

Christmas Tree Lane stabbing suspect bails from jail By Paula Lloyd - The Fresno Bee By Paula Lloyd The Fresno Bee Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 | 12:41 PM

Nicolas Allen Prado bailed out of the Fresno County Jail at 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, a day after the Fresno 20-year-old was booked on suspicion of assault with a deadly weapon in connection with a stabbing at Christmas Tree Lane. Jail records indicate Prado was released on bond. His bail was set at \$25,000. Prado is scheduled to appear in court for a bond hearing Jan. 12. The charge against Prado means he was not eligible for early release because of jail overcrowding. Capt. Rick Hill, the jail commander, said early releases from the jail because of reduced staffing continue. The jail capacity is 2,427. Hill said 45 inmates were released this morning and 47 Wednesday morning. That's about the average daily release, he said. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office said Prado was arrested Tuesday at his home in the 3500 block of North Fruit Avenue, just over a mile from where the stabbing allegedly took place Dec. 13. Sheriff's spokesman Chris Curtice said the stabbing happened in front of families taking part in the annual walk along the stretch Van Ness Avenue decorated elaborately for the Christmas holiday. A large group of people got into a fight near Van Ness Avenue and Griffith Way, Curtice said. One person was stabbed and several people fled. Prado was identified as the assailant by witnesses, Curtice said.

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