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DURHAM, N.H. -- University officials learned early Tuesday morning, March 1, 2011, that a male, believed to be a UNH student, had committed suicide by laying down in front of a moving train shortly after midnight.

The young man did not reside on campus, but preliminary information developed by investigators from the Durham Police Department suggests that he was a UNH student. More information will be released once his identity is confirmed by the New Hampshire Medical Examiner's Office.

“Our deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of this young man,” said UNH President Mark W. Huddleston. “The entire community extends its condolences to everyone affected by this tragedy and we urge any member of our community in need of support to reach out for help.”

The university’s crisis response team met Tuesday morning, and UNH counseling staff will be available to students who want to speak with someone. The UNH Counseling Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. during the week, and 24-hour help is available to anyone by calling 603-862-2090.