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SECURITY

SECURITY ON THE
MOVE

High-end transporter services protect artwork, collectibles and state-of-the-art business equipment during transit, whether you are moving between homes, sending valuables out for professional restoration, participating in a traveling exhibit or temporarily loaning items to a charity or museum. Now, even more valuable cargo is making these highly protected moves.

BY RUSS ALAN PRINCE AND HANNAH SHAW GROVE

In addition to working only with a highly recommended specialty transport firm, consider attaching radio frequency chips to your valuables so they can be tracked independently. "Our clients tell us it's important for them to know they can entrust their personal property to a team of professionals whose sole job is to safeguard it with the same degree of attention and urgency that they themselves would give," says Mitch Gitter, president of **Defender Security Services, Inc.** in Rego Park, New York.

SAFE PASSAGE

Because of similar firms' expertise in transit security, there has been a recent increase in the use of transporter services to protect people on the move, as well. In these instances, a variation of close protection services is used to chaperone individuals, families and small groups of people as they move between locations.

When the situation demands more than just a trained driver, "it's not just a matter of sending someone to accompany a wealthy client," says Gitter. "What seems like an easy assignment can get out of hand pretty quickly. I require extensive preparatory work and advance reconnaissance to make sure we are ready for any eventuality." As a result, expert chauffeurs in vehicles equipped with contact tasers and tear gas grenades are becoming the norm.

Another critical component to modern, high-security transporter services is retrieval teams. These are extensively trained and supplied professionals available on-call to provide back-up support for each job. When a crisis occurs, these teams are summoned immediately to track the abducted individual or item and coordinate with the appropriate law enforcement groups. "Timing is critical," says Gitter. "But so is execution. It's what we're paid to do and we don't stop