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Suicidal Person

On Saturday, August 27, 2016, at approximately 2:04 pm, Treasure Island Police Officers responded to the John's Pass Bridge after a 911 caller reported seeing a man standing on the ledge of the bridge. The caller stated the man was not responding to him and appeared "out of it". The caller mistakenly reported the man was on the south side of the west center span, which is in the City of Treasure Island.

Treasure Island Sergeant Aaron DeShay arrived in the area and could not locate the man on the south side of the bridge. After DeShay turned around in Madeira Beach, he located the man on the north side of the center span. The man was standing on the ledge, holding on to the railing with both arms behind his body, and he appeared ready to jump.

DeShay notified dispatch and requested additional officers as well as a Marine Patrol vessel. DeShay approached from an angle out of man's peripheral view and grabbed him, preventing him from jumping. A retired St. Pete Police Officer stopped and identified himself to DeShay. With the help of the retired officer, the man was pulled over the railing and placed into protective custody.

The 47-year-old St. Petersburg resident told DeShay he was preparing to jump just as the officer grabbed him. The man also told DeShay "I'm done. I can't do it anymore". The man had been released from a mental health facility just yesterday and was unable to cope on his own.

The man was safely transported to a receiving facility in St. Petersburg under a Baker Act where he will continue to receive the help he needs. Due to medical privacy rights, the name of the man will not be release.

No further information is available.



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