



# STOLEN ART

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## Theft of Fine Art Matthew Taylor



Art theft suspect **Matthew Taylor**, who also uses the name Matthew Taylor Nelson, was arrested for grand theft and receiving stolen property in connection with a \$236,000 Granville Redmond painting that was stolen from L.A. Fine Art Gallery in 2006. Taylor sold the painting to another art gallery in Beverly Hills.

Taylor posed as an independent art dealer visiting art galleries to obtain consignments of art to sell. After gaining the trust of a gallery owner, Taylor secreted paintings out of the gallery during business hours without the owner's knowledge.

Media coverage led to the recovery of two additional stolen artworks in L.A. and the sighting of a third in Florida. The three paintings disappeared from the same art gallery between 2004 and 2006 at times coinciding with visits by Taylor.

The third painting by artist Lucien Frank was spotted in the possession of Taylor in 2008 in Vero Beach, Florida. The current location of the \$20,000 painting is unknown.

Detectives would like to speak to anyone who has seen the Frank painting or anyone who has been victimized by Matthew Taylor. LAPD's Art Theft Detail can be contacted at (213) 485-2524 or by e-mail at: [artcop@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:artcop@lapd.lacity.org)

