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Man Jumps into Bay Waters in an Apparent Suicide Attempt

At about 2:30 p.m. this afternoon police and fire rescue units responded to a call near the Mahaffey Theater, 400 First Street South, regarding a man who had jump into the water and appeared to be drowning.

According to witnesses they observed a white male, believed to in his 50's disrobing near the Dali Museum.

The man, now nude, then ran across Bayshore Blvd to the seawall where he stood on top of the railing, made the sign of the cross and jumped into the water. Witnessses also said that they heard him yell some comment about "giving up".

The man proceeded out to about fifty yards from shore and began bob underwater, eventually going limp face down. A passing boater pulled the man into his boat and brought him to Demens Landing where paramedics began resuscitation efforts.

The man was transported to Bayfront Medical Center where he was listed in critical condition. He has been tentatively identified as a 52 year old transient known to frequent the downtown area.

Next of kin have not yet been notified.

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