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VIDEO

Newark Police Officers Save Man from Suicide

Newark Public Safety Director Brian A. O'Hara reports that a man perched underneath a highway overpass was distraught and wanted to kill himself until two police officers calmed him down and prevented him from committing suicide on May 4, 2021.

"Once again, our officers were able to deescalate a life-threatening situation and avoid a tragic outcome. We are thankful the officers were able to help and resolve the situation safely," Director O'Hara said.

When the officers responded, they saw the man, who was upset, underneath the Route 78 overpass at Watson and Elizabeth avenues around 11:33 p.m. They were able to address his concerns, explaining that the department could help him seek employment and access other services he may need.

In the past few months, officers have responded to similar suicide attempts and convince individuals not to take their life.

Director O'Hara urges anyone with information regarding any criminal activity to call the Department's 24-hour Crime Stopper Tip Line at 1-877-NWK-TIPS (1-877-695-8477). All anonymous Crime Stopper tips are kept confidential and could result in a reward.

Anonymous tips may also be made using the Police Division's website at: www.newarkpublicsafety.org or through our Smartphone app available at iTunes or on Google Play. Search Newark Police Division to download the app.

VIDEO LINK: <https://youtu.be/1dDn2zgNaMo>