Vendetta claim as boat blazes

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tender and police arrived at the scene the vessel and trailer were well alight.
The boat, worth around £2,500, the engine valued at £1,000, together with an auxiliary engine and trailer, were completely destroyed.
A tank the fishermen filled with three gallons of petrol after that day's fishing was found nearby, the contents having been poured over the boat.
A fire expert said the fire probably started in the middle of the boat.
Mr. David Hill of Cardigan who was fishing off rocks just north of Aberporth at about 6.30 p.m. spotted a thick-set man rowing a small dinghy towards Aberporth.
"I shone my torch on him and shouted to him but he didn't answer and rowed away. I carried on fishing but afterwards thought it rather strange that someone should be rowing across Aberporth bay in darkness".
"John Blackhall who lives at 7 Brynheulwen, Aberporth was told of the fire by his son Paul while Kevin Townsend, a well-known local footballer, was informed in Cardigan.

Referring to the boat as his "pride and joy", Mr. Blackhall said he was devastated by the arson attack.
"Make no mistake about it, this was part of a vendetta against us", said 38 year old Mr. Townsend.
"All fishermen have enemies and there are jealousies, but this is going well overboard", said Mr. Blackhall.
Mr. Townsend: "We are the only ones from the village fishing for lobster and crab all the year round and a lot of people here are jealous".
The boat was not insured.
"With so many accidents having happened in the area involving boats, insurance companies are loath to insure boats left on open beaches", said Mr. Blackhall. "The cost of insuring the vessel would have been prohibitive".
As the two fishermen looked over the burnt-out shell that was their boat, a local boat owner offered them the use of his vessel so they could carry on fishing.
Police investigating the arson have appealed to anyone with any information to contact them at Cardigan 612269, a spokesman giving an assurance that any information received would be treated in the utmost confidence.