



Wyeth works recovered

Paintings by N.C. Wyeth and Andrew Wyeth that were stolen two months ago from the Woolworth Estate at Monmouth were recovered Thursday in Mashpee, Mass., with the arrest of three men. The paintings, left to right, "Distant Thunder," "Dark Harbor Fishermen," and "Pennsylvania Farmer," are shown in FBI headquarters at Boston Friday with agents, left to right, Howard Luker, James Newpher, agent in charge, and Paul Dembnicki. (UPI Photo)

2 arrested in art theft freed

BARNSTABLE, Mass. (AP) — Two New York City men arrested in connection with the theft of paintings by Andrew Wyeth and his father, N. C. Wyeth, were released from custody, the FBI said Friday.

The two, James Bishop, 46, and Donald Melansky, 48, were arrested at a Cape Cod shopping center Thursday along with a third suspect, Myles J. Connor, 31, of Milton.

Connor was ordered held in lieu of \$50,000 bond by

Magistrate John P. Curley.

Connor was charged with receiving merchandise which was stolen and transported in interstate commerce.

The head of the Boston FBI office, James Newpher, said the investigation into the alleged theft was continuing.

The paintings, recovered Thursday, are valued at \$165,000.

The FBI described the recovered paintings as part of a large quantity of art

and antiques stolen from Fred Woolworth of the Woolworth estates in Monmouth, Maine, during the May 25-28 weekend.

Officials said the recovered paintings were: "Lost Balloon" by Andrew Wyeth, valued at \$25,000; "Cover of Treasure Island" valued at \$40,000, "Pennsylvania Farmer" and "Dark Harbor Fishermen," both valued at \$50,000, all by N. C. Wyeth, and a reproduction of Andrew Wyeth's "Distant Thunder."