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Trooper Saves Suicidal Subject From The Sammamish River

King County: At approximately 6:30pm on March 21, 2018, the Washington State Patrol received a report of a male in his 20s walking in the roadway and trying to get into vehicles on SR 202 near NE 145th St in Woodinville.

Trooper Kevin Thomson arrived a short time later and observed the subject walking in the road on the overpass that spans the Sammamish River. Trooper Thomson contacted the individual and was guiding him out of the road and off of the overpass when the subject broke away, ran to the bridge railing and jumped 30 feet down into the river.

Trooper Thomson immediately ran down the embankment at the beginning of the bridge jumped into the river and pulled the subject out of the river and up the embankment. Trooper Thomson observed the subject was bleeding heavily from his head and began administering first aid until other units and the fire department arrived. The subject was transported to Harborview Medical Center for treatment to include a mental health evaluation. The individual was identified as a 20 year old male from Lynnwood.



Location of Incident

Trooper Thomson's actions are a great example of how Washington State Patrol troopers go above and beyond in the performance of their daily jobs. Clearly without the quick actions and decisive decisions by Trooper Thomson this incident would have ended with the loss of a life. GREAT JOB Trooper Thomson!

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