

STOLEN ART



PLISSON, Henri
 1996
Rose Cottage
 serigraph on canvas
 #45/95
 24" x 30"
 signed lower right



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AUCTION HOUSE EMPLOYEE CONVICTED

Reginald Gary was hired as a part-time employee at an auction house. Within a one month period, he managed to steal an estimated \$100,000 in consigned property including vintage movie posters, animation art, and Elvis Presley memorabilia (see bulletin 97-2).

When Gary was hired, a standard background investigation was conducted because he was to be placed in a position of trust handling high value property. The case illustrates that although background investigations are often useful and desirable, they are not infallible.

A private investigative firm checked court records for criminal convictions during the past seven years but none were found. Although Gary had been arrested for a theft-related crime during



Reginald Gary

this period, the arrest did not result in a conviction. Gary was also a lifetime registered sex offender who had been convicted of kidnapping and stealing from a prior employer. However, all of these crimes occurred prior to the seven year period examined by the investigative firm. Gary's last job was for a large department store chain. The store managers were contacted but they refused to disclose under what conditions Gary left their employment. As a result, the auction house never learned that Gary had been fired for dishonesty.

Reginald Gary pled guilty to the auction house thefts and was sentenced to state prison. He is still awaiting trial for sexually molesting a 7-year old girl and his own 5-year old son.

ADDITIONAL STOLEN ART

PLISSON, Henri
Lily Pond
serigraph on canvas
#34/95
24" x 30"



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MINNE, George
1896
The Three Holy Women at the Grave
wood sculpture
about 30" tall
dark finish

HYMAN, Ellyn
Soleil II
monotype
30" x 22"



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ADDITIONAL STOLEN ART



KAUFMAN, Steve
Romeo y Julieta Habana
screenprint on canvas with hand embellishment
AP #13/50
signed & numbered on verso
33 3/4" x 46 1/2"

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SHIRE, Peter
Here Today Gone to Maui
gouache on paper
30 1/2" x 22"

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← this shape

this pattern →



Amphora vase (similar to Rozenburg)
1895
egg shell porcelain
about 18" tall
colorful bird pattern

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RUBIN, Mel

L.A. Luna

mixed media - charcoal & pastel on paper
with two layered painted wood frames

33" x 47 1/2"



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HYMAN, Ellyn

October II

monotype

30" x 22"



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MACK, Bill

1995

Solitude Maquette

#XIII

cast bronze, dark brown finish

19" tall