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OWNER STABBED
BY
EMPLOYEE

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is investigating a stabbing that occurred at Corner Pizzeria located at 1040 Bayview Drive at approximately 4:00pm.

According to detectives, the owner of the business, Houd Zidan, 48, a Fort Lauderdale resident, was alone when a w/m wearing a hooded shirt and a cloth covering his face sneaked in through the back door. Zidan had his back to the door when the suspect began stabbing him several times with a steak knife.

As Zidan was trying to defend himself, he realized that the suspect was in fact a new employee of the pizzeria, Christian David Castillo, 22, a Fort Lauderdale resident. Although bleeding severely, Zidan was able to struggle with Castillo outside of the business, into the parking lot then onto a side street. Several witnesses observed the incident and called 911 to alert police and EMS.

Officers arrived on scene and located both suspect and victim. Zidan was rushed to Broward General Medical Center and Castillo was transported to the detective bureau where he gave a statement to detectives.

Detectives stated Castillo was upset because he felt Zidan disrespected him when he complained about unsatisfactory cleaning skills. Zidan is expected to make a full recovery. Castillo has been charged with Attempted Murder.



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