

Police

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naked

Christ

painting

Staff Reporter

POLICE yesterday removed from a Johannesburg art gallery the controversial painting of a naked crucified Christ exhibited by an artist, Harold Rubin.

The head of the C.I.D., Colonel Norman Parker, said last night: "We decided to remove the painting as a result of our investigations. It will remain in the hands of the police until it is decided whether or not to prosecute."

Police several days ago received instructions to investigate complaints about the painting.

When Mr. Rubin's home was telephoned last night, his wife said he was busy, and that they were "not well disposed to the Press."

A "Rand Daily Mail" reporter and photographer were ejected yesterday from Gallery 101, where the painting was exhibited.

Another painting of a naked man on a cross was on show.

Beneath the figure on the cross was a man firing a light machine-gun and another man stabbing at the machine-gunner with a type of spear.