



SAUSALITO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE:

**SAUSALITO POLICE OFFICERS SAVE
THE LIFE OF SUBJECT ATTEMPTING TO COMMIT SUICIDE**

For immediate release:

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On Tuesday, May 14, 2019, at approximately 3:10 PM, the Sausalito Police Department received a report of a female attempting to hang herself inside of a vehicle parked in the 100 block of Girard Ave.

Corporal Francisco Padilla and Officer Sean Smagalski arrived on scene at approximately 3:13 PM and discovered a 29-Year old female sitting in the front passenger seat of a locked Honda Accord. The female tied a cell phone charging cable to the Honda's overhead hand grip located by the front passenger side door window and then wrapped the cord around her neck in an attempt to hang/strangle herself. The female appeared to be unconscious, was non-responsive, and was not breathing.

Working together, Corporal Padilla and Officer Smagalski shattered the front passenger's door window with a window punch tool and quickly confirmed that the female was unconscious and not breathing. Corporal Padilla and Officer Smagalski then used a knife to cut the charging cord and freed the female from hanging. Upon the cord being cut, the female immediately began to breathe and regained consciousness.

Corporal Padilla and Officer Smagalski provided first aid to the female until medics from the Southern Marin Fire Protection District arrived. The female was later transported to the hospital and placed on an evaluation hold per 5150 of California's Welfare and Institution Code.

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