

Name: Alert ID: TMML2024039070115 • Mariano Abete led turf war between rival factions of Neapolitan Camorra • 'Baby-boss' thought to be one of Italy's youngest-ever crime lords • Found by police in room concealed behind remote-controlled wall By HANNAH ROBERTS PUBLISHED: 14:03 GMT, 26 November 2012 | UPDATED: 16:02 GMT, 26 November 2012 • e-mail ■ Arrest: Mariano Abete is the son of Mafia super-boss Archangel Abete A baby-faced mafia don thought to be one of Italy's youngest-ever gang bosses has been captured by police in Italy. Mariano Abete, 21, who is nicknamed 'baby-boss' in the Italian media, was arrested hiding in a secret room concealed behind a remote-controlled wall at his mother's house. He had been leading the family in a turf war between rival factions of the Neapolitan Camorra which has already claimed dozens of lives. Abete had taken the helm after his father was arrested and his uncle murdered, and was wanted by police for mafia association and conspiracy to sell drugs. Despite his age, he was said to be powerful and dangerous. Police swooped on the the house in Naples in the early hours of Saturday before closing in on his hiding place. But as they began to break through the wall his terrified mother, herself aged only 39, is said to have intervened, begging: 'Please don't hurt him, I'll open it.' Video of his hiding place, a minute cell hidden between two walls accessible only by a moveable wall operated by remote control, was last night circulating on the web. The narrow cavity contained only a mattress, a pillow, a crucifix and a cannister of oxygen. ■ Abete is considered mafia royalty, being the son of the super-boss Archangel Abete, so-called because he led a splinter group rebellion against the ruling family. He is also the nephew of another notorious mafia don killed in an ambush in September in a suspected revenge attack for the murder of a notorious mafioso known as 'Wooden Hands'. The nickname derived from the fact that he wore prosthetics after losing his hands a decade ago when a home-made bomb exploded. The hit was the latest murder in the vicious gang war being waged for control of drug trafficking in the Naples districts of Scampia and Secondigliano.