

STOLEN ART



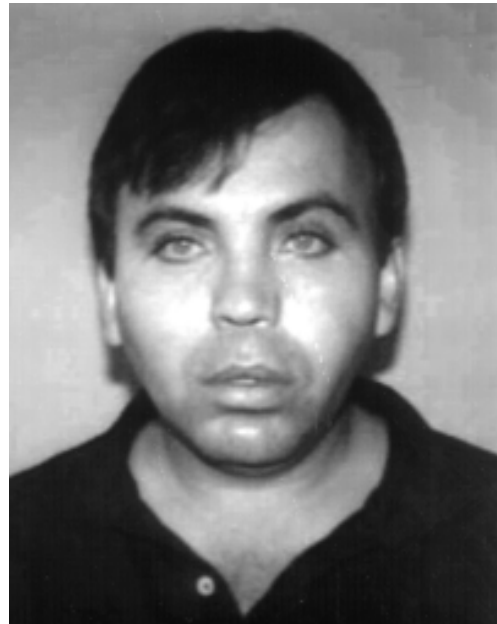
FREDERICK HART THEFT PATTERN

A pattern of thefts of Frederick Hart sculptures has been occurring at galleries from California to Colorado.

In Vail, Colorado, a male Hispanic entered a gallery and shoplifted three Hart sculptures. He later returned to possibly take a matching companion piece to one already stolen. He was recognized and a gallery employee chased the suspect. This led to an altercation with the suspect who managed to break free. He fled to a waiting getaway car driven by someone else. The car sideswiped another vehicle in its haste to escape. The suspects' car was a white 1995 Chevrolet Lumina with California plates - #3MRX293. Since the crime, the car has been issued new plates - #3XXE197.

Similar thefts have occurred in the California cities of Carmel, Laguna Beach and San Diego during which Frederick Hart sculptures have been targeted.

The car was traced to the Los Angeles area where the Art Theft Detail was requested to assist in the investigation. This resulted in the identification of Luis Bautista Abella as the Vail, Colorado thief. He travels frequently between Los Angeles and Mexico where he may be disposing of the art. Abella and the vehicle are wanted. It appears that Abella may also have arrest



Luis Bautista Abella

warrants in Wyoming and Utah. He is described as a male Hispanic, 5'6", 160, DOB: 9-13-69. However, he uses numerous other AKAs and birthdates. Abella's true name may be Francisco Carrillo with a birthdate of 9-9-77.



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SDPD

HART, Frederick
1996

Duet

#268/450

two clear acrylic resin sculptures of man and woman
each - 16 1/2" tall
engraved signature

ADDITIONAL STOLEN ART

SMITH, Cerdan
1998
untitled
oil on canvas
4' x 8'
signed & dated lower left
Beatles commemorative



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GLEASON, Joe Duncan
(1881-1959)
Outward Bound
lithograph
approx. 36" x 24"
signed lower right

HEATH, R.T.
1922
Sailboat
oil on board
signed & dated lower right
9 1/4" x 14"



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PECRUS, Charles F.
(1826-1907)
Swordsman Holding His Hat
oil on panel
signed "C. Pecrus" lower right
10 1/8" x 8"



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FAURE de THIERRENS, Jacques
Elaine au Repos
oil on panel
signed
21 1/4" x 26"



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PFAU, Conrad
Portrait of the Artist's Wife
oil on canvas
16 1/4" x 12"

ADDITIONAL STOLEN ART

DAMERON, F.
1873
Leisure Hours
oil on canvas
24" x 20"
signed lower left



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CRAMSTOUN, J.H.
Dorking Surrey
oil on panel
10" x 15"
signed

PAUL-BERTRAND, J.
Nature Mont
oil on panel
18" x 15"
signed lower right



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