

## **Leeuwarden Court refers back to court Assen**

End of civil procedure Altink affair temporarily not in sight

The civil proceedings in appeal around the team affair was referred back for further processing to court Assen. The court Leeuwarden made this decision at the request of both parties: the Drenthe painter CT van Loenen and the Groninger art collector JLMeijering. For now it is not the end in sight of this over 10 years of protracted litigation.

Meijering Van Loenen accused him of having sold 10 forged paintings Team. Therefore he made to a civil action against his former friend Van Loenen. He demanded include a hefty compensation. The court pointed Assen in an interlocutory judgment on the claim of Meijering.

Returning to their previous very positive appraisals claimed experts across the court in Assen that the paintings in question is 100 percent false. The court considered that Van Loenen had motivated refuted their arguments. Therefore, the alleged falsity of the paintings could not be demonstrated.

Without waiting for a final judgment Meijering appealed to the Leeuwarden court. Of the 10 initially disputed paintings he shrugged, surprised many, five paintings from the procedure. Of the five remaining works remarked the court there two as' with probability bordering on certainty "false. The court based its verdict on the outcome of a chemical paint research by the workshop for research and restoration of paintings (ASSR) Mr. Leo den.

Without the interim judgment of the court waiting Meijering filed with the police in Hoogeveen charges relating to fraud against Van Loenen. That involved two Team Paintings "Blue Borgje 'Dijkstra and' Groninger landscape 'of Altink. This would be false. According to an announcement of 8 October. The prosecutor decided to close this case.

Conclusion NFI contrasts with findings of ASSR

Inter alia, an investigation into the authenticity of the two paintings by experts from the Dutch Forensic Institute (NFI) showed the falsity of these works could not be established. According to mr. Drs. EJA Schönfeld, lawyer Van Loenen is a case of a novelty. ASSR indeed asserted with absolute certainty that these two paintings are just false. A sharp contrast, according to Mr. Schönfeld.

Some chemists had already astonished noted the final report of ASSR. The theoretical basis for the claims rattling according to them. The study and interpretation of measurement results do not meet strict scientific criteria. Some same measurements give different results; which are not further explained. They doubt the reliability of ASSR, also due to the fact that ASSR is ISO certified. "The opposite findings of the NFI reinforce these doubts," says one of the chemists. 'In addition, the NFI - whose expertise, professionalism and research methods are not disputed - an independent institute. In ASSR is doubtful that independence. That is indeed called upon by the party Meijering! "