



# **HAWTHORNE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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HPD CASE 09-5531

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Hawthorne Police are investigating an attempted murder that occurred in a crowded fitness gym. A suspect has been arrested after he allegedly stabbed another gym member in a brazen attack at a local fitness center.

The stabbing occurred on Wednesday April 8, 2009 around 9 am, at the Bally's Fitness Gym, located at 5005 W. El Segundo Blvd., Hawthorne

The victim was sitting on the incline chest press machine when, without provocation, a male suspect approached and began stabbing the victim numerous times. The stunned and injured victim staggered back to the locker room where the suspect followed and continued to stab the victim. Several gym members (witnessing the incident) intervened and prevented the suspect from further stabbing the victim.

The suspect walked to the front of the gym and calmly waited for the police to arrive. He was arrested and the weapon (steak knife) was taken as evidence. Hawthorne Police are still investigating what the motive may have been. The victim was taken to a local hospital where his condition is listed as extremely critical.

We are looking for anyone with information that may assist in the investigation to call the Hawthorne Police Department Detective Bureau at 310-349-2700

Arrested: Edward Littlejohn, 42 yrs old, Hawthorne

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