

Brevard County authorities rescue sick sea turtle.

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Brevard County authorities rescued a distressed sea turtle... (Melbourne Police, Melbourne...)

Brevard County authorities thought they were heading out to the Indian River to save a distressed swimmer but upon closer inspection they realized an ailing sea turtle needed their help.

Marine units for [Melbourne](#) Police and the Brevard County Sheriff's Office received the call Tuesday morning about a human in trouble in the water.

But the flippers were a dead giveaway.

The distressed turtle bobbed up and down and couldn't submerge beneath the water.

Authorities called the Sea Turtle Preservation Society and learned the reptile would face certain death if they didn't rescue it.

Officers Kevin Palmeri, Amy Perez and Sgt. Byron Keck loaded the 200-pound turtle onto the boat and rode to shore where more rescuers were waiting.

Officials said the Loggerhead sea turtle will be taken to [SeaWorld Orlando](#) for rehabilitation.

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