

Would-be jumper talked down from bridge between Jersey City, Kearny

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Authorities yesterday successfully ended an hours-long standoff with a man who had been threatening to jump of the Lincoln Highway Bridge.

The Hudson County Sheriff's Office identified the man as a Jersey City resident in his mid-30s. He was taken to Jersey City Medical Center-Barnabas Health for evaluation, Sheriff Frank Schillari said yesterday at the scene.

The standoff lasted from just after 11 a.m. until the would-be jumper was secured at 2:10 p.m.

The incident created a traffic quagmire in the area for about three hours as a result of the bridge, which connects Jersey City and Kearny, being closed.

Two negotiators from the Sheriff's Office talked the man down with help from the Jersey City Police Department. The man's relatives also were on the scene.

The Jersey City Fire Department, State Police Marine Units, Jersey City Medical Center-Barnabas Health and Kearny Police Marine Units assisted.

The bridge was renamed for Jersey City Police Officers Shawn Carson and Robert Nguyen whose vehicle accidentally plunged into the Hackensack River on Christmas night 2005 while the drawbridge was raised.