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### **Heroics of Newport News Deputy Sheriff Saves Life**

On Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at approximately 2:15 p.m., witnesses saw a man dangling from the 9th floor balcony of a high-rise apartment complex in downtown Newport News. One of those witnesses was off-duty Newport News Deputy Sheriff Ricardo Donato who ran to lend assistance as soon as he heard the sounds of panicked screams. Donato said there were two women doing their best to hold onto the man. The deputy quickly grabbed the man by his waistline and belt and pulled him to safety.

It is not clear whether this was a suicide attempt or the results of an accident that left the man suspended high above the ground.

If not for the quick actions of Deputy Ricardo Donato, this man could have fallen to his death. Donato's actions were commended by the property manager in a letter of appreciation. 🌟



(NNSO 2012 file photo of Dep. R. Donato)

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