

# No Madge-ic touch on bail for Paciello

Tuesday, August 19th 2008, 4:00 AM Brooklyn-mobster-turned-Miami-clubking Chris Paciello desperately

reached out to former flame Madonna for bail money after his arrest in L.A. on Sunday, we hear.

A rep for Madonna couldn't confirm Monday that Paciello had pleaded with Her Madgesty to front him \$50,000 after he was busted on felony assault charges for allegedly beating up a man in West Hollywood.



McMu Madonna and Chris Paciello

Paciello, through a rep, denies asking Madonna or his buddy Kevin Connolly, of "Entourage" fame, for bail money.

Fortunately for Paciello, another friend helped him make bail. But a source says Paciello is now "freaking out," worried that the arrest could scuttle his plans to open two restaurants and that he could end up back behind bars. Paciello, whose real name is Christian Luzwigsen, pleaded guilty in 2000 to homicide and armed robbery.

Paciello, also linked in the past with Naomi Campbell, Jennifer Lopez and Niki Taylor, escaped hard time in that case by ratting out associates. Since coming out of witness protection, he's been back in the L.A. fast lane.

On Saturday, he was at L.A.'s Les Deux nightclub when he got into a confrontation between L.A. Clipper Cuttino Mobley and a fellow ex-con and club denizen Will Wright.

Paciello was still steamed at Wright later that night when he called nightclub impresario Reza Roohi and asked if he wanted to have a bite.

Roohi says he was riding in Paciello's car when "Chris gets a call. He said, 'I gotta go talk to this guy [Wright] and clear the air."

Roohi says Paciello drove to the corner of Sunset and San Vicente, where he got out to speak with Wright. "I hop in the driver's seat to pull the car into a nearby gas station when I see [Will] has a knife," says Roohi, who says that Wright made a threat and raised the knife.

"So Chris hit Will in the face and started to get in the passenger side of the car," says Roohi. "I put the car in reverse to help Chris, and Will ends up stabbing the hood."

Wright told cops Paciello pummeled him and Roohi drove the car into him, leaving him with injuries that required 15 stitches. Roohi, held on charges of assault with a deadly weapon, tell us: "I did not hit him." Roohi was released on \$30,000 bail.

Wright's lawyer, Ron Richards, says it was his client who acted in self-defense. "Paciello threatened to kill him, so he had a knife," Richards says.

Wright was last in the news when he allegedly got mixed up with the 2004 burglary and extortion case involving "Girls Gone Wild" pornmeister Joe Francis. Wright was not charged with any crime.

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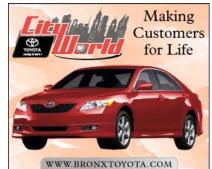
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