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****MEDIA RELEASE****

**Man Dies After Jumping From Noyo Bridge
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On July 25, 2024 at approximately 2:41 p.m., Fort Bragg police officers were dispatched to the Noyo Bridge for the report of a lone adult male climbing over the outer rail, witnessed by a passing motorist. Officers arrived on scene within a minute of receiving the call and could not locate anyone on the bridge. An officer checking the area on foot saw a body floating in the Noyo River below.

Emergency personnel rushed down to the harbor in rescue effort. One officer stopped to ask for a floatation device from a commercial fishermen. Scott Hockett and the crew of the Blue Pacific F.V. provided the floatation device, then immediately headed out in the Blue Pacific in an effort to assist. Shortly after arriving in the area, a US Coast Guard vessel arrived and assumed the rescue effort. It was quickly determined the victim was deceased.

Based on evidence located and witness statements, no foul play is suspected at this time. MCSO Deputies arrived to begin a coroner's investigation. The victim is not believed to reside on the Mendocino Coast. His identity is being withheld until it can be confirmed and next of kin notified.

FBPD is grateful for the immediate assistance we received from the crew of the Blue Pacific F.V., US Coast Guard, MCSO, Fort Bragg FD and EMS personnel.

If you or someone you know is in crisis and contemplating suicide, please call 988 - the national suicide & crisis hotline or Redwood Crisis Services' 24-hour crisis line at (855) 838-0404. Someone is always available to listen.

Anyone with information on this incident is encouraged to contact Sgt Welter of the Fort Bragg Police Department at (707)961-2800 ext 212.

This information is being released by Chief Neil Cervenka. All media inquiries should contact her at ncervenka@fortbragg.com.

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