

Robbers Steal Shishkin, Korovin Paintings From Russian Museum

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Masked robbers have stolen several paintings by renowned 19th and 20th century Russian artists from a local museum in central Russia, the Interior Ministry said Monday.

Three masked men broke into a history and arts museum in the city of Vyazniki, about 300 kilometers (180 miles) east of Moscow Sunday evening, tied up a guard and stole several paintings by Ivan Shishkin, Konstantin Korovin and Stanislav Zhukovsky.

The ministry did not say which paintings were snatched or how many were stolen.

An investigation has been opened.

In early June, Shishkin's "Twilight" sold at MacDougall's auction house for £2.1 million (over \$3.3 million), the highest recorded price for his work.

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