

STOLEN ART



PAINTINGS STOLEN IN 1991 ARE RECOVERED

On January 19, 1991, during the early morning hours, burglars smashed the front window of the Parkhurst Gallery in San Pedro and took three Marty Bell paintings.

Earlier this year, the Art Theft Detail received information from Steve Bell at Marty Bell Fine Arts Inc. that someone had been calling several galleries making inquiries about two paintings that were stolen in the Parkhurst Gallery burglary.

An undercover investigation revealed that a woman named "Adriana" was trying to sell the paintings taken in the burglary. Adriana's boyfriend, Arturo Galindo, Jr., with a long arrest record for crimes including armed robbery, burglary, assault with a deadly weapon, and drugs had just been sentenced to life imprisonment under California's new "three strikes" law. Galindo needed money to hire a top notch defense attorney to handle his appeal so he had Adriana seek out a buyer for the stolen paintings that had been in hiding since the crime.

An undercover officer and an informant worked together posing as middlemen to assist in locating a buyer for the stolen paintings. Adriana had warned that the buyer should not be from the Los Angeles area because they had been taken in a burglary in San

Pedro.

A meeting was arranged with Adriana on the pretense of obtaining photographs of the paintings to aid in their disposal. This led officers to a fashionable residence in Rancho Cucamonga which was placed under surveillance. After obtaining a search warrant, a raid was conducted by LAPD detectives assisted by San Bernardino County Sheriff's deputies. The two stolen paintings were found hidden under a bed. These included "The Millpond,



artist Marty Bell authenticating recovered painting

Stockbridge" and "Chippenham Farm."

Alma Adriana Alluin, a female Hispanic, 26 years of age, was arrested for receiving stolen property. She was held to answer on this charge at her preliminary hearing. The case is currently awaiting trial in San Bernardino Superior Court.

A third painting, "Morning's Glow" by Marty Bell, is still missing.



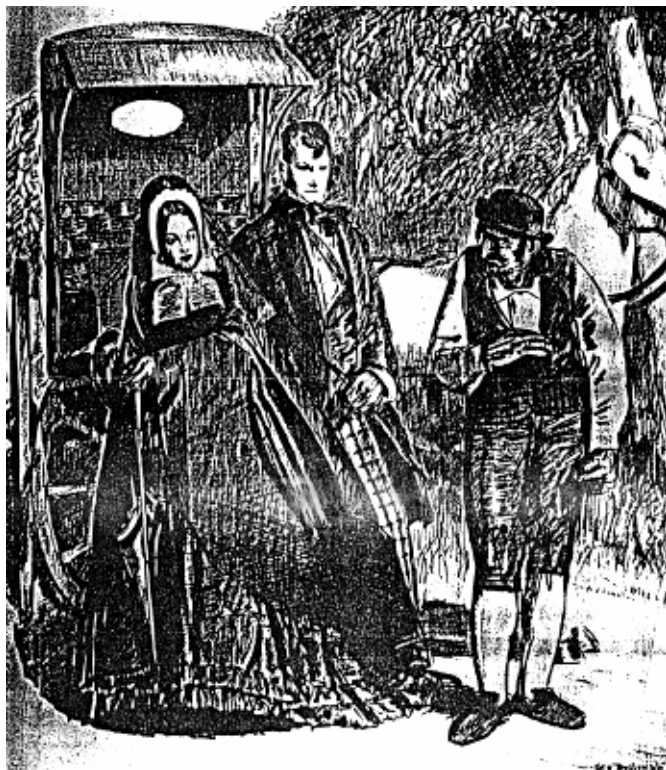
BELL, Marty
Morning's Glow
oil on canvas
16" x 20"
signed lower left
oval canvas

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still missing

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ADDITIONAL STOLEN ART



BELLOWS, George
(1882-1925)

In Need of Assistance

pencil on paper

15 1/2" x 16 1/4"

signed lower right

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POTTHAST, Edward
Landscape
oil on canvas
15" x 22"
signed lower left



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