



BOONE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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Media Release

Incident: Suicidal subject
Location: Maryland Avenue parking garage
Date & time: 5-26-08 @ 1145
Case Number: 08-3116

Details;

On 5-26-08 at 1145 hours Deputies with the Boone County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to investigate a report of a juvenile who escaped from the Mid-Missouri Mental Health Center (Mid-Mo). While responding to the area to locate the juvenile, deputies were informed that staff from Mid-Mo located the juvenile on top of the Maryland Avenue parking garage.

The Sheriff's department requested assistance from the University of Missouri Police Department (MUPD) and the Columbia Police Department. The Columbia Fire Department was also dispatched to the scene. Officers from all agencies shut down access to the parking garage and areas around the parking garage.

An officer with MUPD made contact with the juvenile on the top level of the garage. The juvenile was sitting on the edge of a wall with his feet dangling over the edge. While the officer was negotiating the juvenile stood up on the wall, placing his feet at the edge. The officer continued to try and talk the juvenile into climbing down onto the parking surface.

The negotiating officer finally convinced the juvenile to step down onto the parking surface. Negotiations continued with the juvenile. The negotiating officer and a deputy were able to move within about 15 feet of the juvenile. After a few more minutes of negotiation, the juvenile moved closer to the negotiating officer and the deputy.

This placed the juvenile within about 6 feet of the negotiating officer and the deputy. After a few minutes, the juvenile's attention shifted to another officer. This allowed the negotiating officer and deputy a window of opportunity to detain the juvenile. The negotiating officer and deputy rushed forward and took the juvenile into custody.

The juvenile was then transferred back to the custody of the staff at Mid-Mo.

Release date & time: 5-26-08 @ 1445
Release authorized by: Sgt. Micheal Perkins