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MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

Motor Carrier Officer And Victim's Dog Rescues Man From Ice

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GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY, MI. On Thursday, January 18, 2024, at approximately 11:45 a.m. Michigan State Police Motor Carrier Officer (MCO) Kammeron Bennetts responded to call of a 65-year-old Traverse City man that had fell through the ice in Arbutus Lake in East Bay Township. Bystanders on the shore called 911 after witnessing the man fall through the ice.

MCO Bennetts arrived on scene and quickly took control of the situation. He grabbed the rescue disc from the back of his patrol vehicle and went out on the ice. MCO Bennetts saw the man in the frozen water. Next to the man was his dog, Ruby. MCO Bennetts could not reach the man due to the ice conditions. He asked the man to send Ruby over to him. Ruby ran to MCO Bennetts. MCO Bennetts attached the rescue disc to Ruby's collar and told the man to call his dog. Ruby ran back to his owner with the rescue disc. MCO Bennetts instructed the man to take the disc from Ruby and start kicking his legs. MCO Bennetts was assisted by a firefighter from Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department as they pulled the man to safety. The man was transported by ambulance to Munson Medical Center for treatment and later released.

The quick actions of MCO Bennetts along with the help from Ruby, they were able to perform a successful ice rescue. The man was in the water for approximately 16 minutes.

Responding agencies included East Bay Township EMS, Grand Traverse County Sheriff's Office, and Grand Traverse Metro Fire Department.