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Another Badly Cut In Knifing at Dance

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Fermin Aguilar, 55-year-old Mexican beet laborer on the Louis Spevak farm, was killed by a knife wound at approximately 1 a. m. last Sunday morning, during a Mexican dance at the Country Club. Aguilar died as a result of a knife wound through the ribs which penetrated the vital organs.

Another Mexican, Santos Gonzalez, was severely wounded in the thigh and was taken to the Wheatland hospital, where he is still being treated.

Following the report of the slaying at 1:45 a. m., Sheriff Joe Wickam, County Attorney W. B. Jones and County Coroner Stewart Dennis took charge of the case. A number of Mexicans known to have been at the dance were brought in for questioning, and four youths were detained on suspicion.

Nothing definite, however, was learned until late Monday afternoon, when Pedro Arrendondo, beet foreman on the W. H. Preuit farm, brought in a 22-year-old Mexican, Juan Garcia, who recently came here from Texas. Garcia confessed to wielding the death knife, but disclaimed any knowledge of Gonzalez' wound. The confession claimed self-defense as the reason for his action.

Garcia is being held without charge, as authorities are attempting to clear up several phases of the slaying before bringing the case to a hearing in Justice of Peace court.

Aguilar is survived by a half-brother, sister and four sons. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church Thursday morning at 10:30, with Father Ignatius officiating. Watson and Dennis were in