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### **Deputies Prevent Man from Jumping Off Hoan Bridge**

Milwaukee, WI – This morning at 2:20 a.m., deputies saw a man standing on the outside edge of the Hoan Bridge. They attempted to engage him in conversation, stepping closer as they spoke. The man began leaning backwards over the edge of the bridge and the deputies quickly grabbed onto him and brought him to safety.

The 29-year-old man said he wanted to kill himself because he was upset that he had not found a job since graduating from college six years ago. Deputies transported him to PCS for an emergency detention.

Sheriff Schmidt said, “This is the side of law enforcement that I love to see - compassionate, life-saving work performed through the deputies’ heroic efforts. They saved a person who was in emotional crisis and was prepared to kill himself, and he now has a chance to rebuild his life. There is help for those who are hurting! Cops show they care.”

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