



SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT



NEWS RELEASE

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DETECTIVES SAVE LIFE OF 14-YEAR-OLD GIRL ATTEMPTING SUICIDE

Detectives Juan Montiel and Michelle Miller are credited with saving the life of a desponded 13-year-old girl. The detectives responded to a radio call of a female attempting to jump off the 5 Freeway overpass above Grand St. The officers saw the young girl seated on the edge of the freeway, her back to Grand St. The detectives who were in plain clothes approached the girl and asked if she needed help. The girl identified them as police officers and leaned back. As she started falling Det. Montiel dove and was able to grab hold of her leg. The girl was combative and attempted to force his hand off by scratching it. Det. Miller reached over and they were then able to bring her back onto the freeway.

It is unknown why the girl attempted to commit suicide. She was transported to a local hospital for psychological evaluation and treatment.

**AVAILABLE TO MEDIA: INTERVIEWS WITH DET. MILLER
AND MONTIEL BY APPOINTMENT.**

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