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ARREST MADE IN GOYA THEFT CASE

(Toledo, Ohio—October 24, 2007) The Toledo Museum of Art learned today that an arrest has been made in the case of the 2006 theft of the Museum's Francisco de Goya y Lucientes painting, *Children with a Cart* (1778). A release about the arrest was issued today by the United States Department of Justice, U.S. Attorney, District of New Jersey, and is available at <http://www.usdoj.gov/usao/nj/press/2007releases.html>.

"Our number one concern in this matter was the safe return of the painting, which has been on view in Gallery 28A since its return," said Dr. Don Bacigalupi, TMA Director. "It is satisfying to learn that an arrest has been made, and we commend the FBI and the U.S. Attorney's office for their diligent investigation."

After having been stolen in November 2006, the painting was recovered by the FBI and returned unharmed in early January 2007 to the Toledo Museum of Art, where it is part of the permanent collection.

When stolen, the painting was en route from Toledo to the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City, where it was scheduled to be included in the exhibition *Spanish Painting from El Greco to Picasso: Time, Truth, and History*. After its recovery, the painting joined the Guggenheim exhibition through its closing date and was subsequently reinstalled in Toledo.

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The mission of the Toledo Museum of Art is based upon the belief in the power of art to ignite the imagination, stimulate thought, and provide enjoyment. Through our collection and programs, we strive to integrate art into the lives of people.

The Toledo Museum of Art is a nonprofit arts institution funded through individual donations, foundation grants, corporate sponsorships, and investments. The Ohio Arts Council helps fund programs at the Toledo Museum of Art through a sustainable grant program that encourages economic growth, educational excellence, and cultural enrichment for all Ohioans.

Admission to the Museum is free. The Museum is open Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 A.M.–4 P.M.; Friday, 10 A.M.–10 P.M.; Sunday, 11 A.M.–5 P.M.; but closed Mondays and major holidays. Friday evening hours are made possible by Fifth Third Bank.

The Museum is located at 2445 Monroe Street at Scottwood Avenue, just west of the downtown business district and one block off I-75 with exit designations posted. For general information, visitors can call 419-255-8000 or 800-644-6862, or visit www.toledomuseum.org.