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## **CHP Helicopter Rescues a Man From A Pacifica Cliff**

**Pacifica, San Mateo, CA** – At approximately 1540 hrs., CHP Helicopter H-30 was requested by the North County Fire District to respond to Mori Point and assist them with a cliff rescue. The location of this incident was approximately 75 feet up from the beach where a male was clinging to a sheer cliff wall. A male in his 20's attempted to climb the cliff from the beach when he became stranded and unable to move. He was approximately 300 feet from the top of the cliff and access to the man was extremely difficult and hazardous due to the steep terrain and no access points for a rope rescue.

The North County Fire District began to set up a rope system but due to the location of the man it was determined that a helicopter rescue would be the safest and fastest way to remove the man from the cliff. Helicopter 30 arrived overhead and assessed the situation. At the time of the rescue there were high winds and moderate rainfall. CHP Officer/Pilot McAuley maneuvered H-30 into a 75 foot hover over the scene as CHP Officer/Paramedic Bouyea was hoisted down by CHP Officer Koyl to the male. CHP Officer/Paramedic Bouyea placed the man into a rescue harness and they were hoisted to H-30. H-30 flew the man to a nearby landing zone where he was transferred from the helicopter to awaiting Pacifica Police Officers and North County Fire personnel.

The California Highway Patrol Golden Gate Division Air Operations unit, based at the Napa County Airport, operates four aircraft (two airplanes and two helicopters) which patrol the 9 Bay Area Counties, approximately 6,923 square miles that is home to a residential population of more than 7 million people. The helicopter is routinely staffed with a CHP Officer/Pilot and a CHP Officer/Paramedic. The helicopter is equipped with a rescue hoist that has 165 feet of cable that can lift patients and/or rescuers, with a cumulative weight up to 500 pounds.

A video of this rescue can be located on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/pue1Ta3YLEw>

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