

Chapter 35: Beach Closed Sign Posted Day 19

When Jane joins the other members of the Trawler group, she finds the men gathered around the television broadcasting an early morning news show. Brian and Randy are translating as the broadcaster reads the news.

“Last night two buildings were destroyed at the Eneida Apartment resort complex. No one was injured. The Municipal Fire Marshall indicates that Building 1 had an illegal power generator that seems to have create multiple power surges. The surges eventually overstressed the electrical equipment and electronic devices that were attached. The two buildings will be closed for extensive disaster restoration.

“The Municipal Fire Marshall indicated that fire fighting assets could not reach the active fires until an accident scene could be cleared on the shoreline road, bb Ćazima Resulbegovića.

“The first Municipal Police Officer on the scene reported that multiple individuals were victims of pick-pockets and thefts of personal items. The total value of these losses is still being calculated. The victims claimed that gypsies were involved.

“Both buildings were being rented by a California software company called Catalina Software Engineering. The local Catalina Vice President, Director of Security, and Director of Development have disappeared. Local employees were told last night not to report for work until called.

“A resident staying at the main Eneida building is quote as saying.....”

“Heh you guys, I are hungry,” states Jane. “”Time for breakfast. I want to walk to the Eneida for breakfast. We still have the top floor room, so the bill will be on Uncle.”

Mark and Brian join Jane for the walk. The stench of last nights fire is a bit too strong to sit outside on the Terrace. So they elect to eat indoors. They ask for a table with a view of the Liman II beach. From that perspective that they can see the shell of the Compound and the Operations Building. Coffee orders are given when the waiter arrives. Everyone selects the buffet. Conversation centers on the news cast and the scheduled late day meeting.

“I am happy that I had the van repainted red a couple of days ago,” confides Brian. “It would not have done our van any good to be sitting on the roof top parking deck last night.”

Everything is pretty much on autopilot until the afternoon meeting with DorsalFin. So they take a very slow walk back toward the Hotel Mediterranean. As they return they fit themselves in with the rest of the tourist, gawkers , and the other curious residents of Ulcinj. The Municipal Fire Department with the help of the police are string Albanian style “Caution Do Not Cross” tape round the Compound and the Operations Building. But the threome work themselves as close as they can and take cell photos like everyone else.

When they finally reach the Trawler’s apartment suites, they find only Joe still there holding the fort. He has continued to monitor the local news broadcast. Brian and Joe translate.

“The municipal authorities just announced that a burned out car has been found up on at Monte Berrica overlook. Apparently the car parked there last evening. It may have been watching the fire of

the two Eneida buildings. But something happened and it drove over the edge and caught fire. There is evidence on the scene that suggests a ‘very, very’ hot fire. Only the bottom part of a torso of what might have been a male was discovered. Ministry of Interior has forensic resources on the way to help with this site and the Eneida site. There is a chance they could be connected in a larger plot or intrigue.”

“How are Randy and Ron doing with the movement of the ladies to the Podgorica Embassy and Ramesh’s developer team to Tivat?”

“We have hired a bus from Ulcinj to move Ramesh’s people to Tivat. Visas, immigration documents, and work permits will be handled in Milan by the local US Consular Office. They are at the warehouse and should leave a little before lunch. Four of the remaining Embassy Marines and the Asymmetric Service team will also ride the bus to Tivat.

“Randy is driving Sofia and Marsha to the Embassy personally. I think he is sweet on Sofia. He has not yet left Ulcinj.”

“Sounds like our very own ‘90 Day Fiancé, ’” quips Jane.

The morning drags on with Mark, Jane, and Brian checking the Zikic apartment suite to insure everything is clean and clear of any linkage to the Trawler’s presence. Once they are satisfied that the nature of the ‘renters’ has been purged from the Zikic suite, they drive to the warehouse. They find that Ramesh’s bus has left with the Marines and the Asymmetric Services team as well.

They stop at the Konoba barutana for a heavy Mediterranean lunch in preparation for the late afternoon meeting. They agree to a quiet afternoon of watching the beach from the balcony and reaching a consensus between themselves as to what they will say in the way of an after-action report to the DorsalFin facilitator and the Spook Tower attendees.

Dressed casually they sit on the balcony, sketch-out a basic time-line and begin filling in events and observations. It is agreed that Jane will give the basic presentation. Brian and Mark will provide backup as needed. Other than that they relax and enjoy aqua con gas and watch the beach traffic until meeting time. The total presentation time allocated to the Trawler operation is twenty minutes.

Just before the meeting starts Jane, Mark, and Brian return to the men’s suite. As they make themselves comfortable Brian activates the last of Randy’s Daisies device.

The meeting starts with DorsalFin promptly at 1700 hours Ulcinj time. The DorsalFin facilitator opens the meeting with an introduction of who the various participants at the various locations are. He announces the classification status of the meeting as top secret and that all attendees are bound accordingly. The facilitator asks the Ulcinj site to start first with a brief after action report.

Jane provides a solid time-line report on the sequence of events. She quickly covers the insertion of listening devices. She highlights the audio discoveries. She focuses on the role of the

Daisy devices and the contribution that Lionel Jones made while he was on station in shutting down the Catalina-Sunfish project. Next, she briefly describes the soirée that led to the final physical destruction of the physical essence of the Catalina-Sunfish project. Finally she lauds the ‘turning’ of the development team’s key intellectual assets.

Next, DorsalFin facilitator gives a few minutes to the Pike group responsible for the banking, sting operation, and how the sting went silent when the Ulcing soirée dismantled of the Catalina-Sunfish project. Since the Flyball, extraordinary rendition was only pre-position but not activated, the facilitator covered that part of the operation with a few words.

Having allowed the troops in the trenches the opportunity to complete their after-action reports first, the facilitator introduces the next presenter as the NSA’s representative.

The NSA presenter announces that based upon a couple of very short telephone call intercepts from non-encrypted equipment and previously collect voice print profiles they can say with high probability that four principles: Thomas Windsor Koziris, Gianni Circolare, Al Moro, and Wayne Duffy engaged in three separate calls. The content is not available for discussion at this meeting. But will be made available as requested.

The NSA presenter continues,

“Call 1: Thomas Windsor Koziris, Gianni Circolare, and Al Moro

“Call 2: Thomas Windsor Koziris and Wayne Duffy

“Call 3: Thomas Windsor Koziris, Gianni Circolare, Al Moro, and Wayne Duffy

“During Call 3 there is a audio believed to be four gun shots. Then a voice is heard, matched to Moro making mention of Pulp Fiction finishing at a book club meeting and that there was a need to clean-up after the meeting. A voice matched to Koziriz gives an acknowledgment. Audio indications are that a gun crime may have been committed.”

The DOJ representative is next. The representative report, “The information provided by the NSA is non-prosecutorial due to the means of its collection. An intra-agency task force is being formed to investigate the probable death of at least one US citizen and the suspected involvement of another US citizen. They will work with US Embassy assets already in country who may be able to help collect a forensic picture of the event described by NSA audio. That is all the DOJ has at his time.

“With DOJ’s task force forming the mission of the DorsalFin task force has completed. Meeting minutes of this meeting will be drafted and circulated for review. Unless you are assigned later to the DOJ task force we should be done.

Thank you for your attention.”

As soon as Jane, Mark, and Brian drop-off the call, they are searching or grubbing the Internet for information on Thomas Windsor Koziris. From the balcony of the Trawler suite in Ulcinj they discover that Thomas Windsor Koziris is more commonly referred to as TW Koziris. He is a wealthy entrepreneur with holdings in several states and a couple of countries. His position on Forbes Richest list varies but has stayed in the top twenty to forty consistently of the last fifteen years. His political leanings vary over time. In the recent past he has been a key voice in the “one dollar, one vote” movement. He is a strong proponent of natural gas and alternative energy sources. He is a well know philanthropist. He has a good reputation for his contributions as well as his fund raising arm twisting

for children's hospitals. His personal life is a bit mixed with a trail of at least four wives. He is currently married to a California fashion designer of modest notoriety.

As Jane, Mark, and Brian halt their searching in preparation for going to supper Jane voices what they have discovered, "He is a wealthy but very slippery dude who likes to have people think well of him."

Jane, Mark, and Brian voice the consensus that Thomas Windsor Koziris will escape justice for the homicides he commanded as well as the Georgia voter fraud and conspiracy to drive national chaos beyond the breaking point. They agree that bottom-line TW Koziris was using his wealth to force his political view of America beyond the limits that the original Founders had in mind. It seems like he almost did it except for a micro SD hidden in a book.

Once the post-meeting discussion breaks-up, Brian deactivates the Daisy in the suite. He walks over the Anna's old listening post. He inserts a micro SD card and downloads the recorded audio to the media card. He then overwrites the content of the listening post storage media. Then he inserts micro SD into a inserts into a card carrier and places it in his pocket.

A short time later Jane receives a message asking her to plan to stay in Ulcinj as the liaison between the dis-banding Trawler group and the soon to arrive DOJ joint task force of investigator. She affirms her readiness for this new role on one condition. Her only condition is that she keeps the her current suite at the Hotel Mediterranean so her husband can join her. That request is verbally approved.

After gaining verbal approval Jane calls her husband's cell phone. Navigating through typical greetings between a husband and wife who have been separated for a couple of weeks, Jane reaches the point of her call with her husband, Bob. Bob is an FTA explosive forensic technician.

"Bob, it's time you get out into the field again for a short while

"The DOJ will shortly be forming a forensic investigation team to look into a couple of fires and explosions in Ulcinj, Montenegro. I have been assigned the role of liaison between my current task force and the new DOJ task force. It is right up your alley. So pack you work clothes, swim suit, and SF50 and meet me in Ulcinj for a couple of months."

"Okay. Sounds like fun and professionally interesting. I will tell the powers that be I want the assignment.

"How are the locals and national investigators?"

"They are waiting for Inspector Clouseau of the Bomb Squad. I have them primed already for you as well as the US Embassy. You will have to do you best work after my build up of your explosive ordnance experience."

They close their conversation momentarily for the evening. They both look forward to a working vacation for a few weeks.

A Week Later in the Prior Ladies Trawler's Suite at the Hotel Mediterranean in Ulcinj:

“Well Clouseau are you ready to see the bomb site and the wreckage?” Jane asks Bob her husband. “Brian just called to say he is downstairs waiting with the car.”

Jane handles the introductions. Brian drives the three to a fenced impoundment area used by the Ulcinj Municipal Police and Ministry of Interior. Inside the fence they are met by representatives of the local and national law enforcement forensic investigators.

The group walks to the scorched and twisted wreckage of what was once a sedan. Bob dons booties, coveralls, and gloves. He begins to record what he sees and what he begins to pick ‘through’ using his US government provided smart-phone. He begins to collect a substantial number of photographs with his cell phone. He asks permission to take various samples of residue left from the explosions and scorching. With Brian’s assistance as translator he learns that there was more than one thermite grenade involved in the destruction of the vehicle. Human remains found in the vehicle or near the vehicle suggest that at least three individuals were in or near the vehicle during the catastrophic event.

Brian and Bob discuss observation with the Montenegro forensic peers. Bob agrees to provide a courtesy non-classified version of his analysis report to both Montenegro representatives. The drive to the burn site at Monte Berrica takes about forty minutes. Bob validates the basic observations of the Montenegro forensic personnel concerning the site.

Summarizing Bob says, “The fire was as hot as a blast furnace. It caused metal to melt and deform. It was definitely started and propagated by at least two may be three or more thermite grenades typically used to spike artillery pieces to deny their use.

“I do not see how forensic will be able to identify any victims beside the one associated with the low torso.”

At site of the catastrophic event, the area had already been opened to the general public. As such there was a considerable amount of foot traffic evident. Any evidence at the site would have been compromised, so Bob sees no need to suit-up this time. He did prowl that area with his audio and video cell phone recording.

Completing his tour of the site Bob concludes, “It was one hell of a fire.”

Raleigh, NC About Two Months Later

On a pleasant afternoon Lionel walks down to the mailbox. He dwells on his current complacent status. The most adventurous thing that Lionel has been doing for a while now is drink coffee with Sandi and the brew crew at Claude’s.

But in his mailbox along with the bills and advertisements, he discovers a small postal package envelope postmarked from Cozad<NE addressed to him. There is a note and a small plastic SD card carrier. The note reads “Justice has been served here. But TW Koziris is escaping justice at home. Justice is a ‘song yet sung’. From: Your Friend.”

In his workspace Lionel opens the SD card carrier to find a micro SD card. Cautiously, he creates a backup image of his computer. He disconnects from the Internet. Then he loads the card to his computer to examine its contents. Lionel finds a dozen or so images and one audio recording in the root directory of the SD card. He makes a backup copy of the card’s contents.

Looking at the images first he recognizes the locality as being from Ulcinj. Then identifies two buildings which he knew to be the ‘Compound’ and ‘Operations Building. They showed signs of having experienced a fire of some magnitude. Then the next set of photographs depicted a scorched twisted wreckage of what may have once been a vehicle in an urban containment area. The final set of pictures was of a burn-area in a more rural region but close to Ulcinj.

Next he played the audio file using the Audacity application. The audio recording is composed of fragments from a government debriefing meeting that involved Catalina and a DorsalFin operation. Lionel finds the audio astonishing in its content and revelations.

After listening to the audio a couple of times and taking notes on segment start-stop times, he creates a recording of the NSA presenter disclosure.

After supper he plays his edited version of the micro SD audio file for Sandy. She is just as amazed after hearing the recording as he was originally.

“I want to help give closure to Stacy’s and Frank’s families. But I do not want to release anything that might provide linkage to Ulcinj, Catalina, or DorsalFin.

“I think the best thing to do is to send the clip you just heard with editing that writes over the top of the post meeting discussion whenever a first name is mentioned for the participants. Then we can mail it from Dunn, Fayetteville, or Southern Pines to Stacy’s family. I have their address. I also have Frank’s family address as well. But I would rather have Maduka Bankole receive the micro SD. I will add a note telling him to have Prof Yakubu listen to the audio. That way there is no direct link to me. Plus I know Prof Yakubu has the expertise to run an audio file.

“That sounds like a good way to pass the information. We can ride to Southern Pines after coffee tomorrow.

Lionel retreats to his workspace. He creates a copy on a 16GB micro SD card. Then he places the SD card in a card holder. He opens the Shutter application, creates a new image, and generates the message, “Maduka, this package contains an micro SD card on which a meeting presentation and a post-meeting conversation can be heard. Please have Prof Yakubu listen to the audio. From: Your Friend.” Lionel prints the message. Next he wipes the message, micro SD card, card holder, and inner envelope with an isopropyl alcohol wipe. Then he inserts the items into the inner envelope.

So a small package is mailed from a UPS Store in Southern Pines, NC late in the morning the next day.