

No butts about it, judge sentences drunk art vandal

DENVER — A woman who punched, scratched and slid her buttocks against a \$30-million painting by abstract expressionist Clifford Still at a Denver museum has been sentenced to two years of probation, and will have to undergo

mental health treatment, prosecutors said on Thursday.

Carmen Tisch, 37, pleaded guilty earlier this month to felony criminal mischief for striking at and leaning against the oil-on-canvas painting 1957-J No. 2 at the Clifford Still

Museum last year, the Denver District Attorney's Office said.

After causing an estimated \$10,000 worth of damage to the painting, an intoxicated Tisch then pulled down her pants, slid her buttocks against the painting and uri-

nated on the museum floor, prosecutors said.

A judge sentenced Tisch to two years probation and she must also undergo mental health treatment and receive help for alcohol dependency as a condition of her

sentence. She may still face a restitution hearing. The North Dakota-born Still was considered one of the most influential post-World War Two American abstract expressionist artists, who died in 1980.

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