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**Oakland Police Department Officers Use Swift
Action to Save a Life**

Oakland, CA – On May 16, 2012 at 6:34 PM the Oakland Police Department responded to the 700 block of Madison Street on a report of a man who was on top of a three-story building and threatening suicide.

Officers located a male adult who was sitting at the edge of the roof top and appeared to be distressed. Officers observed the male had what appeared to be one end of a bed sheet wrapped around his neck and the other end tied to a drain pipe.

As officers repeatedly tried to talk the male away from the edge of the building, the man pushed himself off the edge of the roof in an attempt to take his own life. In a plan developed to intervene, and in disregard to their own safety, officers pulled the struggling man back to safety. He received medical attention and was held pending a psychiatric hold.

The officers' swift, coordinated efforts undoubtedly saved a persons life. They each have been recommended for commendation.

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