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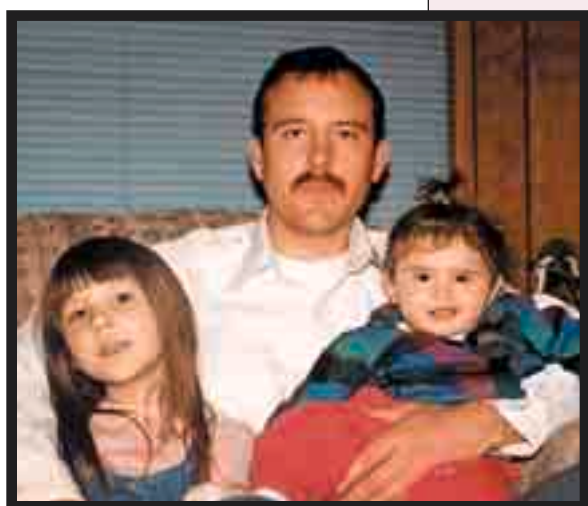
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## Waiting for justice

As the quest for answers goes on in the 1997 slaying of a prison guard, his anguished family awaits closure



Scott Williams didn't see his killer coming. He didn't see the inmate pull out two handmade knives and close in from behind.

What followed was a bloody ballet of violence that claimed the 29-year-old corrections officer's life and almost took the lives of four other guards at the maximum-security prison in Lompoc on an April evening six years ago.

Only now are the disturbing details of the attack and the possible motives emerging.

For his family and friends, who want answers and justice, the speculation over the reasons he was killed only compounds their anguish. There has been no trial. It is now scheduled to begin in early 2005, a full eight years after Officer Williams was slain.

The inmate may have attacked because he had a vendetta against the officer who failed him on a drug test, or he may simply have become unhinged after years behind bars.

But a News-Press investigation into the attack has revealed an even more disturbing theory — one shared by many of those who worked with Officer Williams — that a small cabal of Islamic terrorists, who lived together and prayed together at the prison, spent weeks and months whispering into the killer's ear until the day he lashed out.

Among the men the alleged attacker lived and prayed with was Sekou Odinga, a former Black Liberation Army member whom prosecutors once dubbed the country's "top most criminal terrorist," and Mahmud Abouhalima, in prison for 240 years for his involvement in the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

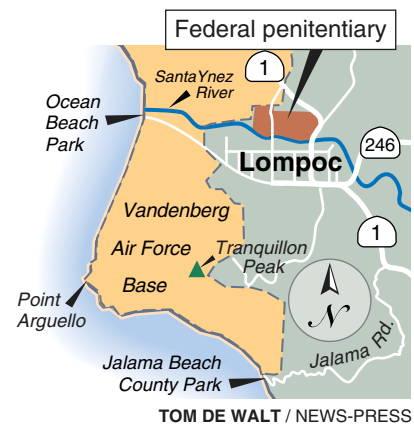
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The maximum-security prison at Lompoc was once dubbed "The New Rock." At top left, corrections Officer Scott Williams is shown with his daughters, Kaitlin, 5, and Kallee, 10 months, in a photo taken a few weeks before he was killed in the federal penitentiary.

## A family's devastating loss



TOM DE WALT / NEWS-PRESS

On a blistering hot day in August, Kristy Williams flinched at the sound of clanging shackles echoing off the hallway in the Federal Courthouse in Los Angeles.

She quickly moved away and into the courtroom. "I'm sorry, I just don't want to be near him when they bring him down the hallway," Mrs. Williams said later.

Shuffling down the corridor in leg irons, his hands cuffed to a chain around his waist, was Roy C. Green, the man accused of killing Scott Williams, her husband. For six

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## COMING TOMORROW

Although Roy C. Green's family says he never killed anyone, prison sources believe convicted terrorists preaching jihad behind the walls of the maximum-security penitentiary at Lompoc goaded the three-time felon into the attack six years ago.

## Governor's budget plan fails to pass

Schwarzenegger wanted bond issue on March ballot

By TOM CHORNEAU  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SACRAMENTO — In a major setback for Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, the Legislature rejected his spending cap and his \$15 billion deficit-closing bond measure late Friday. Democratic alternatives also failed as last-minute negotiations couldn't produce a compromise.

The Legislature's failure to come up with two-thirds majorities for either proposal by midnight means the plans will not be on the March 2, 2004, primary ballot as Mr. Schwarzenegger had desired.

Now, after spending the week asking voters from San Diego to Tracy to back his plan, Mr. Schwarzenegger must seek an alternative to the large bond issue and spending cap proposal he hoped voters would ratify in March.

Republicans characterized Mr. Schwarzenegger's proposals as a reasonable way to restrain state spending and spread out the state's red ink. But Democrats said the governor's spending limit would strangle education and other state programs and his bond measure would burden state budgets for years.

BY THE NUMBERS

34-0

The vote in the state Senate against Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's proposal that would put a cap on future state spending.

\$15B

The amount of borrowing the governor wanted voters to approve on the March 2 ballot.

\$10.7B

The amount of borrowing approved by the governor without voter approval.

"When you are bleeding you apply a tourniquet, not a noose," said Assemblyman Lloyd Levine, D-Sherman Oaks.

Democrats proposed a bond measure that would be paid off over seven years instead of 15 and a spending cap that was less restrictive than

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## Company: Brooks falsely accused

Chief executive says accusations are without merit

By MICHAEL TODD  
NEWS-PRESS DEPUTY METRO EDITOR

Citing "several very public and false accusations" from a "disgruntled employee," the parent company of beleaguered Brooks Institute of Photography lashed back at critics during a Friday morning conference call for investment professionals.

"Yes, we periodically receive complaints from employees and students," John M. "Jack" Larson, chief executive of Career Education Corp., told representatives of many major brokerage houses during the call. "We've found nothing that challenges our overall integrity. . . . the bottom line is we will not tolerate the kind of behavior alleged at Brooks."

Several former Brooks employees have alleged improprieties. One-time registrar Cam Van Wingerden has claimed that school officials stamped with documents to deceive an accrediting agency and inflated enrollment to boost the bottom line. Her complaint to the national council that accredits the school triggered an inquiry that began Thursday.

She left the company in September.

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STEVE MALONE / NEWS-PRESS

Giovanni Vigna of UCSB monitors the student hackers.

## 'Hackers' take aim at attackers

By SCOTT HADLY  
NEWS-PRESS SENIOR WRITER

In a modern-day version of capture the flag, students at UCSB went up against about a dozen teams from universities across the country in a computer hacking contest meant to test their skills at detecting and combating breaches in network security.

With names like Whitehat, Nebuchadnezzar, Wolf Pack and Shrek, the teams of computer science students spent most of the day

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