


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## Two bouncers charged after festival death

Pair stand accused of kidnap and false imprisonment

By Will Watkinson

TWO music festival bouncers have been charged with kidnap and false imprisonment in connection with the death of a reveler after last summer's Brownstock.

Paul Wickerson was killed after being struck by several cars about 30 minutes after leaving the family festival where Tim Odell, Mack Ronson, The Fratellis and The Pigeon Detectives all performed.

### Ejected

After an 11-month investigation by Essex Police, detectives say they have established that Mr Wickerson, a 32-year-old from Australia, had been ejected by security staff and escorted from the site in Woodham Road, Stow Maries, near South Woodham Ferrers.

Now, after a nationwide investigation, two men have been charged in connection with the 32-year-old's death.

Gregory Maxwell, 32, formerly of Sawbridgeworth but now living in Masefield Crescent, Romford, and Brian Atkins, 49, of Gordon Road, Ilford, have both been charged with false imprisonment and kidnap.

Mr Maxwell is the operations director of Event Solutions, a security firm, and Mr Atkins is a security door supervisor.

A 36-year-old man from Southend was also arrested in connection



**SECURITY SWITCH:** A new firm of bouncers has been hired to provide security at this summer's festival

with the incident but has been released from bail without charge.

Essex Police said Paul Wickerson was led away from the site by security staff at around 10.30pm on August 31 last year.

Little over 20 minutes later, at 10.46pm, Mr Wickerson, who was in the UK visiting friends in Leatherhead, Surrey, was killed after being hit by several cars on Lower Burnham Road, Cold Norton, near the junction with Farnbridge Road.

After the tragedy Brownstock organisers dropped the security firm from this year's event, which will be held at Morris Farm, Stow Maries from August 29 to 31.

A Brownstock spokesman said: "We have worked with the police wherever we can to help them with their investigation."

"We have contracted a different security firm for the coming Brownstock Festival."

Both Maxwell and Atkins have been bailed to appear at Chelmsford Magistrates' Court on August 13.



**TRAGIC:** Paul Wickerson, a 32-year-old from Australia, died after being hit by several cars at the Brownstock Festival in Stow Maries last year



**CRIME SCENE:** Kismet Kebabs, now known as EBBistan Kebabs

### 'Man made gun threats to former employers'

A DISGRUNTLED former employee of a kebab firm threatened his former bosses with a gun in an attempt to extort £50,000 from them, a court heard.

Gentian Princi, 31, a former packer at Kismet Kebabs in Latchingdon, appeared at Chelmsford Crown Court on Friday accused of two counts of blackmail and one count of conspiracy to blackmail.

In the dock with Princi was co-defendant Vladimir Bascov, a 26-year-old doorman from Rainford Road in Chelmsford, who is charged with one count of conspiracy to blackmail.

Princi, of Homestead, Galleywood, who worked at Kismet for six months in 2011, was allegedly sacked from the factory after threatening another employee with a knife, the court heard.

### Tribunal

He subsequently took Kismet Kebabs to a tribunal and was awarded £400, but the Crown alleged Princi wanted more.

The prosecution claims he then began making threats from April or May in 2013 to the owners of the business, Peter Michael and Jamal Enver, first obtaining £2,000 and then £2,000 in cash from them in pub car parks.

The threats quickly escalated, culminating in a pub car park rendezvous where Princi threatened Mr Michael whilst holding a gun on October 17.

"He walked across the road and he said he'd do bad things to

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# De Belligny in Ironman test

IRONMAN competitor Rowena De Belligny is getting ready for the biggest challenge of her sporting life when she takes part in the Ironman 70.3 World Championships in Mont-Tremblant, Canada, on September 4-7.

Born in Great Totham and now living in Singapore, De Belligny has always been a keen athlete. She said: "I started running when I used to go out with my dad when I was about nine.

"It wasn't until I was pregnant I started to swim properly though, as it was way too hot in Singapore to go out to run and cycle.

"I thought that if I can do these all separately then there is no reason why I can't do them together. So I did my first event about seven or eight months after the birth of my second child."

## Ironman

The Ironman 70.3 is the half Ironman triathlon distances, including a 1.2-mile swim, 56-mile bike ride and 13.1-mile run. De Belligny qualified for the championships by winning the Putrajaya event in April by more than seven minutes.

She said: "Triathlon is getting a really big following in Asia and the events are like an all-day festival.

"When I would just do the single events, I would just go in the morning on my own, but this way we can all go as a family. I see the longer distances as just another challenge and an opportunity to push myself.

"I am expecting Canada to be very different to the race in Put-

rajaya. It was so hot there that, when we were on the coach back, one person had blisters all down their back and others were vomiting.

"I think because I have been in Singapore for two and a half years I am used to the climate. I actually ran about half an hour slower than what I would usually do, but with me winning it wasn't a case of going faster, it was more going less slow!

"But Quebec will be a lake swim, in the mountains in autumn, so it will be much colder. Unfortunately, I will have to be going on my own.

"My goal is to finish in under five hours. I know that it is ambitious but if the conditions are right, then I don't think it's out of reach."



IRON WILL: Rowena De Belligny