



Town of Wallkill Police Department

MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release
September 15, 2015

Incident: **Rescue – Suicidal Jumper**
Location: **Route 302 Overpass and Route 17, Town of Wallkill, NY**
Date/Time: **September 15, 2015/4:33 am**

On Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at approximately 4:33 am, Town of Wallkill Police Officer (“PO”) Alan Levine was on Route 302 at Route 17, when he discovered a twenty-two year old, male, Town of Wallkill resident, threatening to jump from the Route 302 overpass onto Route 17 below. PO Levine was in the area looking for the male because a family member had contacted this Department at 3:54 am. According to the family member, the male was intoxicated and suicidal when he fled his residence after an altercation with the family member. When PO Levine discovered the male, he had climbed over the fence and was threatening to jump to the highway below. With the assistance of PO Jeremy Warner and under the direction of Sergeant Paul Besser, a rapport was established with the male. While the officers engaged the male in conversation, members of the New York State Police diverted traffic off of Route 17. After approximately one-half hour, the officers were able to persuade the male not to jump. The male was transported to Orange Regional Medical Center (“ORMC”) for evaluation by Town of Wallkill Volunteer Ambulance (“TOWVAC”). This Department was also assisted by the City of Middletown Police Department. A subsequent investigation disclosed that the male had broken a window at the Citgo Gas Station, 2543 Route 302, before he threatened to jump.

Robert C. Hertman
Chief of Police

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