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Niagara Falls jumper says he wants to live after fall

By Carolyn Thompson
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NIAGARA FALLS, Ontario — The man who walked away virtually unharmed from a plunge over Niagara Falls said he had been suicidal, but the experience made him want to live.

The comments contradict authorities' statements suggesting Kirk Jones was simply a daredevil — the latest in a long line who have sought to conquer Niagara Falls over the last century.

Jones, 40, remained hospitalized in good condition Wednesday. In a note to a fellow patient who was released from the hospital, Jones said life has much to offer.

"When you are feeling down, just remember the power of the Niagara," said the handwritten note, which Brandon Steward said was given to him by Jones.

In a telephone interview with ABC News, Jones said he did not want to go on living when he climbed over a guardrail and into the churning Niagara River on Monday. "But I can tell you now after hitting the falls I feel that life is worth living," he said.

The Canton, Mich., native is the only person known to have survived a plunge over the falls without a safety device. Others have ridden in barrels or other protection; a 7-year-old boy wearing a life preserver survived in 1960.

Inspector Paul Forcier said the incident was not being treated as a suicide, but Jones was undergoing a psychiatric evaluation.

Forcier said police were reviewing a videotape shot by a

friend who accompanied Jones to the park. Jones will be charged with mischief and unlawfully performing a stunt and could be fined the U.S. equivalent of about \$7,600, Forcier said.

Family and friends have said Jones had been considering the jump for years. Eric Fronck, 21, told ABC that his friend had discussed it in the past, but was driven to act by depression.

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"I think he just reached the point where whatever happened was the best plan for him," Fronck said. "If he made it, he might benefit with money. If he died, so be it."

— Kirk Jones
Niagara Falls survivor

Jones recently lost his job when his parents shut down the family business, which made tools for auto parts manufacturers. His father, Raymond Jones, told The Detroit News he had to lay off his son because of the economy.

If Jones was suicidal, he would not be the first survivor to experience a change of heart, a suicide expert said.

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Carter has more or less spent the season on the sideline leading many to question why he has not been on the field more. After all, Carter has averaged 15.3 yards per touch (37 yards per touch against Nebraska) and 18 yards per carry.

With his electrifying kick return against Nebraska on Saturday, there is no doubting Carter's athletic ability. With the

Aggie offense in need of a spark, especially in the absence of Jamaar Taylor, Carter could be the perfect fit.

Previously, it seemed a matter of how to get him in the game with Derek Farmer and Courtney Lewis crowding the backfield, and Terrence Murphy and Taylor at wide receiver. However, Saturday Carter should get plenty of chances to show he belongs on the field when the Aggies will take on No. 18 Oklahoma State at 2:30 p.m. at Kyle Field.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Video shows Columbine gunmen

GOLDEN, Colo. — A videotape of the Columbine High School gunmen laughing and shooting at trees and bowling pins six weeks before they killed 12 classmates and a teacher was released to the public Wednesday.

"Imagine that in someone's (expletive) brain," one of the teens says.

The tape of Eric Harris and

Dylan Klebold, who committed suicide after the rampage on April 20, 1999, shows at least four different weapons, including automatic rifles, shotguns and a pistol.

Clad in a trenchcoat, Klebold at one point holds a sawed-off shotgun and shoots from the hip at a pin wedged between two tree limbs. He and Harris then look at a bullet-shredded tree trunk.

Harris also blows across the muzzle of a shotgun like a gunslinger.



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