TITLE 18 - CRIMES AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE
PART I - CRIMES
CHAPTER 31 - EMBEZZLEMENT AND THEFT

§ 668. Theft of major artwork

(a) Definitions.— In this section—
   (1) “museum” means an organized and permanent institution, the activities of which affect
       interstate or foreign commerce, that—
       (A) is situated in the United States;
       (B) is established for an essentially educational or aesthetic purpose;
       (C) has a professional staff; and
       (D) owns, utilizes, and cares for tangible objects that are exhibited to the public on a regular
           schedule.
   (2) “object of cultural heritage” means an object that is—
       (A) over 100 years old and worth in excess of $5,000; or
       (B) worth at least $100,000.

(b) Offenses.— A person who—
   (1) steals or obtains by fraud from the care, custody, or control of a museum any object of cultural
       heritage; or
   (2) knowing that an object of cultural heritage has been stolen or obtained by fraud, if in fact the
       object was stolen or obtained from the care, custody, or control of a museum (whether or not that
       fact is known to the person), receives, conceals, exhibits, or disposes of the object,


Amendments
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