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Chance reopened case Altink is 'great'

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ASSEN / AMSTERDAM -. The Amsterdam attorney LDH Hamer, who on Altink Forgeries acting on behalf gallery owner Smithuis, estimates the probability that the high Court trial against art dealer and alleged forger Altink Cor van L [REDACTED] reopens from Holthe. "Virtually all authorities have had to deal with this affair in 1992, stabbing drop necessary," says Hammer. In particular, the method of examining the authenticity of the disputed paintings Altink according Hammer 'was extremely minimal.

For example, there are, according to mr. Hamer sufficient number of other technical methods are conceivable for investigating specially aimed at the determination of authenticity of paintings. But the public prosecutor in Amsterdam at a technical investigation into the alleged fake Altink cloths in 1992 has only made use of the forensic laboratory in Rijswijk. "The decision to dismiss the case, the result of unfinished investigations. Because after the forensic laboratory it really starts that such abstract research, "says Hammer.

The Asser lawyer mr. Drs. EJA Schonfeld, who represents Van L [REDACTED] however, the matter barrel rather laconically. "This is as difficult again for Van L [REDACTED]. But it is no more than a storm in a teacup. "Schönfeld suspects that Mrs. Smithuis do mainly is to get her 'right' because they think disregarded its opinion on the Altink paintings is because the case was shelved. "That's like comparing apples to oranges. She and Hofsteenge may then during the preliminary inquiry as expert witnesses at that time all 32 paintings by Van L [REDACTED] have described as 'false'. Justice has waived prosecution because of a technical investigation has not been made clear that they were false. So simply could not be proven that Van L [REDACTED] has ripped the whole thing. "

Schonfeld says, unlike his fellow Hammer, the chance of success in that gallery owner Smithuis and her colleagues Hofsteenge have reopened the case is small. Thus procureurgeneraal would have advised the Court rejected the request of the duo. "That suggests that the prosecution has dropped right at the time the case. So I expect the same decision of the Court. "In addition Schonfeld insists that the entire Altink Collection Van Loenen is now valued by the well in the art world respected

certified appraiser AW van der Werff. The valuation is shortly after the case against Van L [REDACTED] was dismissed, to carried insurance reasons.