

*Welcome!*



**DANGER**

**More Art Scams**

**Online Art Scam Awareness**

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# *Who is Rochelle?*



# EXPECTATIONS

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**S** SCHEMING

**C** CRAFTY

**A** AGGRESSIVE

**M** MALICIOUS

DON'T LET THEM CON YOU

# Step 1

# *The Unsolicited Inquiry*

Good Day,

I am interested in purchasing several pieces of art from your gallery or inventory therefore i will like to know if you are able to ship International and also if you accept Visa Card or Master Card for payment?

You can get back to me with your recently updated web page or art collection list.

Sincerely,

**I'm so excited.**



# *Red Flags*





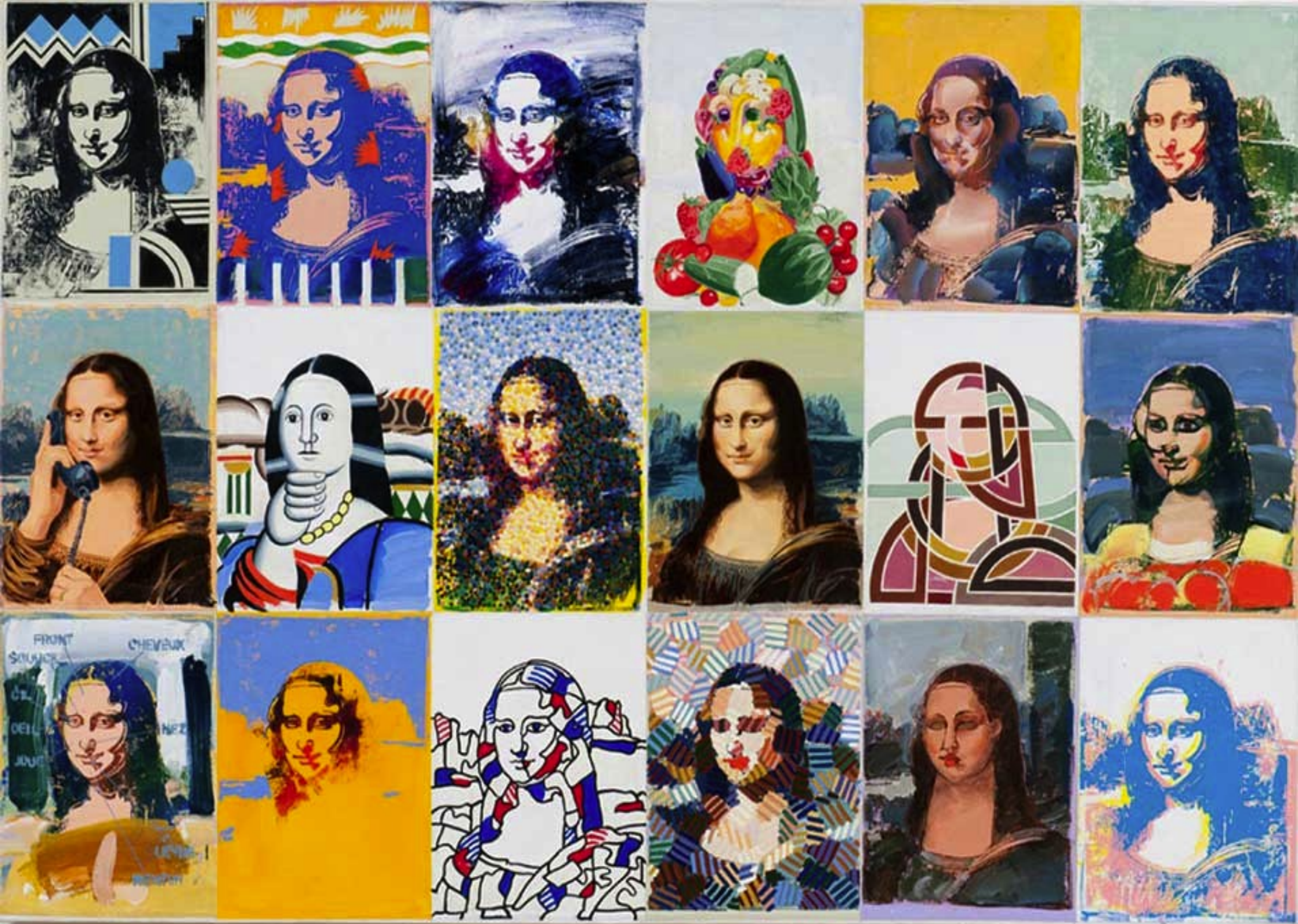
# *Who's It Addressed To?*



# *Do they address you directly?*

## **General Spam Openings**

- Hello,
- Good Day,
- Dear Artist,
- Hi there,
- etc.



Paul Giovanopoulos - "Mona Lisa A; Mona Lisa B", 2004 (detail) - Acrylic on canvas, Two panels, each 38 x 56 in. Collection of the artist.

# International Shipping



# *“Local” Buyers*



# *“New” Apartment*



# Request for Website Link

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# *Request for a Price*





# Step 2

# *Personal Shippers*



Fine Art  
Shipping

BOX  
BROTHERS


FRAGILE

BOX  
BROTHERS

BOX  
BROTHERS

*Read more about our fine art experience.*

# Complex Payment Schemes

**Bank of America**  **Cashier's Check** No. **0347927**

Notice to Purchaser: In the event this check is lost, misplaced, stolen, a sworn statement and 90-day waiting period will be required prior to replacement. This check should be negotiated within 90 days.

VOID AFTER 90 DAYS  
Date **FEBRUARY 19, 2003** 30-125140 (NLX)

Banking Center **TX-BANKING CENTER HYPERMARKET**  
**0004979 00013 0347927**

**ATLANTIC TRADE INC**  
Remitter (Purchased By)

Pay **\*FOURTEEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS** **\$ 14,600.00**

To **\*\*\*\*\***  
The  
Order  
Of

*Helma Ward*  
Authorized Signature

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Bank of America, N.A.  
San Antonio, Texas

**⑈0347927⑈ ⑆114000019⑆ 001641003755⑈**

THE ORIGINAL DOCUMENT HAS A REFLECTIVE WATERMARK ON THE BACK.

*What to do!*

# *Use Different Email Addresses*

- **info@XYZ.com** or **Jane.Doe@XYZ.com**  
*(on your website)*
- **Jane@XYZ.com**  
*(on your business card)*



The “from” email address

The sender's name

Content (entire text) from the email – especially the generic text

Google Search

I'm Feeling Lucky

# Stop Art Scams

Scammers use the Internet to find new victims. I fight back using the Internet to educate and help artists NOT become victims.

Search

SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 2014

## Scam Email: Paul Newman

The use of a famous name like Paul Newman doesn't make this any less of a scam.

Kathleen, Thank you for your post about scammers trying to buy artwork. I have received an email before from someone saying that they were in the process of moving from California to Africa and listed several piece of art work that they wanted to purchase. The way it was worded from the beginning made me question it. However, recently got another email that I think should be added to your list.

[mailto:paulnewman946@gmail.com] "do you still have this artwork for sale? (a specific piece was mentioned). I responded, "Hi Paul. I do still have this piece. Feel free to give me a call. (Telephone number included). Thank you for your interest in my work. Laura.

He responded, "Thanks for the message, I am very happy to know that the item is available for sale. i must tell you that my wife browse through the net and saw your artwork ( Title of Artwork 24" x 36" Acrylic on Canvas \$300) now, and we are very much interested in the immediate purchase because we need it for our new

ABOUT ME

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
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# Don't Become a Victim!



## Stop Art Scams

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Arts/Humanities Website  
Email Scam Alerts to share, educate, and assist artists in NOT falling victim to these fake requests to purchase from them.



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# Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre



Canada

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- Recognize It ▾
- Report It ▾
- Stop It ▾
- National CAFC ▾

## Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre launches its new website!

Originally known as PhoneBusters, the CAFC is a combined effort of the RCMP, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and the Competition Bureau. Since its inception in 1993, the CAFC has grown to become Canada's one-stop-shop for fraud reporting. To serve you better, the organization has just launched its new website.

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre  
**CAFC**  
 Centre antifraude du Canada

FRAUDE : RECOGNIZE IT. REPORT IT. STOP IT. LA FRAUDE : IDENTIFIEZ-LA. SIGNALEZ-LA. ENRAYEZ-LA.

Competition Bureau / Bureau de la concurrence, Royal Canadian Mounted Police / Gendarmes royaux du Canada, Canada

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### Recognize It

- [Scam Types](#)
- [Fraud Warnings](#)
- [Identity Theft](#)
- [Have I been Scammed ?](#)
- [Samples](#)

### Report It

- [How do I Report Fraud ?](#)

### Stop It

### Scams of the Week

#### "Scareware" Scam warning - RCMP or CSIS pop-up

The Canadian Anti Fraud Centre has been receiving reports from Canadians who say their computers are being frozen or they have been "locked out" of their computers after receiving pop-up messages warning them their computer has been associated with child pornography. These warning messages, which claim to be from the RCMP or CSIS, tells the recipient to pay \$100 dollars via Ukash so their computer can be "unlocked" [Read more](#)

### Headlines

### Priorities





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**RESEARCH**



*Thank You!*

**Questions?**



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# *Links of Interest*

- [The Latest "James Duckworth" Art Scam](#)
- [How to Check if An Inquiry is Legitimate](#)
- [Other Art Scam "Sender Names" to Avoid](#)
- [Red Flags When Doing Business Online](#)
- [More Art Scam Information & Warnings](#)
- [Stop Art Scams Blog & Facebook Page](#)