South Tahoe climber rescued in Oregon

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TERREBONNE, Ore. – Two California men climbing the popular Monkey Face formation at Smith Rock State Park became stranded when they chose a wrong descent route and one ran out of rope halfway down Wednesday afternoon, prompting a rescue operation that took until after midnight to conclude, Deschutes County sheriff's deputies said.

Shortly before 5pm, Cordero Chavez, 29, of Lone Pine contacted 911 dispatchers to say he and his climbing partner, Tyler Coleman, 26, of South Lake Tahoe had reached the summit of Monkey Face but now were in need of assistance, said sheriff's Lt. Bryan Husband.

The pair had chosen the wrong route to descent, leaving not enough rope to reach the bottom, Husband said. Chavez was still near the summit, but Coleman was nearly halfway down the approximately 450-foot rock face, unable to ascend or descend farther.

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