

STOLEN ART



WANTED FOR CONSIGNMENT FRAUD

Janet Jamieson is wanted by the Art Theft Detail for multiple counts of grand theft and consignment fraud. She has victimized numerous art galleries, antique shops and private dealers throughout Los Angeles County, Orange County, and Santa Barbara. The losses so far exceed \$100,000.

Janet has engaged in deception and con games to enrich herself. She has received art on consignment which she sells and then keeps the money. She then gives an endless number of phony excuses for non-payment. To those who have aggressively pursued her for bad debts, she has often written bad checks on the account of a man named "Lowell Jones" whom she represents as the buyer of the consigned art. In actuality, Jones is an elderly amputee living on social security in a rest home. Janet befriended the man and gained control of his finances, looting his meager resources and making him responsible for an avalanche of bills and bounced checks placed in his name.

Janet usually tried to obtain cash from buyers. However, if the buyer insisted on paying by check, she would have the buyer write the check to names like "S. Akino" and "J. Kayasuga" whom she represented as the consignors of the art. However, these people were actually neighbors or friends who

cashed the checks, giving her the money which was not repaid to the true consignors.

In addition, Janet has lured victims into investing in the purchase of paintings. She then disappeared with both the money and the art. One investor was bilked out of \$50,000 and never received a single painting.

Janet took advantage of long-time friends and neighbors. She set herself up as a block captain, representing herself as a law enforcement supporter. She then used these contacts to locate new victims and launder funds.

She has been a shadowy figure who has taken pains to hide her past and true identity. Janet Jamieson may not be her true name. Although she has been in the Los Angeles area for over seven years, she has never obtained a driver's license, credit card, or bank account in California. Utilities were placed in another person's name. She is believed to have been born in Scotland, raised in England and lived in Canada before moving to L.A.

She frequents race tracks where she bets on the horses and targets single, elderly men.

Janet is described as a female Caucasian, brown hair, brown eyes, 5-2, 140, 45 years of age. She was last seen driving a 1986 Chrysler Fifth Avenue, 4-door, white, license# MXT15B (Texas).

Please notify the police if you have any information about Janet's whereabouts or if you have been victimized.



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1. Over 650 Hungarian paintings, watercolors & gouaches taken in a burglary. (97-1720573 • 6-7/97)

ADDITIONAL STOLEN ART

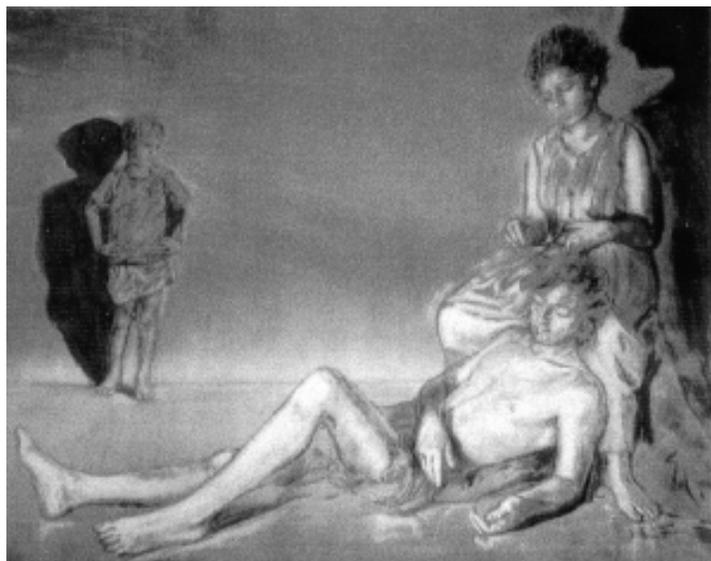


WEISBERG, Ruth
Arrival in the City 1988
mixed media on paper
22 1/2" x 17"

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WEISBERG, Ruth
Witness 1988
mixed media over monotype
29 5/16" x 38 1/4"



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