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HD LIVING HIGH, OFF THE HOG - Former bikie club presidents rev up for their next chapter of fast cars, scams and corruption

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ITALIAN sports cars, trust funds, million-dollar tax scams and corruption scandals: welcome to the world of the ex-presidents.

Former motorcycle gang bosses have relinquished their presidents' patches but manage to stay on the radar as Queensland's bikie crackdown nets a growing number of their former outlaw footsoldiers.

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A former gang president who cannot be named for legal reasons is under investigation by New Zealand authorities over an alleged \$1.2 million tax fraud.

The sophisticated scheme he is accused of orchestrating – involving shipping containers from **China**, three separate companies and bogus GST claims – belies his lack of visible wealth, which outwardly consists of an unremarkable South Brisbane home and a rundown tow truck.

While most of his ex-Bandidos clubmates were last month making small targets of themselves, another chapter president, George Bejat, from Centro, was eyeing off the **purchase** of a \$165,000 Lamborghini. That's despite the 27-year-old standing to lose his only known business interest, a share in a Milton tattoo shop, Royal Ink, under a licensing clampdown on parlours.

Bejat organised a private inspection of the 2004 Lamborghini Gallardo at a Brisbane dealership with a **Gold** Coast seller.

He has new personalised licence plates that read "SRB PWR", a reference to his Serbian nationality.

That echoes SRB Corp, a **company** owned by Bejat's mentor and one-time **Gold** Coast Bandidos boss Sava Cvetkovic, who hopes to turn a tidy profit with a five-unit development on a Mt Gravatt suburban plot.

Cvetkovic's budding career as a property developer comes with other business interests tied up in family trusts, including one of Brisbane's highest-profile tattoo parlours. Like Bejat, Cvetkovic – who has been pursued in the past without success by prosecutors on various charges including drug trafficking – also stands to lose Valley Ink on the Brunswick St Mall under a new licensing regime aimed at weeding out bikies from the industry.

Errol Gildea, one-time Queensland Hells Angels boss who now lives in Thailand, has been linked to allegations of corruption involving union officials and building industry figures down south.

Mr Gildea's business connection to a now defunct waste management **company** was last week revealed to back claims of organised crime links in the building industry.Mr Gildea, who also owns a bar in Patong, held shares in the **company** through another business he claims recycles **gold** and platinum from computer chips.

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