



## Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office **NEWS RELEASE**

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### Deputies Save Suicidal Subjects in Two Freeway Incidents

Milwaukee, WI – Yesterday, in two separate incidents on the freeway, sheriff's deputies intervened to save the lives of a man and a woman who were attempting to commit suicide.

At about 2:40 p.m., dispatch received a call about a pedestrian on I-794 southbound walking on the Hoan Bridge. Responding deputies found a man to be in a crisis situation, and he was straddling the wall preparing to jump. The deputies were able to talk with him and get him to come back safely to the roadway. The 60-year-old man was distraught and taken to Psychiatric Crisis Services (PCS), where he was admitted.

Yesterday, at about 7:20 a.m., a deputy heading to work in her personal vehicle spotted a naked woman on the freeway in the Marquette Interchange. The deputy stopped, and had to tackle the woman in order to prevent her from continuing into lanes of traffic. The subject was non-verbal and combative. A Good Samaritan had also stopped, called 911, and provided a blanket at the deputy's request to cover the 29-year-old woman until she was transported by Bell Ambulance to Froedtert Hospital.

Acting Sheriff Richard Schmidt said, "The public does not always hear about the life-saving actions of our deputies. I applaud the Good Samaritan who risked her own safety to help a woman clearly in crisis, and I'm proud of the selfless work these deputies performed to help save the lives of other people in distress, without regard to the danger they themselves faced."

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