



## Vacaville Police Department

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## *Press Release*

**Today's Date:** April 30, 2013  
**Date & Time Occurred:** April 30, 2013 at 9:48 a.m.  
**Submitted By:** Sgt. Kim Humbert  
**Phone:** 707-449-5200  
**Case Number:** 13-02855  
**Type of Crime/Incident:** Suicide Attempt / water rescue  
**Location:** 50 Nut Tree Road  
**Victim:** 18 year old Vacaville woman

### **Narrative:**

On April 30, 2013 at 9:48 a.m., a packet of letters was delivered to the Vacaville Police Youth Services office per the directions of the victim, who is a high school senior. The envelope was supposed to be given to Sgt. Humbert, but in her absence, it was given to Officer Joe Curtis. Upon viewing the contents, Officer Curtis quickly realized that the letters were suicidal "good bye" letters and there was information about a location by the old baseball park near the Vacaville airport as being where the victim could be located. Officers Joe Curtis and Matt Adame instantly drove to the area, found the victim's vehicle in a nearby parking lot and began a search of the area for her. When they did not immediately locate her, they asked for additional units and air support from the California Highway Patrol to expand the search.

Within 20 minutes of finding her car, several officers who were searching the area startled the young woman from her hiding spot and she ran across a field at the end of the airport runway and over a barbed-wire topped fence into the SID canal area and began running along the canal. She was in possession of a knife and had cut her arm while running from the officers. Officers Matt Adame and Ron Jacobson also went over the fence and ran after the victim. She then suddenly jumped into the canal and began swimming toward the other side.

During this same time, Sgt. Humbert had entered the access road alongside the canal and was driving toward the three when the victim jumped into the water. The CHP helicopter was also overhead watching the event as it unfolded. When the sergeant arrived, the victim was refusing the officers' directives to swim back to them. The helicopter landed on the access road on the other side of the canal so realizing she had no where left to go, the victim began swimming back to the Vacaville officers. When she reached the edge, Officer Adame and Sgt. Humbert pulled her from the canal and she was detained without further incident.

The woman was transported to a local hospital for medical treatment prior to being taken to a crisis center. One officer received treatment for a minor laceration to his hand which he sustained during the pursuit.

The Vacaville Police Department wishes to extend a special thank you to the CHP helicopter crew for their assistance in being able to quickly secure the opposite bank of the canal.

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Their presence prevented this event from continuing and allowed us to get this young woman to further services.