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Let the truth be told

Lost so far in the discussion surrounding Sunday morning's assault on two black students at the University of Maine is the facts.

Orono Police Chief Daniel Lowe asserts that the incident was not begun as a racial incident. He refuses to speculate if, after the incident began, it then became racially-motivated.

Various students on campus are outraged by this. They see the entire episode as racially-related, period. Slurs were exchanged. Nine whites attacked two blacks.

Chief Lowe refuses to name the assailants. He says the matter is still under investigation.

Meanwhile, UMaine broils with the hatred and anger that is racial tension.

So far, no eyewitnesses have been heard from. Due to legal complexities, Aaron Phillips and Quester Hannah, the two men who were attacked, are not saying much to the media. We can't find the assailants. We also have no idea who else was there to see the event unfold, because they haven't made themselves known.

If we ever expect to find out what happened, or, as the focus seems to be right now, why it happened, those involved need to speak out. (DHV)