

Helena Star figure turns up in Texas magazine article

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The name of man who pleaded guilty to drug charges in connection with the Helena Star smuggling case here two years ago has turned up in a Texas publication.

David Victorson was a mysterious, moneyed Californian who appeared briefly in Federal Court in connection with the Pacific Northwest's most famous marijuana ship.

Victorson was 28, handsome and stylishly dressed when he pleaded guilty to conspiring to bring the Helena Star's 37 tons of marijuana into this country in April, 1978.

Victorson described himself in court as a "securities and antiques dealer" from San Anselmo, Calif., and his plea was an odd one that retained his right to appeal. But the appeals were denied and Victorson, who had been bargaining about where he was to turn himself in, last was heard from by federal investigators on August 23.

An arrest warrant was issued for him after he failed to show up for a trial to testify against an attorney accused of taking part in the drug deal.

Now Texas Monthly, a 300,000-circulation regional magazine, has turned up another aspect of Victorson's activities in connection with stolen paintings in Europe.

An article, in the September issue, deals mainly with the adventures of a "moneyman" named Barry Wilson and with stolen Picassos. Wilson challenged John Bloom, a Texas Monthly reporter, to get inside Europe's underworld.

"Stolen cars were one part of a network of crime that included everything from Turkish heroin to

precious jewels from South America. The cars were a kind of underworld currency. Barry (Wilson) had witnessed trades of cars for drugs, drugs for jewels, art for cash, and a dozen other variations on the theme," the article says.

The article also includes a description of Victorson: "One man in particular, a notorious San Francisco dealer by the name of David Victorson, had Barry (Wilson) scared half out of his wits. Barry changed hotels three times during his week in Dallas, and all our meetings were held in crowded public places.

"One reason Barry was scared was that he owed Victorson \$75,000. But the more important one was that he had quit the business without an acceptable explanation. He knew enough to put Victorson and several others in prison, and Victorson apparently believed that Barry might do it. Victorson was right. Barry would never go directly to the police — he hates all law-enforcement agencies with a passion, but espe-

cially the 'jokers' of the Drug Enforcement Administration. But he hoped that an expose would result in a long sentence for Victorson."

It didn't, and federal efforts to locate Victorson at his retreat, a 100-acre home at the Hollister Ranches near Santa Barbara, Calif., owned by one of his companies, Diversified Investment Portfolios, Inc., have failed.

Wilson, meanwhile, has disappeared in Texas.

Victorson now joins the company of some other missing people in the Helena Star venture, the best known of whom is Mike Lund.

A champion free-style skier who was staying at the University Tower Hotel in Seattle when the Helena Star was seized, Lund tried to salvage the ship's cargo with a tug and barge when a racing sailboat proved too small to carry all the contraband. He hasn't been seen since.

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