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Army Sergeant Plunges Off Key Bridge to Death

The body of an Army master sergeant assigned to the Defense Intelligence Agency at the Pentagon who plunged to his death from Key Bridge Friday afternoon was found by Navy divers at 9 p.m. Friday.

The man was identified as John Thomas Ewart of 1646 LaSalle ave., McLean, a veteran of 26 years of Army service.

Motorists told police they saw Sgt. Ewart, in uniform "tightrope walking" on the bridge railing about 3 p.m.

They said he slipped and fell into the Potomac. After a six-hour search by boats from the Harbor Patrol and Navy divers he was found in 12 feet of water, 25 feet from the Virginia shore.

Lt. Col. Donald E. Gelke of the Army Public Information Office at the Pentagon said he was not at liberty to give information on Sgt. Ewart's duties with the Defense Intelligence Agency. Sgt. Ewart is survived by his wife, Mildred, and a daughter, Sue.