

New charges over Doujon Zammit's bashing death



A Greek nightclub bouncer, jailed for the bashing death of Australian tourist Doujon Zammit on the island of Mykonos, will be tried again on more serious charges following a prosecutor's appeal.

Last month, a Greek court jailed Marios Antonopoulos for 22 years for causing fatal bodily injury to Mr Zammit after an argument outside a nightclub on the holiday island in August 2008.

Antonopoulos, 25, will now face a maximum life sentence if convicted over the death of the 20-year-old Sydney man.

Prosecution lawyer Alexis Cougias said Mr Zammit's family were pleased with Thursday's decision "because they want to see the life sentence imposed".

Two other men convicted of complicity in Mr Zammit's death will also face tougher charges. No date has been set for the appeal trial.

caption: Doujon Zammit . . . bashed.
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Nelson Mandela's lawyer lecturing in Australia

Giorgos Bizos –Nelson Mandela's greek lawyer- is due to visit Australia for a series of lectures on Human Rights in South Africa.

As expat lawyer and organiser of the visit, George Georgiou of Perth announced, George Bizos will be arriving at the end of the month with his son Alex, and will be giving lectures in all the large cities. Referring to the situation of human rights in South Africa, Mr. Bizos noted:

"Most dictators in Africa, although considered by themselves elected leaders, only make a mention of human rights without truly believing in them. Neither does their Parliament nor their governments have any respect for human rights. They also claim that human rights as proclaimed in 1948 by the U.N. are for Western Democracies. They try to place on the map of rights a different democracy, an African democracy. They claim that African nations are not ready for democratic principles. That is an insult to the people of Africa."

Calombaris and celebrity chef at Coast food show

CELEBRITY chef George Calombaris is bringing "sexy" back.

And on the dinner table.

The Master Chef Australia television series' passionately vocal judge will create a production of seductive snacks as a special guest chef at this month's Sunshine Coast food show.

But do not dare mistake the creations as "tapas".

"I love the concept of snacks at the moment. I love to eat sexy little snacks and I want to bring things such as a simple potato crisp with

bacon and salt flavours," Mr Calombaris said.

"I think the term "tapas" has been bastardised across Australia. Tapas is a single food that was meant to complement your drink, whereas these will be "mezzes" or little tasty morsels." Mr Calombaris said he was taking a unique approach to his role at this month's food festival, by building his menu around the best ingredients the Coast has to offer.

"Usually at events like this the chef writes the menu, and then people have to

source the ingredients which can be difficult," he said.

"I wanted to find out about the beautiful things the Coast has to offer and build my menu around them." In keeping with the traditions of his Greek culture, the Australian and Greek restaurateur will include lamb supplied by local butchers and fourth generation family business as part of his six-course degustation dinner menu for up to 200 guests on February 20. It will be part of the inaugural Sunshine Coast Food Show at



Novotel Twin Waters Resort on February 20 and 21. A four-hour food and beverage festival will be held on the Sunday with many local Sunshine Coast produce exhibitors in attendance. Mr Calombaris is currently working on the second series of last year's hit television show that took everyone by surprise, including himself.

"I hate to fail ... fail is a bad word," he said. "And I have failed plenty of times, but there were times that Gary, Matt and I got together, and we talked about how we didn't want to go (Gordon) Ramsay."

"The show isn't about the judges or the contestants. It is about the food and evoking childhood memories of eating, cooking and being with family and friends."

Mr Calombaris said he had fond memories of the Sunshine Coast and friends he described as "a great group of chefs". He said he hoped Sunshine Coast locals would get to the festival and become inspired. "In my downtime, I still surround myself with good food and great people, and that can be as simple as fish and chips."

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Being Greek Is Just One Role For Elias Koteas

For the past twenty-five years, Elias Koteas has not just been a recognizable name within Greek households. Since 1985, this Greek Canadian actor has had roles in countless movies, completed a handful of theater productions and after two-decades in the business, is still alive and well, making the most of what tinsel town has to offer.

He has starred alongside Robert Downey Jr.(Zodiac), Christopher Walken (The Prophecy), Mark Wahlberg (Shooter), Cate Blanchett (Curious Case of Benjamin Button) and so many more. You'll undoubtedly remember him from one of the 72 character's he's portrayed in the last twenty-years as a professional actor. His most notable characters, Victor Malarek from Malarek (1989), which he won a Genie (Canada's Academy Award), Casey Jones in the pisino-kicking Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles (1990/93), most notably in the controversial and acclaimed Crash (1996) as Vaughan and most recently as Jack Payne in Shooter (2007). You'll soon be able to remember him as Amdrew Laedis in Martin Scorsese's thriller, Shutter Is-

land, in theaters February 18, where he stars alongside Leonardo Dicaprio and Michelle Williams.

Koteas was born in Quebec to hard working Greek parents, his father a mechanic and his mother a milliner, both unquestionably taught their son the meaning of a good work ethic. "Even when he's only on screen for a few minutes, Elias still shines!" said a fan from a Koteas fan site.

Koteas is very dedicated to his Greek roots. 100% Greek, speaks it fluently (along with French) and has also been fortunate enough to play one of the most notable Greek-oil-typoos and second husband to America's royalty (Jackie-O) Aristotle Onassis, in the ABC miniseries The Richest Man in the World: The Aristotle Onassis Story (1988).

Born and raised Canadian, Koteas grew up in Montreal where he studied at Vanier College. In 1981, he moved

to New York to attend the American Academy of Dramatic Arts, class of 1983, as well as the Actors Studio in NY under Ellen Burstyn and Peter Masterson. In the Big Apple, Koteas did countless stage productions appearing in "Holy Ghosts" and "The Changing Room", to name a few, at the AADA. In 1985, his career took flight when producer Fred Ross discovered the actor and immediately casted him in the Disney holiday film One Magic Christmas.

Though the camera loves him, Koteas has stayed true to his love of theater and in 2000 returned to the stage to star on Broadway alongside Josh Brolin in the Sam Shepard production of "True West".

Keep a weather eye out for this Greek stud; you'll be seeing much more of him in the next year, with five projects in the works.

