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MEDIA ALERT

FIRST SIGHTING OF "LOST" TERRACOTTA WARRIOR IN THE BAY AREA

SECURITY VIDEO SHOWS HE'S IN SAN JOSE



SAN FRANCISCO, January 25, 2013—The Asian Art Museum today confirmed the first public sighting of its lost Chinese Terracotta Warrior reported missing and wandering the Bay Area earlier this week. Museum officials reported that he appears to be in San Jose. A grainy photo of the lost warrior was taken by a security camera in a San Jose convenience store.

"We're delighted to learn that he's okay and seems to be comfortable in his new environment," said Tim Hallman, the museum's director of communications. "We thank the anonymous tipster who sent us the image. We continue to ask the public's help in locating and directing the lost warrior back to the Asian Art Museum before the exhibition welcomes its first visitors on February 22. We encourage individuals to upload photos of the warrior to www.asianart.org/lostwarrior, a special website we've created to track his movements."

On Wednesday, January 23, the museum reported that one of the famed terracotta warriors from China scheduled to appear in an exhibition at the museum next month had inexplicably been separated from his contingent. Eight terracotta warriors, two terracotta horses and more than 100 other historical objects were en route to San Francisco for the special exhibition, *China's*

<u>Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy</u>, on view February 22–May 27.

China's Terracotta Warriors: The First Emperor's Legacy will feature dozens of rare objects from the enormous tomb complex of China's First Emperor (259–210 BCE). The tomb complex with its estimated 8,000 terracotta warriors is considered one of the greatest archaeological discoveries in modern times. Visitors to the exhibition will discover new secrets from the tomb, with more information than ever before on the First Emperor, his reign, and his quest for immortality.

ABOUT THE ASIAN ART MUSEUM

The Asian Art Museum—Chong-Moon Lee Center for Asian Art and Culture is one of San Francisco's premier arts institutions and home to a world-renown collection of more than 18,000 Asian art treasures spanning 6000 years of history. Through rich art experiences, centered on historic and contemporary artworks, the Asian Art Museum unlocks the past for visitors, bringing it to life, while serving as a catalyst for new art, new creativity and new thinking.

Information: 415.581.3500 or www.asianart.org

Location: 200 Larkin Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

Hours: The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. From February through October, hours are extended on Thursdays until 9:00 pm. Closed Mondays, as well as New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Christmas Day.

General Admission: FREE for museum members, \$12 for adults, \$8 for seniors (65+), college students with ID, and youths (13–17). FREE for children under 12 and SFUSD students with ID. Admission on Thursdays after 5:00 pm is \$5 for all visitors (except those under 12, SFUSD students, and members, who are always admitted FREE). Admission is FREE to all on Target First Free Sundays (the first Sunday of every month). A surcharge may apply for admission into special exhibitions.

Access: The Asian Art Museum is wheelchair accessible. For more information regarding access: 415.581.3598; TDD: 415.861.2035.

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