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Paul Gauguin

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Fruits on a table or still life with a small dog, 1889.



Fruits on a table or still life with a small dog is an oil painting signed and dated 1889 (41) and dedicated "to the countess N." The painting's worth is estimated between 10 and 30 million euros. It was stolen from the London residence of Terrence Kennedy in 1970 and found in 2014. As of April 2014, it is with the Italy's heritage police.

The paintings were left on a train from Paris to Turin and when found by railway workers in Turin were placed in the lost-and-found deposit. The state railway company, without knowing their value, sold them at a lost-property auction in 1975 to an art loving factory worker, who paid 23 euros for them. He hung them in his kitchen. The worker only grew suspicious about their origins when his son saw another Gauguin in a book and noticed similarities with the painting in his father's kitchen. The man consulted experts and police were eventually alerted.

The future of the paintings is unclear. The Italian police are liaising with the English Metropolitan Police in order to establish the ownership of the two paintings.