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Stabbing at Blue Sky Bar in New Market

On Wednesday evening, August 8, 2018, Deputies and EMS were dispatched at 8:26 pm, to the Blue Sky Bar on Old National Pike in New Market for a reported stabbing. Deputies arrived at 8:30 pm and found a stabbing victim, being attended to, and the assailant being restrained by bar staff and patrons.

Investigation has revealed that the bar owner, Mark Paxton, Male 56 of New Market, had approached the assailant identified as, Alexander Astudillo, Male 33 of New Market, because he had been interacting with wait staff in an inappropriate manner. A verbal argument escalated with Astudillo stabbing Paxton in the abdomen.

Bar staff and patrons then struggled to gain control of the knife and Astudillo before deputies arrived on the scene.

EMS evaluated both Paxton and Astudillo and determined both needed to be transported to the University of Maryland Shock Trauma for treatment of their injuries. Injuries to Astudillo are believed to have been sustained during the struggle with staff and patrons prior to the arrival of deputies.

On Thursday afternoon, Astudillo was released from Shock Trauma and taken into custody by deputies and transported to the Frederick County Adult Detention Center and served with an arrest warrant for 1st and 2nd Degree Assault and Reckless Endangerment. Astudillo remains at the Detention Center on No Bond.

Late Thursday afternoon the victim, Mark Paxton, was listed in stable condition at the Shock Trauma Center. Investigation continues.