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POLICE ASSIST MAN SUFFERING FROM BEHAVIORAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

On Saturday, 05/22/2021, Morristown Police were called to Market Street on a report of a man sitting on a ledge at the top of a building. Upon arrival, Officer Bruce LaFera noticed that a man was sitting on the roof 45 Market Street, a five-story apartment building. The man was sitting with his legs dangling over the side the building and was in a precarious position. As additional officers arrived and began to work their way to the roof of the building, Officer LaFera engaged the man in conversation and was ultimately able to convince him to step back from the ledge and away from danger.

Upon investigation, Officer LaFera determined that this individual, a 20 year-old man from Sussex, New Jersey, was suffering from a behavioral health emergency. The man was transported to Morristown Medical Center by Atlantic Ambulance for a mental health screening without any further incident.

For those experiencing any sort of behavioral crisis or emergency, a 24 hour hotline is available through Saint Clare's Health at 973-625-6160.