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Introduction

This special Edition of Security Driver Magazine is courtesy of the International Security Driver Association (ISDA) and their Constant Learning Program. The ISDA Resource Center creates a constant learning environment for their members, with subjects specifically designed to increase their knowledge and marketability.

One of the features of Security Driver Magazine (SDM) and ISDA is a collection of articles titled “Lesser Known Incidents.” These incidents are either unknown or not widely known incidents that had a major impact on the protection business.

ISDA feels that a constant learner isn’t defined by a training curriculum. Rather, that person is marked by perpetual curiosity, a demand to ask and understand, “Why am I doing this? Why is this significant?” They feel the need to acquire additional skills and meet and exceed what is expected. The International Security Driver Association helps its members become constant learners by opening the door to their curiosity.

The center is the gateway to the industry’s largest collection of educational information and resources for the Protection Professional.

Over 200 articles, including free on line learning, and white papers.

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Gert Boyle, Chairwoman of Colombia Sportswear Held at Gunpoint



Chairwoman of Colombia Sportswear, Gert Boyle, was held briefly at gunpoint as a man tried to burglarize her home.

The investigation of the robbery of Boyle has revealed she was the target of a kidnapping plot. The robbery was part of a plot to kidnap the 86-year-old chairwoman.

One of the men, Jose Luis Arevalo, 47, told investigators that he drove his van to Boyle's house "for the purpose of kidnapping her in exchange for \$20,000".

The Kidnapping of Cindy Crawford

In June of 1996 Cindy Crawford was kidnapped as she left the Charles de Gaulle Airport in Paris by an imposter posing as her Chauffeur.

The kidnapper's accomplice spotted Cindy boarding the Concorde in New York, on her way to Paris for a modeling assignment.

When she landed, the imposter told Cindy her regular driver was sick and he'd been sent to pick her up. After they drove out of the airport, Crawford became suspicious after the car headed the wrong way and she asked to know where they were going,

The chauffeur calmly replied that he wasn't a chauffeur at all and that she was being kidnapped. When the car slowed, in highway traffic, Crawford leaped out of the vehicle and returned to the airport where she alerted police.



The Kidnapping of Kevyn Wynn

Steve Wynn is the Billionaire owner of the Wynn Resorts and Casinos; the Las Vegas Bellagio Hotel is among the hotels Mr. Wynn owns. In July of 1993 he received a call; a voice politely uttered a chilling statement:

“Mr. Wynn, we have your daughter.”

His 26-year-old daughter, Kevyn, had been kidnapped from her town house in a luxury gated community. Her kidnapers demanded a ransom reported between \$2 million and \$2.5 million.

The kidnapers taped Ms. Wynn’s eyes shut, put sunglasses on her, and forced her to undress. They then took pictures of her in her underwear and threatened to release the pictures to the public if she or her father went to the police. Ms. Wynn was then permitted to dress and the defendants tied her up, placed her in her car, and drove her to the McCarran International Airport.

She was released unharmed two hours later, after her father paid a \$1.45 million ransom in \$100 bills.

The kidnapers were eventually apprehended, one of them was caught the day after the kidnapping when he walked into a Ferrari dealer and wanted to buy a \$200,000 Ferrari with cash.

Harvey Weinstein Kidnapping

In 1993 Harvey Weinstein, the chief executive of the largest U.S. manufacturer of tuxedos was recovered unharmed from a 12-day stay in a 14-foot hole. An employee of Weinstein's firm – arrested after Weinstein's recovery Monday, was responsible for the kidnaping. Weinstein, founder and head of Lord West Inc., was reported in good condition despite his ordeal and was released from a hospital after a three-hour checkup.



He was rescued from his underground prison in a railroad yard excavation site near the Hudson River. He said his captors gave him only fruit and water but that he felt "great."

Weinstein disappeared Aug. 4 after having breakfast in a diner near the Lord West firm. His family received pictures and tape recordings of him in captivity in which he urged his family to pay \$3 million ransom. There were 50 telephone conversations with the kidnappers before the money was paid. Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly said a ransom drop was made and police learned the "general area" where Weinstein was imprisoned.

They found him when they heard him call, "Here I am. Here I am."

Arrested shortly after they picked up the money were Fermin Rodriguez, 38, a sewing machine operator at Weinstein's firm, and Francisco Antonio Rodriguez, 30, his brother. They were to be charged with kidnaping later Tuesday. The ransom was recovered in Francisco Rodriguez's apartment, police said.



Officials said they were mystified why Fermin Rodriguez kidnaped his boss, who was well-liked by his employees. Rodriguez had not been having any problems at work, they said. "Maybe he just figured he could make a lot of money," a police officer said.

The Boulis Ambush

On Feb. 6, 2001 Gus Boulis left his offices on Southeast 17th Street in Fort Lauderdale about 9:30 p.m. and headed down Miami Road, a shortcut to Federal Highway on his way home to Hollywood.

As he was driving down Miami Road a car stopped in front of him, blocking his way. A vehicle coming from the other direction pulled up next to Boulis. A passenger sitting in the back seat fired on him with a semi-automatic weapon.

Boulis managed to drive out to Federal Highway before crashing into a tree. He died a short time later at Broward General Medical Center.



Gus Boulis was the owner of SunCruz Casinos, a Florida company. SunCruz consisted of ships that would travel offshore into international water, where the passengers could gamble. In September of 2000, Boulis sold SunCruz for \$147.5 million. Problems arose between Boulis and the group that purchased SunCruz.

For a variety of reasons the new owners were concerned for their safety. They hired ISDA Member Brian Leek and his company FAM to supply protection.

In fact the Gus Boulis, SunCruz purchase, was made into a movie “Casino Jack”. The actor that plays Brian does not fit Brian’s description, but my guess is that it is what Hollywood figures a “Bodyguard” is supposed to look like.

Decades later, Brian, FAM and Vehicle Dynamics Institute are still connected, and they still exude the ISDA philosophy as quite professionals.

In July of this year the Boulis attack came to a conclusion – reputed mobster Anthony “Big Tony” Moscattello was convicted of the murder of Gus Boulis.