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## PHMC Inventory Removal Incident

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Today at 09:15 while opening the store I noticed that the Battle of Lake Erie Prints were missing from the Museum Store backroom. I checked with Christine if she had moved or rearranged them and asked Natalie, who was passing through, if there was anything she knew about the matter. Both responded that they didn't know.

I went back to the museum admin offices and, because Jim's door was closed for a meeting, I asked Chuck if he knew anything. He said he had been told to collect them and put them in his office but hadn't been told the reason.

I contacted you (Billy, Joe, and Rebecca) to let you know about the issue and texted Jim to ask when he might be free to discuss the missing items. I walked by his office several times between fulfilling other tasks and eventually found him with his door open.

We sat down and he informed me that the prints had been donated to the museum, not the league, and that this was part of the reconciliation process regarding debts between PHMC and the FNL and that the meeting he had just gotten off of was discussing the reclamation of PHMC assets, including those prints and posters in the store.

- "You guys owe us money, we owe you money. That's what this is all about since you guys aren't an associate group anymore. They'll hash it out so that we'll be even / square when it's all dealt with.
- "All these things are bubbling to the top now so there's a bunch of things to hash out, this isn't necessarily what I would prioritize but they want this (to reclaim 'their' items from the store) to happen."
- "I'm not coming after what's already sold. If Walter told you that you could have it to sell. I'm not interested in getting a check from the league, but I was told to get what is still there"

I stated that I was very alarmed that the posters had been removed because they were counted in our inventory and on our valuation of our assets. I said that if there was something in dispute, I would have been happy to put items in the back while things are hashed out, but the fact that I wasn't even told that it was happening was upsetting.

Jim agreed that there should have been more of a heads up and that "I wasn't aware that this was included in your inventory". I asked about what other items he believed the museum owned and said "I don't really know, a lot of this was before I got here" but he asked if there was anything in the system that was the museum's.

I said "well my understanding is many of these things are under our consignment agreements, Linda has been consigning periodicals, used books, etc through our store which PHMC has been duly paid for. My understanding, though secondhand, of these prints is that we are consigning the prints through Mary Mctague who gets paid a stipend on the sale of posters donated to the league which we are charged with caring for as part of that relationship, this is one of the reasons I was so alarmed that they were missing"

There were some additional sundries about the centennial packets that we sell, but Jim didn't sound like it was something he thought the museum had ownership over.

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