

STOLEN ART

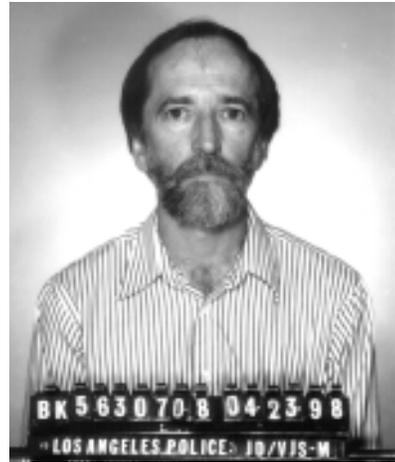


MY FAKE MATISSE

Robert Michael Harrison consigned a Matisse drawing to a major auction house in Los Angeles last year. The auction house sent transparencies of the drawing to Wanda de Guebriant in France for authentication. The drawing turned out to be a fake. The auction house advised Harrison of this fact both by phone and by letter. Harrison subsequently went to the auction house, picked up the drawing, and took it home.

Several months later, he attempted to sell the same drawing as an authentic Matisse to an art gallery for \$80,000. He failed to inform the gallery that the drawing had already been examined and determined to be a fake. He also lied about why it had been removed from sale at the auction house. As a result, the gallery expended an estimated \$5,000 in researching the drawing and finding a buyer. During this process, the gallery also sent transparencies of the drawing to Mme. de Guebriant who alerted the gallery of her prior examination of the same drawing.

Due to the deceptive and fraudulent nature of Harrison's actions in an effort to enrich himself at the expense of others, the Art Theft Detail obtained an arrest warrant and took him into custody for attempt grand theft. He is currently awaiting trial. If you have had similar contacts with Harrison, please contact detectives.



Robert Michael Harrison



Requesting any information on . . .

1. **George Hurrell** - color photograph - 1937 - 12 1/2" x 10 1/2" - depicts actress Joan Crawford, head & torso, with a flower. (98-0606227 • 1-2/98)
2. **Woiciech von Kossak** - oil on board - 1926 - 16 1/2" x 20 1/2" - depicting man with horse. (98-0808399 • 3-3/98)
3. **Jacques Villon** - lithograph - 1949 - #3/24 - 26" x 16" - depicting figures in long dresses. (98-0808399 • 3-3/98)
4. **(2) porcelain plates** - Perkenhammer Czechoslovakian - 10 1/4" - with inscription "Manufactured for His Holiness Pope Benedikt XV, Ano 1915" - with a cobalt blue floral border. (LASD • Carson)

ADDITIONAL STOLEN ART



Thai Buddha head
18th Century
bronze
12-15" tall

LBPD



ERTE
1989
Emerald Night
bronze
#XXIII / 375
21" tall

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approx. 3' tall



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ivory sculptures



approx. 12" tall

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