

Pelican recovering after it's tangled in fishing line 70 feet above ground



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FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (WSVN) -- A pelican is recovering at the South Florida Wildlife Care Center after she got tangled in fishing line and then became stuck in a tree.

The Pelican is believed to have been dangling 60 to 70 feet in the air from a tree near the Dania Beach pier since at least Tuesday. Onlookers thought the bird was dead until they saw her moving on Thursday. "The guy told us it was up there on Tuesday when we were walking by," said Jennifer Lemus. "He told us it was caught by fishing line, and we just felt really bad for it because it's just like struggling for its life up there."

Hollywood Fire Rescue was able to save the pelican and transport her to the Wildlife Care Center. "It was pretty much exhausted. We were just able to cut her loose and put her in the cage without a fight," said Jim Reed of the Dania Beach Fire Rescue. "This is the first pelican I've ever rescued from a tree. I have two cats and one pelican to my credit."



The Wildlife Care Center has been rescuing animals in distress since 1969. They have a pot filled with debris including fishing line, sandwich bags, fishing hooks and arrows that has injured wildlife.

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