

PALM BEACH COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

RIC L. BRADSHAW, SHERIFF



INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM
District 8 - Wellington

TO: Lieutenant Shaivitz

DATE: June 10, 2014

FROM: Sergeant Ronald Thaeter

SUBJECT: Public Safety Committee
for Wellington Top Cop

On January 5, 2014, at approximately 8:34 pm, Deputy Robert Kovach #7433 and Deputy Charles Rhoads #8824 responded to a suicidal male with a noose tied around his neck threatening to jump from a third story balcony. The male was under the influence of narcotics and not willing to negotiate. Deputy Rhoads worked with Deputy Kovach and set up a distraction so they could grab the male and pull him in. This was done quickly and successfully. Once the male was pulled onto the landing the noose tightened around his neck and had to be cut off urgently. The male was secured and taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Without the bravery, professionalism, and composure the deputies showed, this suicidal male may have jumped to his untimely death.