



Humboldt County Sheriff's Office

826 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA 95501

Date: 07-24-2012

From: Lt. Steve Knight
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Subject: Lifesaving Rescue

Case: 201203635

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

On 07-23-2012, approximately 10:00 p.m. Humboldt County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to a naked 19 year old female walking the middle of Briceland Road, Redway. The deputies could see the female had cuts on her legs and arms. There were two females following her attempting to stop her. When the deputies exited their patrol car the female jumped up on top of the railing of the Redway Bridge, Redway. The female jumped over the railing of the bridge and began walking along the outside ledge which was approximately 8 inches in diameter. The female was swaying back and forth while walking on the ledge. The drop from the ledge to the river below was approximately 150 feet. Deputies requested medical immediately respond to the scene to assist.

Deputy Bryan Waxler spoke with the female and was able to get within ten feet of her. The female suddenly began to walk quickly away from the deputy and began to lose her footing, with her right foot slipping off the railing. Deputy Waxler was able to grab the female's right wrist and pull her towards him, stopping her from falling off the bridge and pulled her to safety. She was transported to a local hospital for treatment.

Mike Downey
Sheriff