

# Placerville Police News Release



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## PLACERVILLE MAN ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER & ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON

### NEWS RELEASE

#### **Placerville Police Department**

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**Placerville, CA** – On January 23, 2025, at approximately 9:54 a.m., officers from the Placerville Police Department responded to a report of a stabbing near the El Dorado County Library. Security officers from the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office found an unhoused male victim lying next to the library. The victim reported that he had been attacked earlier that morning by a man with a knife.

The victim was transported to a local hospital for treatment of multiple lacerations to his head, chest, and hand. Fortunately, the victim had been wearing a heavy-duty leather jacket and investigators believe this prevented more serious life-threatening injuries.

Investigators identified the suspect as Jacob Gonzalez, an unhoused resident of Placerville, through surveillance footage from the library. The footage captured Gonzalez approaching the victim, who was sleeping next to the library at around 3:25 a.m. Gonzalez then attacked the victim with a knife. The victim woke up and tried to defend himself before fleeing the scene.

Placerville Police Officers, along with El Dorado County Sheriff's Deputies, began searching the area for Gonzalez. At approximately 10:48 a.m., the officers located Gonzalez near the In-N-Out Burger,

still in possession of the knife believed to have been used in the incident. He was taken into custody without further incident.

Jacob Gonzalez, who is on PCRS for other serious offenses, is being held without bail at the El Dorado County Jail on the following charges:

Penal Code 664/187 - Attempted Homicide

Penal Code 245 - Assault with a Deadly Weapon

Penal Code 3455 - Violation of Post-Release Community Supervision

This investigation is still ongoing. If anyone has additional information regarding this incident, please get in touch with the Placerville Police Department's Crime Reduction Team, Detective Pullman at (530) 642-5210

The Placerville Police Department extends our appreciation to the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office for their valuable collaboration with our officers.