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Graffiti activist Lachlann Partridge with his paint-covered car.

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The sprayers have been sprayed. Two leading members of BUGA-UP have had their cars painted with graffiti — and they want revenge.

In the past few days, the cars of graffiti activists Lord Bloody Wog Rolo and Lachlann Partridge have been spray-painted with the words BUGA YOU — among other things — and windows have been smashed.

Rolo and his wife Lady Bloody Wog Rolo woke at their Glenfield home on June 14 to find their Toyota Corolla covered in paint stripper on one side and silver paint on the other. Over the past couple of days, a window has been broken on another vehicle, the "motor-home", and more graffiti added.

"We feel some hoodlums were put up to it by the advertising industry," Rolo said yesterday. "I can't imagine who else would be interested in doing such a thing, but we accept the challenge. We have plenty of funds at hand to keep going."

Rolo, who was christened Roland Tapir in Argentina, but was called "bloody wog" so often after he arrived in Australia that he changed his name by deed poll, adding the "Lord" to gain a little

Sprayers' revenge in BUGA-UP country

respect, was himself a smoker until last year.

"Even now when I smell a good cigar my mouth waters, but we aren't against the people who drink and smoke," he said. "The lady and myself drink socially.

"What we are against is advertising telling us we would be better looking or younger looking for taking their drugs."

Lord and Lady Rolo took up the challenge, he said, but ended up in jail for their efforts. Both were arrested last Saturday for allegedly removing cigarette advertising posters from outside shops in the western suburbs and for writing over 23 posters in the area.

The police found six cigarette advertisements and 40 spray cans of paint in the boot of their car — "Not that it matters, because our garage is full of them," Rolo said.

Lady Rolo was released the following morning, but he had to stay for four days because of unpaid fines.

Across town in Turrumurra, the Toyota Corolla of Lachlann Partridge, the anti-Santa graffitist, suffered a similar fate. On Sunday, while Mr Partridge was visiting his grandmother at Waroonga, Queensland, his car was spray-painted with black "scribble".

"Whoever it was must have been following me," he said. "My suspicion is it was someone associated with either the tobacco or advertising industry.

"I had a lot of stickers on my windscreen," he said. "But the only ones they touched were the two to do with tobacco."

Mr Partridge says he has no idea how many billboards he has sprayed over the years, but says it would run into many thousands.

"But all is fair in Marlboro country," he said yesterday.

Like Rolo, Mr Partridge ("a business colleague but not a member of the lord's royal family") also has his plans for revenge.

"I will get them back," he said. "I am a bounty hunter dedicated to bringing the Marlboro man to justice.