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Lot # 160

Description:

AN IMPORTANT NARWHAL SKULL □ Monodon monocerus □ Narwhals are the rarest species of whale in the oceans today. Though there are similarities between this species, the Beluga and the Irrawaddy Dolphin, it is accepted that the Narwhal belongs in its own family, Monodontidae. Narwhals are easily identified and have long been prized due to their unique spiraled tusk, which is actually an elongated tooth that develops in the upper jaw and points forward. Male Narwhals only develop two teeth with only the left one reaching lengths of 5 - 10 feet. The right tooth is normally much smaller, rarely exceeding 8 inches, and usually never passing the upper lip. In some rare cases the right tooth would grow and erupt through the lip but would almost always be much smaller than the left tooth. In this extremely rare example, both teeth are quite large, each measuring over 7 feet in length. There are fewer than 7 specimens known worldwide with this occurrence. The left tooth measures 7 feet 4 inches and the right tooth measures 7 feet 2 inches. The skull measures 17 x 16 ½ inches and the complete specimen when assembled measures 8 feet 11 inches. The skull along with both tusks, have been handsomely mounted for a wall display and measures 116 ½ x 24 ¼ inches. The Narwhal is a "toothed Whale" related to the sperm whale, pilot whales and dolphins and porpoises. Males can grow in lengths up to 15 feet and weigh up to 1.6 tons. This impressive specimen comes with documentation allowing it to be sold within the United States. However, it is important to note that it cannot be exported outside of the United States and therefore we cannot accept bids from buyers outside of the U.S. □

Low Est: \$45000.00
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AN EXTREMELY RARE SABRE-TOOTHED TIGER SKULL



LARGE RHODONITE SLAB



EXCEPTIONALLY FINE FOSSIL AMMONITE TABLETOP



TWO FOSSIL PINE CONES ON MATRIX



LARGE GREEN TOPAZ



VERY LARGE RUTILATED
SMOKY-QUARTZ CRYSTAL



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