

# STOLEN ART



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Lost and Stolen Art, Antiques and Collectibles

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## GALLERY THEFT

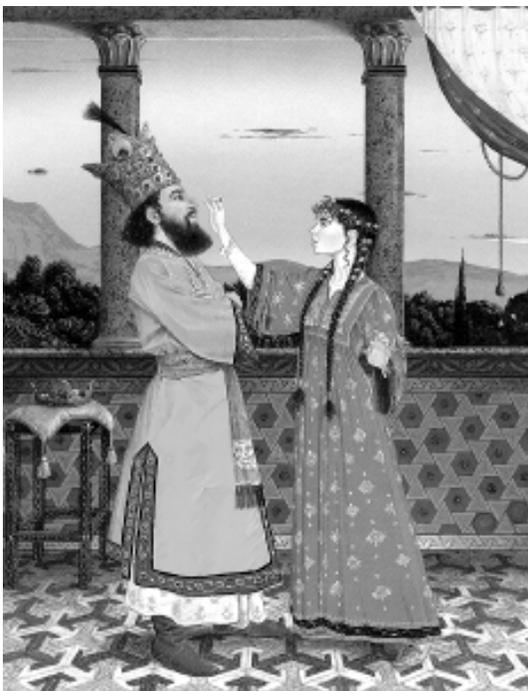
On April 11, 1997, a suspect entered an art gallery on Beverly Blvd. and removed a Foley painting from the wall and fled the location unseen. This occurred during regular business hours. The gallery owner was in a rear office at the time. The suspect managed to bypass the locked front door which normally requires customers to be buzzed in for access.

FOLEY, Cornelia Macintyre  
1934  
*Hoonanea*  
oil on canvas board  
31" x 25"  
signed lower right



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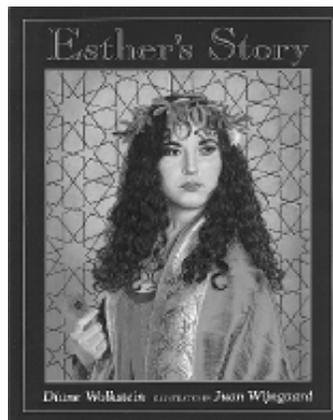
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WIJNGAARD, Juan  
(19) gouache on paper  
12" x 10"  
unsigned  
(colorful Persian or Arabian Nights  
themes - used to illustrate a  
children's book called "Esther's  
Story")



## ADDITIONAL STOLEN ART

German School  
19th century  
*Standing Woman in Chains*  
oil on panel  
12" x 10"  
monogrammed "M.D." lower right



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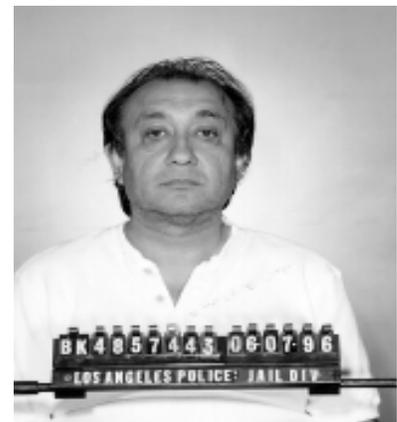
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## GYPSY ART THIEVES CONVICTED

Two Gypsy cousins, George Adams Jr. and Jon Johnson, have been convicted of stealing \$30,000 in art and other goods from businesses in Los Angeles, Beverly Hills and Palm Springs. They did this by posing as customers and purchasing art with six different stolen credit card numbers. These numbers were accepted by galleries and merchants even though the suspects did not produce the actual credit cards which were still in the possession of the legitimate cardholders



**George Adams Jr.**



**Jon Johnson**

who lived in Michigan, Texas and California. Adams, a heavysset man, would enter a business and sometimes claim he forgot his credit card at home. He would then use the store's phone to call his wife (a palm reader) who gave him the credit card number over the phone. On other occasions, the art would be ordered by phone. The suspects were captured during a police surveillance. The art was recovered.