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Death Investigation

We regret to inform you a 46-year-old man appears to have taken his own life today at the trestle near Soquel Drive and Spreckels Drive. The Sheriff's Office received several calls today around 10am and located the decedent, hanging from the trestle.

At the request of the Sheriff's Office, the fire department removed the decedent's body. A ladder truck was initially brought to the site but was unable to reach the decedent. The fire department rappelled to the decedent and safely removed his body. Due to the safety concerns for first responders and lack of available equipment, the decedent could not be removed quickly.

Initially, traffic congestion and safety were not interrupted. Around 1230 hours, the road at Soquel drive and Spreckels Drive was temporarily shut down as traffic was starting to slow as people gathered in the area.

Sheriff's Coroner's will be conducting the death investigation. The Sheriff's Office is not releasing the name of the decedent at this time.

Our thoughts go out to the family of the decedent.

If you are or you know someone struggling with depression, there resources available in Santa Cruz County. There are walk in hours at the Emeline Clinic M-F 8am-5pm. Telecare Psychiatric Health Facility is open 24 hours a day. There is also more information available on the county's website.

<http://www.santacruzhealth.org/HSAHome/HSADivisions/BehavioralHealth/AdultMentalHealthServices.aspx>

Sergeant Brian Cleveland

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