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On Sunday January 21, 2007 at approximately 10:30 pm the Webster Police received a call regarding a male who was threatening suicide. The calling party stated Jeffery Mantha Jr. made statements about jumping in front of a train and was now heading toward the train tracks near North Main St. The caller also stated Mantha had knowledge of the train schedule and had made threats in the past.

Dispatcher Lynskey contacted P&W railroad and confirmed a train was due to pass through the area any minute. The train was stopped at the Webster Line.

Officer Steven Cacciapouti spotted the subject Jeffery Mantha Jr. next to the railroad tracks near Mill St. Mr. Mantha then ran toward the nearby French River and threatened to jump in. Officer Joseph Brooks and Officer Cacciapouti were able to talk Mr. Mantha away from the river's edge to safety.

Mr. Mantha was later transported by Webster EMS to Harrington Hospital. Also assisting were Officers Johnson and Young Jr