

Stolen Goya Recovered

Children with a Cart by Spanish master Francisco Goya disappeared during transit from The Toledo Museum of Art to the Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York, where it was scheduled to be included in the exhibition *Spanish Painting from El Greco to Picasso: Time, Truth, and History* that opened in November 2006.

The 228 year old painting was insured for \$1 million.

The painting was taken from a professional art transporter's truck that was parked overnight in a hotel parking lot in Stroudsburg, PA. The FBI recovered the painting less than two weeks after the theft, and despite speculation it was an inside job, it was reported the thieves were not aware of the contents of the truck when they broke into it. FBI Spokesman Steven Siegel said, "It was a target of opportunity. They probably thought it was a truck full of PlayStations."

The insurer had offered a \$50,000 reward for information leading to its recovery, and the FBI said extensive media coverage of the theft led to tips that enabled the agency to recover the painting, which appears to be unharmed. No arrests have been made, and the case is currently still under investigation.

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