

Mysterious safe found at old Bill's Casino to be cracked by Oprah's people

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Producers from the Oprah Winfrey Network will be providing a top notch locksmith to help crack open a safe that may have belonged to a Stateline casino owner who was killed by a car bomb in 1968.

The television network, producers and the locksmith are flying in Tuesday to see if they can open the safe which was found during the demolition of a building that once housed two casinos in the region – Barney's Casino and Bill's Lake Tahoe Casino.

Mike Laub, an attorney, owns both properties and plans to turn the site into a mall including a pharmacy, a jewelry store, a Pilates studio, a clothing store, another casino and a restaurant and bar.

But all work on the \$10 million project has stopped since the 4-foot-tall, locked black safe was found late Thursday afternoon.

The safe was hidden underneath a staircase and was completely sealed off, giving the discovery an air of mystery and intrigue.

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