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News Release

Leroy D. Baca, Sheriff

Classification : Suicide Threat

Incident Date : 11-06-12

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Incident Time : 9AM

Lancaster Station received a call of a distraught man who was threatening to commit suicide shortly after 9 Tuesday morning.

The caller said that the man claimed he was armed with a shotgun and was driving his van out to the desert, where he planned to commit suicide. Using the GPS signal from the distraught man's cell phone, it was determined that the man was somewhere in the Antelope Acres area.

Using the city of Lancaster's, Law Enforcement Aerial Platform System or "LEAPS" equipped aircraft, Lancaster Station's Watch Deputy quickly located the van which was driving north on 110th Street west from Avenue L and directed the responding ground units to the van's location. Once on scene, the ground units stopped the van on 110th Street West near Avenue I. Deputies quickly learned that the man was very distraught however, he was not armed. The man was transported to a local hospital for a physiological evaluation.

Lancaster Station Captain, Bob Jonsen, commented that by using the LEAPS airplane we were able to save countless man hours and valuable resources searching for the vehicle. He added that he was very pleased that incident ended safely.

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