



## ***FORT BRAGG POLICE DEPARTMENT***

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

**Releasing Officer:** Sergeant Jonathan A. McLaughlin  
**Report Number:** FG2000514  
**Date / Time:** April 28, 2020 / 5:50 pm  
**Location of Incident:** Noyo Bridge, Fort Bragg CA.  
**Crime or Incident:** Suicide Attempt  
**Victim:** 32 year old male, of Sonoma County

### **CIRCUMSTANCES:**

On April 28, 2020, at approximately 5:50 p.m., Officers were dispatched to the area of the Noyo Bridge for a report of a subject standing on the opposite side of the safety railing.

Upon arrival, Officers observed the male on the east side of the bridge standing on the opposite side of the safety railing. Prior to the Officers being able to make contact with the subject he leapt from the bridge and into the Noyo River.

Medical and Fire personnel were requested to respond and Officers responded to the north shore of the Noyo River. When they arrived, Officers observed a bystander who had a small row boat had been able to pull the subject on board. He was brought to a nearby dock where medical, fire, and law enforcement personnel were waiting.

The subject was transported via ambulance to the Mendocino Coast District Hospital for initial treatment and evaluation. He was later transferred to an out of county trauma facility. Mental Health was also contacted and alerted of the incident.

A K9 belonging to the subject was recovered from the bridge by law enforcement. The K9 is in good health and was transported to the Humane Society for care.

Anyone with any information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact Officer Anthony Melendez at (707) 961-2800 ext. 169 or at [amelendez@fortbragg.com](mailto:amelendez@fortbragg.com).

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