

STOLEN ART



MUSEUM ART THEFT SUSPECTS



A museum in Los Angeles maintains an art rental gallery. Customers can rent original artwork by local artists by paying a monthly fee. The manager of the gallery had no reason to suspect the husband and wife who drove up to the entrance in a black Mercedes and entered the gallery with their small child. They signed a rental agreement for over \$10,000 in art and the woman showed her driver's license and produced a Visa Card. After obtaining the art, the suspects vanished and no further payments were made.

The museum spent two years trying to locate the renters. When this proved fruitless, the Art Theft Detail was contacted to investigate. The detectives learned that the driver's license, credit card and Mercedes had all been fraudulently obtained. Over \$30,000 was owed on the Visa Card and the Mercedes was finally repossessed. As the investigation progressed, the detectives followed a paper trail of fraudulent applications, multiple aliases, anonymous mail drops, and phony businesses.

The Art Theft Detail finally tracked the suspects to a house in Beverly Hills where they conducted a raid which resulted in the arrest of Nureet Granott, 49 years old, who is married to David Cohen - also under investigation. All of the stolen art was recovered although it had been missing for nearly three years. Granott was charged with ten felony counts of grand theft, fraud and false representation and is currently awaiting trial.

The suspects had \$100,000 worth of art decorating their \$450,000 house. The detectives believe much of the art may be stolen. Some of the pieces are shown in this bulletin. If you are aware of the provenance of any of these pieces, please contact the Art Theft Detail.



Nureet Granott



David Cohen

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signed "WALKER"



signed "KALECHMAN"

IS THIS YOUR ART?



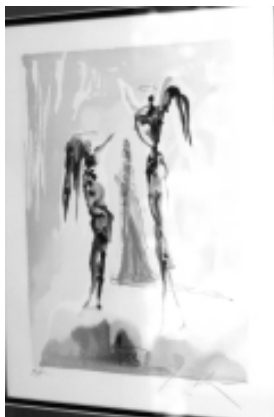
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Warrior and Shield
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ROZASY
Mother - Daughter



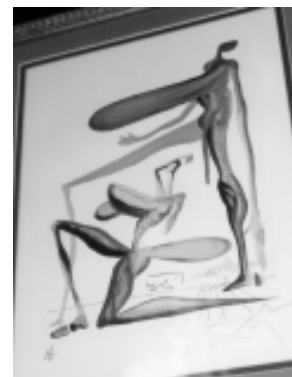
ROCHE, Christopher
1995
Circus
pastel on paper
46" x 65"



DALI, Salvadore



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