Police talk man out of jumping off overpass

Farmington Hills police officers talked a 19-year-old Farmington Hills man from a suicide attempt on Grand River bridge over the I-275

a suicide attempt on Grand River bridge over the 1-275 expressave? The man called 911 about 3:20 p.m. Monday, from a pay phone outside Alfoccino Restaurant on Grand River ond told the dispatcher that the vanted to "and it all," according to a police report. The toil the dispatcher that he planned to jump off the bridge and asked the dis-patcher to call his mother to may he's serry and that he loved her. The man had already loft when police arrived at the freataurant. They did find him, however, at the bridge stitting down, holding onto the railings and leaning over. He warned the officer and Goble, David Kemp, Kwaid Goble, David Kemp, Kuaid Goble, Baut, B

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In charge: new City Manager Steve Brock, seen here talking to people at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena, has been overseeing the Special Services Department as well as being assistant city manager in recent months.

ties, a councilwoman said. "Who knows? Ho might not like all the pressure," Nancy Bates said. During tho study session, Brock scribbled notes and stopped to scratch his neck while council members talked Terms of the one-year contract still have to be negotiated, Brock said Tuesday. "It will all work itself out nice-year, but a year is enough time to solidify mysoif. If i wero brand new, I might think diffe-ently. Yoe been here 10 years."

years. The council's review after six months may benefit both par-

III 'I'm pleased with the show of support. I think it will be good for everybody. It will be a smooth transition ... I will not let them down.'

> Steve Brock —Farmington Hills city manager



Terry Sever

land preservation and teen issues. Many things council set out to do have been accomplished, which is prompting him to not to seek re-election, he said. Sever's political aspirations haven't waned, theugh. Two years ago, he ran in the GOP special primary to fill the 16th District Senate set vacated by David Honigman. Willis Bullard won the primary and the elec-tion.



lot of our needs are not being addressed and a lot of funding seems to be going elsewhere," Sever said.

next step. "I think we all feel ... that a

Sever said. Other communities such as Novi are getting county help for courthouse expansion, Sever said. Road money has also fil-tered north to Rochester and Auburn Hills and not here, he added.

Added. "They would like to see the community issues addressed and they'd like to see less in terms of positions and party politics." Sever said. Sever, 47, doesn't follow the popular line about the county going to an independent authori-ty to oversee the mental health services.

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Ho thinks the county should
keep tabs on how its \$165 mil;
lion is spent for care.
'I believe when you're spending that kind of the money - taxpayer's money - I believe there
should be some accountability by
olected officials, "Sever said.
Ho's also not sold that a tax or
surcharge is the only way to pay
for upgrades to emergency 9-1-1
equipment, either.
The county budget had a surplus of \$11 million last year.
Money could come from there
instead, he said.
'I don't think you need to go to
voters for a tax increase," he
said.
He commends County Execu-









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