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NEWS RELEASE

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Subject Threatened Suicide from Bridge Overpass

Milwaukee, WI – Today at approximately 1:47 p.m., Milwaukee County sheriff deputies and officers from the Milwaukee Police Department responded to I-43 at Center Street. A 23-year-old Milwaukee man was standing outside the fence on the Center Street bridge overpass. The man was threatening suicide by stating that he was going to jump.

Members of both the MCSO and MPD Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT) negotiated with the man for almost an hour. The man was tasered as he was standing over the grassy embankment adjacent to the freeway, and was then taken into custody. No injuries were apparent at the scene; however he was transported to a local hospital for evaluation.

The freeway was closed in both directions periodically throughout the incident as the man walked from one end of the bridge to the other. All traffic lanes have been reopened.

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