzle pieces together.

Call (505) 863-1410 ask to speak with Investigator Anthony Ashley.

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