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Schoolboy Saves 5 People From Drowning in Icy Water

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A ninth-grader saved five people whose snowmobile fell through thin ice in northern Kamchatka, police said Monday.

The boy, Nikolai Shvedyuk, saw the accident and rushed over to save the victims from drowning in a bay near the town of Tilichiki on Friday evening, the regional police department said in a statement.

He quickly called police and used two ropes to help pull the people out of the water. One of the victims was a 13-year-old. None of them required medical assistance, and the snowmobile was salvaged later on.

The victims were heading from one town to another for Reindeer Herders Day celebrations and passed through Tilichiki to fill up their snowmobile with gas.

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