

90-Year-Old Driver Strikes Children Outside Menlo Park Pharmacy

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Police said a 90-year-old driver struck two children outside a Walgreens in Menlo Park on October 17, 2013. (CBS)

MENLO PARK (CBS SF) — Two 6-year-old twin boys were seriously injured when an elderly driver jumped a curb and pinned them against a wall in front of a pharmacy store in Menlo Park Thursday afternoon, according to police.

Around 2:15 p.m., a 90-year-old man driving in the 600 block of Santa Cruz Avenue veered onto a curb, pinning the two young children against a wall at the Walgreens at 643 Santa Cruz Ave., police said.

Ali Elsafy heard the commotion and rushed out to the scene to see the brothers seriously hurt, one of them still pinned against the wall. With the SUV still in drive, he and a few other men pushed the BMW to free the boy's arm.

"I can see his elbow is all broken and crushed. So I lifted the finger and I'm trying, waiting for that opportunity, that little window for the car just to back up a little bit," Elsafy told KPIX 5. "In a couple minutes, the car did back up and this is when I lifted his arm, and I just snatched the kid from the front of the car and I put him on the side."

Elsafy said he doesn't know how they were able to get the strength to move the car. "We all were pushing and I swear to you there was an angel in there," he said.

Emergency responders transported the children to Stanford Hospital. One child is being treated for injuries that are not believed to be life-threatening and the other is suffering critical, possibly life-threatening injuries, according to police.

A server at the restaurant next door told KPIX 5 the driver just finished lunch and got into his car to leave. Police said the elderly driver did not appear to be under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time of the collision. The 90-year-old man will be re-tested, to see if he is fit to drive.

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