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The body of a Houma man was recovered early Tuesday morning after he jumped off the Prospect high rise bridge, Sheriff Vernon Bourgeois said.

TPSO received a 911 call from a motorist at approximately 11:30 p.m. who reported that while driving on the bridge, he observed a subject, partially clothed sitting on the bridge ledge. A patrolman and an off-duty detective responded to the call and arrived within one minute of the dispatch. Upon the arrival of the two officers, they observed a male subject wearing only boxer shorts, sitting at the top of the bridge on the ledge. When the subject observed the officers, he stood up and immediately dived head first into the waterway beneath him.

Water patrol rescue boats from TPSO and HPD along with volunteers from the Village East Fire Department immediately responded and attempted to recover the subject. The current forced the subject's body underwater. The search continued until the subject's body was found at approximately 2:10 a.m. in the Intracoastal Waterway.

The subject was identified as Kendall Cheramie, 51, of 45 Killarney Loop. According to family members and acquaintances, Cheramie was an alcoholic, suffered from depression and had made suicidal threats before.

An autopsy is being conducted today at the Terrebonne Parish Morgue.

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