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Negotiator talks man out of suicide attempt

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Soothing words and calm reason were used Sunday, Oct. 10 by Oakland County Sheriff's Department deputies as they convinced a Commerce Township man to come off a ledge rather than commit a public suicide.

According to sheriff's department reports, deputies responded to a call in the 1200 block of Saratoga at 10:15 p.m. Sunday night on a report of a suicidal man. When they got to the scene they found a 29-year-old man standing on a home's second-story balcony. The man had an extension cord wrapped around his neck and was threatening to jump.

An Oakland County Sheriff's Department negotiator was able to talk the man down from the ledge and convince him to surrender. He was transported to a nearby hospital for evaluation.