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WHAT: FBI art crime investigator and author, Robert K. Wittman shares his exploits and adventures.

WHERE: Smith Room, Grant R. Brimhall THOUSAND OAKS LIBRARY, 1401 Janss Road.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 28, 2012. 6:30pm

COST: NO CHARGE. Limited Space; Reservations Suggested.

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‘PRICELESS’ AUTHOR AND FBI INVESTIGATOR TALKS

Founder of the FBI’s Art Crime Team, Robert K. Wittman, will share some of his exploits and adventures in Thousand Oaks on Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Mr. Wittman’s presentation will be held in the Smith Room, 6:30pm, at the Grant R. Brimhall Thousand Oaks Library.

The son of antique dealers, Wittman was well acquainted with the business of rare, high-priced artworks long before his law enforcement career. In 1988, he brought his knowledge of the art world to the FBI. Assigned to the Philadelphia Field Division, Wittman went into action tracking down stolen art. As a result of specialized training in art, antiques, jewelry and gem identification, he served as the FBI’s investigative expert in this field. During his 20 year career with the FBI he recovered more than \$225 million worth of stolen art and cultural property resulting in the prosecution and conviction of numerous individuals.

In 2005, he was instrumental in the creation of the FBI’s rapid deployment Art Crime Team. He was named as the ACT’s Senior Investigator and instructed the team members in how to conduct cultural property investigations. He has represented the United States around the world conducting investigations and instructing international police and museums in investigation, recovery and security techniques. He now oversees Robert Wittman Inc., a security and recovery firm that protects the cultural assets of institutions, auction houses, private collectors and insurance companies.

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Mr. Wittman's Thousand Oaks appearance is sponsored by the Education Committee of the Regional Art Museum Task Force. Seating is limited and reservations are suggested (info@regionalartmuseum.org or call 805 409-3598). The event is free to the public, but donations requested to support RAM Education Committee programs. The Regional Art Museum is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt organization dedicated to making the visual arts accessible to the area.



CAPTION --During his 20-year FBI career, Robert Wittman went deep undercover to infiltrate the dark world of international art thieves and black market traders. He recovered hundreds of millions of dollars in stolen art and cultural property. Wittman documented his exploits in the New York Times best seller, "PRICELESS".

ATTACHMENTS: Event poster, pdf; Wittman photo, jpeg