

## **Office of Ross County Sheriff**

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## **News Release**

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Sheriff Lavender reports that his office was called to the south bound lanes of the Bridge Street Bridge just South of U.S. 35 today at approximately 2:50 p.m. The call was in reference to a male subject threatening to jump.

Deputies arrived and identified the man as 61 year old Jerry L. Shepherd of Cooks Hill Road. Mr. Shepherd said that he was upset over recently being charged with a misdemeanor assault. Deputies tried talking with Mr. Shepherd to get him away from the side of the bridge, but were unsuccessful, after attempts of talking to Mr. Shepherd failed Deputies were able to physically get control of him and get him safely away from the side of the bridge.

Mr. Shepherd was taken by squad to Adena Regional Medical Center for a medical and mental health evaluation.