



WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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PRESS RELEASE

Sheriff's Marine Deputies Rescue Man from Willamette River

June 12, 2016 - Sheriff's Marine Deputies working river patrol for the Rose Festival, rescued a man after he jumped from the Steel Bridge in an attempt to take his own life. The man suffered minor injuries from the fall and was taken to a local hospital.

On Saturday, June 11, 2016, at about 5:25 p.m., Washington County Sheriff's Marine Deputies were assisting the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office with the Fleet Ship security detail on the Willamette River for the naval vessels in port during the Rose Festival.



While they were patrolling the security zone surrounding the ships, they heard a large splash near the west end of the Steel Bridge. They saw a man flailing in the water and Sheriff's Deputies convinced the man to accept assistance as they threw him a safety line. The man grabbed the line and the deputies pulled him into the safety of the boat. The man was treated by medics and taken to a local hospital for additional treatment.

The 45-year-old Portland man jumped from the car deck of the Steel Bridge. He sustained minor injuries from the 100 foot jump. The man thanked the Sheriff's Deputies for saving his life and was thankful he was going to get the treatment he needed.