

Mare Island: Lives at risk

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inventories of some small wineries, as well as some private collections of rare wines.

U.S. Attorney McGregor Scott said Anderson started the fire to cover up for embezzling wine he was storing at the warehouse for clients. He said Anderson was selling the wine without permission.

"Mark Anderson put lives at risk to cover his tracks," Scott told reporters during a news conference.

The charges against Anderson include arson, tax evasion, mail fraud, using a fake name and interstate transportation of fraudulently obtained property. Scott said he did not expect anyone else to be charged in the warehouse blaze.

The indictment had been under seal since it was issued last Thursday by a federal grand jury in Sacramento. Anderson, 58, was arrested the next day at his home in Sausalito, a wealthy Marin County enclave across the Golden Gate Bridge from San Francisco.

He appeared Monday morning before a judge in San Francisco and will remain in San Francisco County Jail until a hearing scheduled for Thursday. He then will be transferred to Sacramento, where he is expected to enter a plea.

Anderson had been under investigation since the fire because he was at the warehouse when the blaze erupted and the fire began in the area where Anderson stored wine for his clients, Scott said.

Winemakers from Napa and Sonoma counties stored wine inside the warehouse, a former submarine repair facility. It was thought to be fire-proof because of its thick concrete walls and floors.

The building did not have sprinklers, helping the fire spread quickly. It heated the inside of the warehouse to about 2,000 degrees, cooking the wine in its bottles, said Vallejo Fire Department Chief Donald Parker.

Anderson, who owned a wine storage business named Sausalito Cellars, had been storing some of his wines at Wines Central but removed most of them after being asked to do so by business managers several months before the fire.

Douglas Rappaport, Anderson's attorney at the time, denied his client was involved in the blaze. Anderson would not have had any reason to damage the building because he had removed most of his wine, he said.

Rappaport is no longer representing Anderson. The federal public defender in Sacramento, Matthew Bockmon, declined to comment on the case Monday. Telephone calls Monday to Anderson's home and business went unanswered.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

TODAY

Baby Bounce 11 a.m. The Fairfield-Cordelia Library has story time for babies ages 1-18 months with songs, stories and fingerplays. There is no charge and no registration is necessary. 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

Veterans Diploma Ceremony Registration now open. The Solano County Office of Education will be offering high school diplomas with a graduation ceremony for veterans of World War II, Korean or Vietnam wars of a

Japanese-American citizen interned in a relocation camp who left high school without a diploma. Applications must be submitted by March 31 for a May 2007 ceremony. Info: 399-4407 or visit www.solanacoec.net.

WEDNESDAY

Fairfield-Suisun Newcomers Club 10 a.m. The Fairfield-Suisun Newcomers Club will be holding its monthly meeting in the multi-purpose room of the Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic

Center Drive, Fairfield. The guest speaker will be Col. Kevin Ryan. Info: 428-7421.

Fairfield Civic Center Library 11 a.m. to noon. Spanish story time, stories and songs in Spanish. Two groups, 0-2 and 3 and older. Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info: 421-6503 or www.solanalibrary.com.

Toddler Time 11 a.m. The Fairfield-Cordelia Library has story time for active toddlers ages 18 months to 3 years songs, stories and fingerplays. There is no charge and no registration is necessary. 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

Geranium City Garden Club 1:30 p.m. Fairfield Senior Center, 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 425-8177.

Moose Lodge Bingo 5:30 p.m. Quickies, 6:30 p.m. Early bird, 7 p.m. Regular bingo. \$10 pack games with a half-time prize drawing. Fairfield Moose Lodge, 623 Taylor St., Fairfield. Info: 422-3245.

COMING UP

Girls Empowering Girls After School Group 4 p.m. Thursday. A group where girls can talk openly to other girls about the issues and pressures of their lives. This is a free group that meets every Thursday. 1530 Webster St. Facilitated by Leslie Gay Solana, LCSW. Info: 425-6065.

LapSit Story time 11 a.m. Thursday. Songs, finger plays and stories for infants to 18 months. Fairfield Civic Center Library, 1150 Kentucky St. Info:

421-6503, www.solanalibrary.com

Epilepsy Support Group 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday. Epilepsy Foundation of California is offering a support group to help people with epilepsy discuss their concerns, share support and encouragement and learn about legislation, research and resources. Vaca Valley Health Plaza, 1010 Nut Tree Road, Suite 290 (2nd floor), Vacaville. Info: (800) 632-3532.

Food Addicts Anonymous (FA) Meeting 7-8:30 p.m. Friday. Meetings for individuals recovering from addictive eating, bulimia and undereating. Meetings are held every Friday. There are no dues, fees or weigh-ins. Kaiser Permanente, 3700 Vaca Valley Pkwy., Vacaville. Info: (800) 600-6028.

3-4-5 Jump 'n' Jive 11 a.m. Friday. Formally known as Preschool Storytime, Fairfield-Cordelia Library has an interactive program with stories, music, movement and crafts for children ages 3 and up. The program is to promote the "whole" child. There is no charge and no registration is necessary. 5050 Business Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 784-2680.

Wildlife Training 7:30-9 p.m. Friday. The Suisun Marsh Natural History Association will be training nature interpreters. Anyone interested in plants, animals, birds or Native American history is welcome. Non-members may take the course for \$20 which includes a one-year membership. Members will be charged a \$5 materials fee. 1171 Kellogg St., Suisun City. Info: 429-4295.

Charity Texas Hold 'Em Tournament 5 p.m. Saturday. The Green Valley



▲ **Boating Skills Course, 7 p.m. Wednesday.** The United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will be teaching its "Boating Skills and Seamanship" course at Adams Marine in Suisun City. The class will cover all aspects of boating with an emphasis on safety, navigation and local waterways. Info: 422-4413.

Reporter: Taliban claimed responsibility

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Just as we picked up speed, a huge fireball erupted in the convoy about 50 to 70 yards ahead of us. Black smoke billowed into the air while debris showered down. We pulled over and jumped out to seek safety behind a wall.

Flames engulfed the bomber's wrecked Toyota Corolla, flung next to a line of pine trees and tall aerials on the right side of the road. Other charred debris was strewn across the road and in nearby fields.

The black SUV at the head of the convoy bore the brunt of the blast, ending up on the left side of the road, some of its bullet-proof windows smashed and its front mangled. The two Suburbans behind it were also damaged.

One of the doors of the badly damaged SUV opened. An armed man got out, dazed and limping as he slumped next to

the rear right tire. Other guards jumped from the three SUVs, pointing their guns in a circle to guard against a potential ambush or second bomber.

A man was pulled from the front SUV and laid on the muddy ground. Some guards administered first aid as a crowd started gathering.

It was not clear who was in the convoy, but the embassy said Ambassador Ronald Neumann was not among them. A NATO spokesman, Col. Tom Collins, said the five wounded were security personnel for the embassy. He said one was seriously hurt. A 15-year-old boy passing by was killed, said Habis Arian, the district police chief.

A Taliban spokesman, Qari Yousef Ahmadi, said in a phone call to the AP that a Taliban militant from Khost province carried out the attack. The claim could not be independently verified.

Minutes after the blast,

Afghan security forces arrived with sirens wailing.

The guards from the convoy, joined by other U.S. personnel who raced up in more armored SUVs from the fortress-like embassy compound 2 miles down the road, did not want the Afghans getting close. Tempers flared and shouting broke out.

A shouting embassy man ran toward the Afghan intelligence service and took a camera from one of them as he filmed the blast scene from a distance.

Two other embassy guards confronted a two-man Italian TV crew and took their camera, saying they could get it from the embassy later. The journalists were in Kabul to cover Monday's release by Taliban militants of Italian reporter Daniele Mastrogiacomo, who had been kidnapped in the south. The team pleaded for their equipment back. They got it 10 hours later, tape inside, from the Italian Embassy.

May Fair: Starts May 10

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purchased by phone, with an added convenience fee, at (916) 649-8497.

Pre-sale for the All-American Rejects' concert will begin at 10 a.m. Friday only via a link from Sacramento radio station KZZO-FM (100.5 The Zone), www.radiozone.com to ticketmaster.com.

The Saturday night entertainment, on May 12, has yet to be announced. The four-day fair, at 655 S. First St. in Dixon, opens May 10 and closes on Mother's Day.

The All-American Rejects, formed in Stillwater, Okla., released their debut album, "All-American Rejects," in 2002 and their second, "Move Along" in 2005.

The group has appeared four times on "The Tonight Show" with Jay Leno, the latest in January.

Kumbia Allstarz, formerly known as Los Kumbia Kings,

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Country Club will be hosting a Texas Hold 'Em Tournament to benefit Opportunity House. The country club will be turned into a Vegas-style casino with dealers, card tables, pit bosses, dinner, bar, silent auction and prizes. Players will have a chance to compete for donated prizes. All proceeds will go to support local homeless assistance programs. \$175 for players/\$50 for guests. 35 Country Club Drive, Fairfield. Tickets and info: 446-3761.

Women Veterans Workshop 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. In conjunction with Women Military History Week, there will be a workshop for women veterans at the Vacaville Veteran's Hall with speakers from California Department of Veterans Affairs, Northern California Veterans Affairs Healthcare System and other organizations. Lunch will be provided and guests will have a chance to learn about benefits. 549 Merchant St., Vacaville. Info: 430-7023.

Quilt Show 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. March 24 and 25. The Northwind Quilters Guild will be having its biennial quilt show at the Fairfield Senior Center. Admission is \$5. 1200 Civic Center Drive, Fairfield. Info: 449-1925.

Cows: Urgent issue

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we have to have grazing," Batson said. "We'd all like to have a cattle-free area. It just isn't possible."

The City Council meets at 7 p.m. in its chamber at 1000 Webster St.

Batson, City Councilwoman Marilyn Farley and several park patrons are on the council committee studying the park. A key issue is fences put up last year to keep cattle away from a habitat-restoration area. Many park users have called those fences an eyesore.

If the park is no longer grazed, those fences would no longer be needed.

Vandals a few months ago destroyed about a mile of cattle fencing, including fences around the exterior of the park. Those fences must be repaired before the cattle can return.

Fairfield could grant a multi-year lease to graze Rockville

Hills Park and have the cattle owner repair the damaged fencing as payment, Batson said.

He sees a sense of urgency in deciding the issue.

"Because of the lack of water and high heat for this time of year, the grasses are bolting to seed at this time," Batson said. "That means they'll be turning color soon."

Meanwhile, there's still the issue of what Batson called the "eyesore" fences protecting the habitat restoration areas on the park plateau. The committee will go to the park to see if those fences can be relocated, Batson said.

Rockville Hills Park is about 650 acres owned by the city between Suisun and Green valleys. It is popular with hikers and mountain bikers.

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Security: Just being visible is a crime deterrent

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Gibson, a sergeant with Windwalker Security, began his career in private security 10 years ago by working sporting events. He was at San Francisco 49ers games, college football games and escorted the Raiderettes.

Six years ago, he decided he wanted to work as an armed security guard. To earn the privilege of carrying weapons, security guard candidates shouldn't drink or use illegal drugs.

It still wasn't easy. Gibson hired a personal trainer to teach him to use chemical spray and baton. Even though he already knew how to shoot a gun. Gibson had to pay for the training. Like all security guards in the state, Gibson had to earn his weapons permits from the state Bureau of Security and Investigative Services.

To carry a firearm, Gibson had to pass a 14-hour course of class and shooting range training, according to the bureau. The firearms permit requires security guards to keep their guns visible. Gibson also trained for two hours to earn his tear-gas permit and completed eight hours of training for his baton permit, according to the bureau.

Gibson must requalify for his firearms permit three times a year.

All security guards must

have registration from the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services. To get that registration guards must be at least 18, pass a background check and finish 40 hours of training. Part of the training involves learning about the power to arrest. Other things security guards learn are conflict resolution, crowd control and first aid.

Gibson's main role is to be visible and deter any troublemakers. But at the same time he wears head-to-toe black to give him cover in the darkness.

Once during his rounds, Gibson encountered a man from an ornamental fence company removing the motor of the exit gate. Gibson thought the man was changing the motor, but asked the apartment manager about the work anyway. The manager told Gibson he didn't order any gate repairs so Gibson returned to the man and demanded he return the motor. The suspect quickly fled.

Another time Gibson spotted a strange woman on a tenant's balcony. Gibson even conducted investigations. A tenant reported his car stolen so Gibson questioned his neighbors before finding the vehicle and the culprit not far away.

Other times, his deeds are more mundane — such as helping a woman reach for laundry that was in a tall dryer or escorting the manager.

While Gibson is protecting tenants from outside intruders, he also scours the grounds for undesirable tenants. Apartment management may weed out problematic tenants through the screening process. But some tenants who pass background checks may bring guests or relatives who cause trouble.

Gibson keeps an eye out for residents violating apartment rules and reports to the manager which people aren't following their lease agreements.

When Gibson started at Village Green, residents had a problem with a bus stop on the corner. Drug dealers and their associates lurked at the bus stop.

"They said they were waiting for the bus but they didn't get on," Gibson said. "They were at the bus stop to loiter."

Gibson pushed for removal of the bus stop so the group wouldn't have a hangout.

He can arrest someone if he needs to. Using his weapons is his last resort.

"If I see a perceived threat I stand back and keep my distance," Gibson said. "I may reach for my spray."

Gibson can use deadly force if he suspects someone will use deadly force on him. The security guard has acted as back-up for police officers.

He also cooperates with police to rid the area of crooks.

Gibson will update Suisun City police with crimes in the area so officers can take care of them.

Security guards can be an extra set of eyes for police as well as a deterrent for crooks, said Suisun City police Chief Ed Dadisho. In return, police can teach security guards how to spot criminal activity and be good witnesses for police.

Dadisho mentioned a Bureau of Justice Assistance report that recommended security guards and police to team up to promote homeland security. The report read that security guards were some of the first responders to the World Trade Center attack in 2001.

Security guards have the advantage of being able to protect smaller areas, which police can't do. And the guards may have specialized knowledge of what they patrol. Police have wider powers of arrest. Both groups can share information and collaborate on solving problems, the report read.

Suisun City police are close partners with the apartment security guards at Sunset Avenue and Pintail Drive, Dadisho said. Police will also form partnerships with other security guards, the chief said.

"We can educate them, they can educate us," Dadisho said.

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