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Valuable Cat Theft Suspects Caught

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Police in Moscow have detained two men suspected of stealing a rare kitten from its home in the capital, though the cat itself remains missing.

The feline, a wild caracal cat valued by its owner at about 440,000 rubles ($12,000), was seized at gunpoint in June by two men posing as potential buyers. The men also made off with 500,000 in cash from the heist.

Regional police said Tuesday the suspects hail from the Kemerovo and North Caucasus regions, news agency ITAR-Tass reported.

The caracal, also known as the desert lynx, is a wild cat that can grow more than 1 meter in length. It is most commonly found in Africa and parts of Asia.

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