

He gave these people a place to stay and an area for their art and their creativity,' she stated. Mack says Almena's spouse Micah Allison was always by his side. Remember his wife, she was there co-signing all the things,' she stated. She added: 'Throughout the walls of the most beautiful temple living tribute tied bound nailed erected and held along with love and blood. Mack said a man referred to as Max Ohr - nicknamed 'Warlord' - was Almena's proper-hand man and would often do the leader's bidding. It's believed Ohr, who escaped the blaze on Friday, was running the door for the rave that evening. The violent aspect of the Almena's group has additionally been exposed in courtroom papers and by the testimony of other tenants who lived below Almena's rule and visitors to the warehouse. Travel: Almena appears to have used conventional masks from Indian theater to make this show.

Last yr Almena was accused by artists and events producers of stealing equipment, breaking contracts, and making violent threats, in accordance with courtroom documents. Philippe Lewis mentioned that he rented the Ghost Ship for an occasion on January 3, 2015, however that Almena demanded further money for the space. Throughout the incident, it was claimed, Almena locked individuals into the transformed warehouse and held them captive. In a petition for a restraining order filed with the Alameda Superior Court, Lewis alleged that Almena threatened him. 'I'll get my gun,' he allegedly advised Lewis, who had seen a box of latest bullets whereas in the property. He also claims he was attacked, sustained a dislocated shoulder and was kicked in the top by Almena's henchmen - who assaulted Lewis on their leader's orders. He additionally says claims he saw evidence of a gun and bows and crossbow weapons on the property. Almena called the warehouse alternately the Ghost Ship or the Satya Yuga collective.



Cult-like: Derick Ion Almena's artwork appeared to make use of parts of Hindu mysticism - such as the statue of Shiva in the center and objects taken from different religions with two statues of Mary, the mom of Christ from Christian tradition surrounding it. Derick Ion Almena (left), 46, leased the 'Ghost Ship' warehouse. Symbolism: The way in which during which Aleman blended religious imagery and different gadgets is obvious. The swastika (center) is a symbol of excellent fortune . Sinister: Skulls and skull figurines, a bow with arrows, unicorn statues and candles crammed a crowded house in a single room. He even tried to take a restraining order out towards a tenant who complained about situations in the warehouse. The tenant, Shelley Mack, fell out with him in an angry dispute over the unsafe and unsanitary conditions within the 'commune'. Describing him as a 'cult chief' she mentioned Almena threatened her a number of instances and one among his followers pulled a gun on her.

It was a cult when you believed what Derick had to say, but I did not,' she said. But there have been individuals who did believe him though. If you did not observe him then they might threaten your life, pull guns on you, flip your electricity off. I had one friend in there who was a diabetic and Derick stole his drugs and his truck and kicked him out and referred to as the police. In case you didn't present that you were willing to do no matter he wanted you to do, you have been on the out. If you happen to didn't buy in to the way things were run they ostracized you, kicked you out and kept your cash and [extra large unicorn stuffed animal](#) your issues. Mysticism: Almena displayed what appear to be gadgets from a Hindu temple on the left blended with African tribal masks and a

portrait of Christ. Association: The Ghost Ship - which also known as itself Satya Yuga, went out of its approach to seem related to religion, together with this image on its webpage of what appears to be an Indian sadhu - a Hindu holy man (right).