

## Drenthe painter arrested on suspicion of falsifying Altink

From our reporters

Bubbles - Also Monday, police in his home in Holthe arrested the 50-year-old painter and collector Cor van L [REDACTED] requested by Sotheby's in Amsterdam. During a search in his converted farmhouse saw the police 32 paintings that mostly featured a signature Altink, one of the most famous members of the Groningen artists' group De Ploeg.

Van L [REDACTED] is suspected of large-scale trading of counterfeit paintings Altink. Van L [REDACTED] is transferred to Amsterdam and is still benignly held, along with the 22-year-old RH arrest provisionally closing a judicial investigation, which began last September.

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Artist Van L [REDACTED] suspected forgery Altink paintings.

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Beilenaar believe in "conspiracy sample of the art world:

## Artist Van L [REDACTED] suspected of falsifying work Altink

From our reporters Menno Hoexum and Eddy Schaafsma

Call / GRONINGEN - Last year was arrested Monday painter and collector Cor van L [REDACTED] in the news when auction houses in Amsterdam, The Hague, Rotterdam and Laren decided not to auction contributed Altink. There was, after a tip from team experts in Groningen and Noord-Holland, the serious suspicion of fraud. The paintings were introduced by Van L [REDACTED] at the auctions.

According to the Groningen art dealer and expert team Cees Hofsteenge that when research is involved, it goes to nine of the confiscated paintings, gouaches and tempera programs for work that does not Altink. Remarkably, according to him, especially a "Naked" that long without

signature roamed at auctions in the North. The picture has now been found with the signature

J. Altink.

The Heiloo art dealer Renée Smithuis, which is the case cranked last year, was independent of Hofsteenge to the same conclusions. Hofsteenge and Smithuis have advised the prosecutor to do a comprehensive technical and material research.

The Beilenaar Van L [REDACTED] has always denied that he had anything to do with the falsification of Ploeg paintings. Now he denies any involvement. He claimed to have received the paintings from the estate of an aunt in Schoorl. There's never actually determined that the paintings that had suddenly appeared last year on the basis of Van L [REDACTED]. What is certain is that van L [REDACTED] came up several times with false Altink. "He would thereby fake names like Van Magpie and Hildebrand used. His own work would have striking similarities with the work of team members.

Last year, after the discovery of the falsifications, was the Dutch art world in turmoil. Experts had agreed to take back sold paintings contradictory and auction houses. The affair caused the explosive rise in prices of Team-work is stabilized for several months. Trading Team paintings attracted reactivates slightly this year.

declaration

The Amsterdam auction house Sotheby's was one of the first involved announcing that declaration would be made because of fraud by the Amsterdam police. Initially remained in this announcement. Schayk director of Sotheby's confirmed that he did last September yet return.

An expert from the Amsterdam auction yesterday two of the seized paintings Altink recognized in the auction were sold last year and are later labeled as false. In total, Van L [REDACTED] would last twelve paintings at various auction houses in North and Randstad have offered for sale.

Prosecutor Mr. AE Pants prosecution request in Amsterdam announced the arrest of Van L [REDACTED] is the conclusion of a preliminary inquiry cautiously started last year. Along with Van L [REDACTED] is a second suspect was arrested, the 22jarige RH, presumably a relative of Van L [REDACTED]. H. is, said a spokesman for the Amsterdam police, probably this week released, because he was only marginally involved in the case.

Furthermore, the officer confirms that found in the house in Holthe 32 paintings with the signature Altink and confiscated. An expert hired by Justice currently trying to determine the authenticity of the paintings. Among the confiscated paintings are a few examples that are not finished yet.

According to the Amsterdam detective H. Hali, in which the investigation is concerned, it will be a daunting task to determine whether the works are false and if so who is the creator. Hali "Van L [REDACTED] claims that the entire art world in a kind of monster conspiracy conspiring against him" The detective called inaccessible art world.. "The self-interest is often paramount." He says it still received a number of reports against Van L [REDACTED] beside the declaration of Sotheby's.

Art experts see in their own work of Van L [REDACTED] recently was seen in a Groninger art trade, clear similarities with the work of painters like Team Altink, Dijkstra and Jordens. Van L [REDACTED] had previously know himself to his own work inspired by the colors of the artists of De Ploeg.