

Medici started dealing in antiquities in Rome during the 1960s. In July 1967, he was convicted in Italy of receiving looted artefacts, though in the same year he met and became an important supplier of antiquities to US dealer Robert Hecht. In 1968, Medici opened the gallery Antiquaria Romana in Rome and began to explore business opportunities in Switzerland. It is widely believed that in December 1971 he bought the illegally-excavated Euphronios (Sarpedon) krater from tomb-robbers before transporting it to Switzerland and selling it to Hecht.