

# Catalyst Bouncer Stabbed In Heart

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A bouncer at the Catalyst is reported to be in stable condition today after he was stabbed in the heart while trying to evict two unruly patrons from the nightclub's music room Wednesday night.

The two suspects were apprehended by Catalyst employees and arrested by Santa Cruz Police on attempted murder charges. Both suspects were injured, one seriously, during a struggle with the Catalyst employees.

The injured bouncer, Dan Kakeldey, 24, underwent nearly three hours of surgery early this morning to repair damage to his heart. Thoracic surgeon Dr. Stanley Berman said Kakeldey's condition was "touch and go" when he was brought to the emergency room at Community Hospital following the 10:30 p.m. stabbing.

Dr. Berman said Kakeldey, a former baseball player at Harbor High School and Cabrillo College, is doing "pretty good" and is not expected to suffer any lasting heart damage.

According to Santa Cruz Police, bouncers at the Catalyst were contacted by a woman patron who complained that a drunk man was bothering her party at a table in the music room.

The bouncers escorted the man, later identified as Juan Pablo Nolazco, 29, of 344 Ocean St., to the back door, where, through an interpreter, they reportedly told him he could stay if he behaved.

According to Catalyst employees, Nolazco struck out at one of the bouncers so he was escorted out the back door.

Bouncer Ed Vogel told police that as he was ushering Nolazco out, he saw Kakeldey approached by another man, later identified as William Pena, 28, 221 Laurel St. Vogel said he heard Kakeldey say, "I think he's got a gun. He's got a knife."

Other employees pushed Pena out the door so neither he nor Nolazco could get back in. Vogel told police he was unaware Kakeldey had been stabbed, reportedly with a seven-inch Buck knife, until he heard Kakeldey say, "I'm bleeding, Ed. I'm bleeding bad." Fellow bouncer Jim Jones suffered a minor cut to his hand.

Kakeldey, according to Catalyst employees, staggered back into the music room and was helped to a front office while police and an ambulance were summoned.

Meanwhile, other bouncers searched the area for the suspects, whom they found in a car, preparing to leave a parking lot on Elm Street, said reports.

According to reports, one of the bouncers tried to open the car door to keep the

suspects from escaping, but was unable to get in, so he broke out the side window and windshield with a club he was carrying.

At that point, one of the suspects drew a knife and slashed out at the bouncers, according to police. Nolazco and Pena were both injured during the struggle before police arrived.

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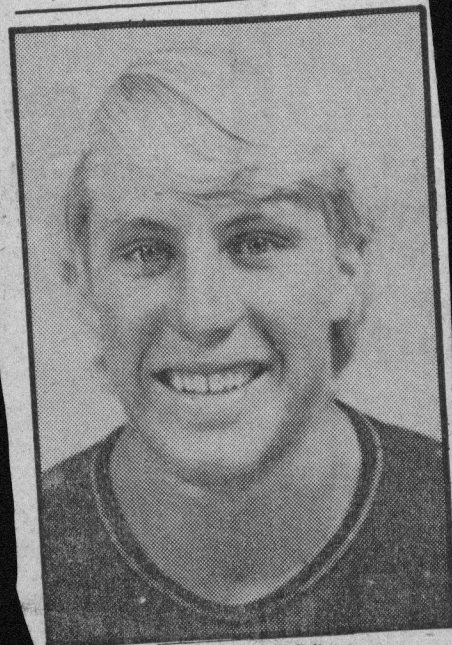
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Pena was treated at Dominican Hospital for injuries to his chest, nose, mouth and legs before he was booked into County Jail. Nolazco was admitted to the hospital for treatment of what police said were serious eye injuries.

According to police and the district attorney's office, no charges are contemplated against the bouncers.

The Sentinel's Greg Beebe also contributed to this report.



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