

STATEMENT FROM FIRST SELECTMAN TIMOTHY M. HERBST ON VANDALISM OF ARTWORK AT TRUMBULL PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 12, 2015 - - First Selectman Timothy M. Herbst issued the following statement concerning the vandalism that occurred last night at the Trumbull Public Library:

“All Trumbull residents should be outraged that someone would come into a public building and commit an act of vandalism. Free speech does not allow for the destruction of private property. I am asking the person or persons who committed this act to turn themselves in to local authorities. If they fail to do so, the Trumbull Police Department, under the leadership of Chief Michael Lombardo, has promised a full and complete investigation that will identify and hold accountable the individual(s) who committed this act last evening in our public library. Trumbull is a community that respects differences of opinion and diversity of thought and this individual act does not reflect who we are as a community.

Town Attorney Dennis Kokenos and I have been adamant for more than a week that the Town of Trumbull needed a complete and thorough indemnification agreement and proof of insurance for this and any other art collection featured in our library to make sure the Town of Trumbull was protected from financial and legal liability. Last night’s incident is proof positive of this point. Our job is to protect the town and we remain committed to doing so in the interest of all Trumbull residents.”