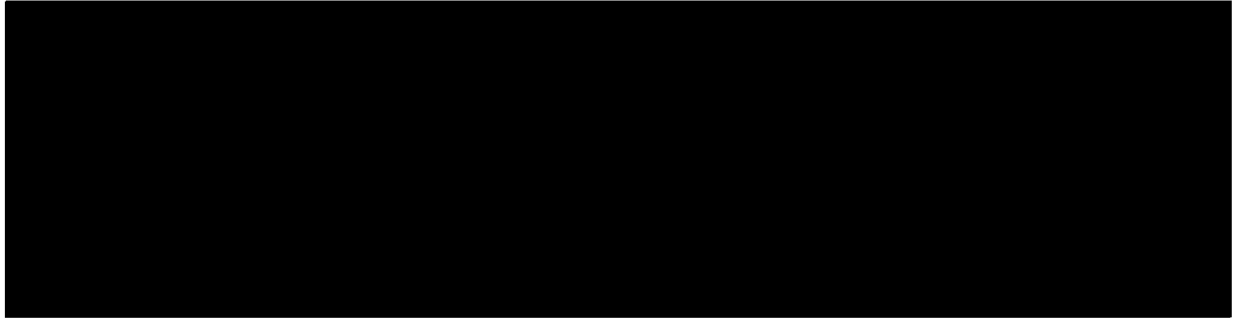


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Objet: Picasso

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À: jc.scheere@skynet.be

Jean,

Sorry it has taken so long to get the Picasso moved out for you, but we have had some issues with the school system and we now have a new one.

So I never explained the full issue we were dealing with because I didn't know if you'd understand the politics of it all, though now you need to hear the complexity so you can make a decision on what you want to do.

The Gary school system use to be run by the city of Gary, but after racking up almost \$100,000,000 in debt and failing schools the state stepped in and took over 3 years ago. The most recent emergency manager, Peggy Hinckley, was on a mission to liquidate all unused assets to right their finances the best they could and turn the focus back on the students. With that being the case she had us selling a variety of school assets including some art, one being the Picasso. After asking about the piece last year it was decided it should be offered in our January auction. In the middle of November we received an email from Peggy approving the sale of the piece.

Before we can sell anything though Peggy had to give 30 day notice to the mayor of the sale of assets. We have done this for months with other assets, and Peggy had told the attorney to give written notice for the upcoming sales but the attorney never stated the Picasso in the notice like she was suppose to. I never knew of this issue or Peggy, because we never heard a word from the mayor.

To add more to this Peggy has since retired and we have a new emergency manager.

So prior to the auction I tried to reach out to the local newspapers to run a story on the piece, but none wanted to. But then the Monday after the auction they wanted to know everything about it and it became front page news. Since then there was public outcry how terrible this was. Well it was at that point the mayor said she didn't know and proper notice wasn't made to her.

So at that point we immediately gave notice and that's why I told you there would be a little delay on getting the piece because now there was at least a 30 day hold on the piece. Well at the end of the 30 days the mayor held a public meeting about the Picasso and the remaining school art. Obviously those now upset by it all came to voice their opinion.

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So the new emergency manager and mayor told me to post the Picasso back on my website and give any of these concerned citizens an opportunity to place a bid. It has actually been on there for about 10 days now and anyone to submit a bid has until tomorrow.

Their initial thought was no one will make an offer and to keep the sale to you and we are done. All bases are covered and everyone is happy.

Well that all changed now that some of concerned citizens have gotten together to make an offer and plan on donating it to a local museum for public display. The museum actually is the one who made the offer on it. The offer was also more then you paid for it too, and that makes it difficult too.

So here is our dilemma, technically it was sold to you but without the notice to mayor it really wasn't sold, but we wanted to still honor that bid for you. Now the schools are stuck because they have a higher local offer that keeps everyone here happy and only you unhappy. They don't want that either though.

So my question to you is, would you be ok if they sold it to a local group to keep here and refund you your money? The money is still in my account and has never been paid to the school. I probably can get them to pay you a fee for your time if you'd like. Or if you really want it and do not care about the local issues and will do anything to make sure you still get it, then let me know and I'll relay that message to the school system so they can make their decision.

I'm sorry to be emailing this to you, I never wanted to do this. I thought everything was done right or we would of never offered it for sale. Now I'm stuck in between all this and now your being drug into their problems.

So let me know your thoughts and I'll relay them back to them. If you do decide that you would be ok being released from the sale, I will have them draw a paper up releasing you from the purchase and then I'll wire the money with whatever additional you'd like for your time. I would get this done right away for you.

Thanks,

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