

Medics defy a doc & save millionaire

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CITY paramedics brought a millionaire businessman back to life after a doctor had pronounced him dead at a Brooklyn shopping mall.

The physician scoffed while the Emergency Medical Service Paramedics battled to revive the 56-year-old Hewlett, L.I., man — who had no heartbeat or pulse.

"He looked dead, he was slightly bluish when we got there," said EMS technician Carl Tramontana.

Jack Pintchik, whose paint stores span the country, is now resting at Long Island College Hospital thanks to the "never say die" attitude of Tramontana and his partner, Ken Honig.

Pintchik had attended the pre-dedication party for the new Albee Square shopping mall in downtown Brooklyn Tuesday night when he collapsed — the victim of a massive heart attack.

The doctor, who was not identified, also was a guest at the party.

Transit police rescue squads began life-saving measures including cardiopulmonary resuscitation but there was no response when EMS arrived at the scene on Fulton Street.

"We were going to attempt advanced life support when the doctor told us he was dead," said Tramontana.

"But we continued setting up life support."

The doctor reentered the



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Persistent paramedics Carl Tramontana and Ken Honig (right) saved a Long Island man's life after a doctor ruled the victim had had a fatal heart attack.

picture when Tramontana started positioning an air tube down the patient's throat.

"He moved my hand to a position he thought was proper, but I told him to leave me alone," said the 25-year-old medic.

They administered emergency electrical shock and were starting to give Pintchik drugs to stimulate the heart when the doctor

interfered again.

"He told us to give the patient a drug that probably would have killed him," said Tramontana.

"The guy was telling us what to do and he was making sarcastic remarks that our procedures were no good."

The man appeared to be a real doctor.

"He knew drugs and at one point he was reading

the EKG chart and using very technical language."

Five minutes after the EMS paramedics began working on the man, a pulse and heartbeat were restored.

"I have never seen a more beautiful job," said Lt. Eli Smilen of the Transit Police.

Pintchik remained in serious condition in the Coronary Care Unit.