

STOLEN LIMITED EDITION ARTWORK HAND-DELIVERED TO OWNER

-- Tens of thousands of dollars in artwork returned to Chicago artist courtesy of police auction website PropertyRoom.com --

FREDERICK, MD -- After her artwork was stolen from an art show in Overland Park, Kansas, artist Penelope Osio-Brown was sure she had lost forever her personalized and unique abstracts. However, thanks to the detective work of a Missouri police department and the authentication process of the popular auction site, PropertyRoom.com, Osio-Brown has been re-united with her valuable creations.

A well-known Mexican-American artist based in Chicago, Osio-Brown had 13 pieces -- including some limited edition prints -- stolen last September. The stolen pieces were recovered by the Kansas City, Missouri police department acting on a tip that a number of stolen goods were housed in a storage facility. The recovered items were then sent to PropertyRoom.com, the online police auction site that sells stolen and unclaimed goods from approximately 3,000 law enforcement and other public agencies nationwide.

As part of a verification process, PropertyRoom.com researched the artist and contacted Osio-Brown to authenticate the artwork. To the surprise of PropertyRoom.com, the artist herself was the victim of theft. She was thrilled to hear that her personal artwork was recovered and now safely housed in PropertyRoom.com's Long Island warehouse.

"I couldn't believe it when I got the phone call that my pieces were found and unharmed. Thanks to PropertyRoom.com and the Kansas City police, I am able to bring my pieces home where they belong," said an overjoyed Osio-Brown.

PropertyRoom.com CEO PJ Bellomo hand-delivered these pieces to Osio-Brown at her studio in Elmhurst, Illinois. "Most days, we pick-up goods from public agencies and offer great auction deals on our website, from iPhones to automobiles and everything in between," said Bellomo. "A couple of times each year we get to reunite an original owner with lost or stolen goods, and it's simply the best part of our job." The artwork of Penelope Osio-Brown experienced a multi-state trek: created in Illinois, stolen in Kansas, recovered in Missouri, authenticated in New York, then returned to its rightful home in Illinois.

Penelope Osio-Brown has been painting professionally since 1998 and currently works with mixed-media on canvas. She credits her Mexican heritage, admiration for early civilizations and love for life as her inspirations in her work.

About PropertyRoom.com

PropertyRoom.com provides an online auction platform and services and has close to 4,000 unique products up for bid at any given time from a network of over 3,000 police departments and municipalities nationwide. With hundreds of new auctions added daily --from buffalo horns to swords to jewelry and electronics --most of these forfeited, seized or found items have a starting bid at just one dollar. With the merchandise collected from police property rooms across the United States, the auctions have generated millions in proceeds given back to the local communities.

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