

Intoxicated cruise-goer rescued from water

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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - FBI officials said a man who was rescued after he plunged from a cruise ship that departed from Fort Lauderdale, Fla., appeared to be heavily intoxicated.

FBI spokeswoman Judy Orihuela said Scott Durrin had been drinking with three friends for several hours Sunday on the Carnival Liberty when the group left the boat's casino area and tried to get into a lifeboat, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel reported Monday.

"He took the ax and started to chop at the ropes," Orihuela told the newspaper.

However, he was interrupted by the boat's assistant chief of security, who instructed him to exit the lifeboat.

"Then he jumped into the water," Orihuela said.

Durrin survived the 36-foot drop into the water and was rescued less than an hour later by a U.S. Coast Guard cutter that was in the area.

Petty Officer 1st Class Dana Warr told the Sun-Sentinel that Durrin was interviewed at the Coast Guard administration building in Dania Beach, Fla., and then taken to an area hospital.

Warr said Durrin "appeared to be quite intoxicated" and smelled of alcohol at the time of his rescue, the Sun-Sentinel reported.

The FBI is investigating the incident.

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