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### Facebook Offers Users Opportunity to Prevent Suicide

**Hagåtña, Guam** – DMHSA received the following information from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA):

SAMHSA and the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline are collaborating with Facebook to help those in crisis.

In partnership with the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention, Facebook is announcing a new service that harnesses the power of social networking and crisis support to help prevent suicides across the Nation . . . The new service enables Facebook users to report a suicidal comment they see posted by a friend to Facebook.

Users can go on the Help tab, and search for “**report suicidal content**”. A link will then appear which the user can click and follow. A series of questions will be solicited as shown below. This initiates the anonymous report.

facebook Search Settings Logout

#### Report Suicidal Content

IMPORTANT: If you have encountered a direct threat of suicide on Facebook, please immediately contact law enforcement or a suicide hotline.

Full name of the person who posted the content:

Please include the exact first and last name as it appears on Facebook

Web address (URL) leading to his/her profile or search listing:

Additional relevant information:

Submit Cancel

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The person reported for posting status or messages with suicidal content will immediately receive an email from Facebook encouraging them to call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (1-800-273-TALK or 8255) or to click on a link to begin a confidential chat session with a crisis worker.

As technological gadgets and advances had become a daily essential either for youth or adults, their developments and availability are also being used to advance our opportunities to prevent public health issues such as suicide.

For information on other local suicide prevention efforts, contact the DMHSA Prevention and Training Branch (PEACE office) at 671-477-9079 ~ 83.

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