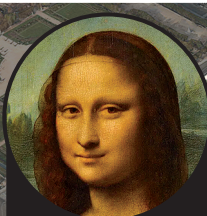


# How audacious Louvre heist unfolded

A brazen robbery at the Louvre museum in Paris on Sunday – the most spectacular since the *Mona Lisa* was stolen last century – saw thieves make off with several items from the surviving French crown jewels



**Mona Lisa**

(LEONARDO DA VINCI, 1452-1519)

Stolen: 1911

Recovered: 1913

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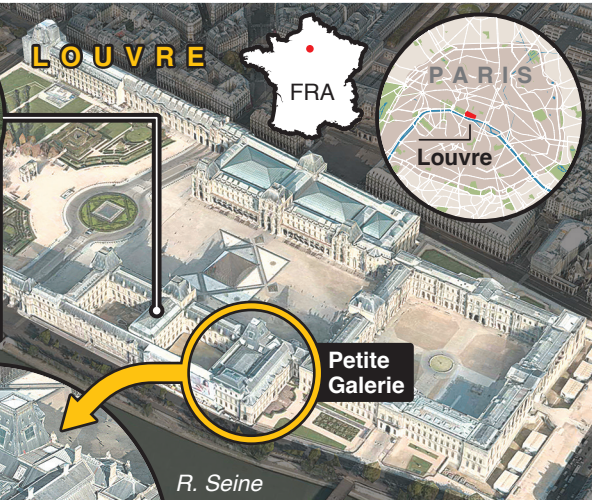


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Petite Galerie

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**Room 705:**  
**Galerie d'Apollon**  
Home to French crown jewels since 1887

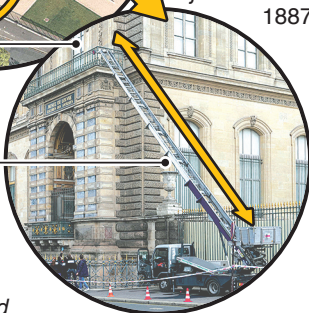
**3.** Once inside, robbers smash two glass cases housing remaining crown jewels (*most of them were lost or sold after 1789 French Revolution*) and take eight items including diadems, necklaces, earrings and brooches

**2.** Angle grinder used to cut balcony door open

**1.** Thieves use “*monte-meuble*” truck-mounted conveyor belt (normally used to move furniture in and out of Parisian apartments) to enter (and exit)

Sources: BBC, New York Times, Reuters, AP, Louvre

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*Pearl diadem once belonging to Empress Eugénie, wife of Napoleon III, stolen*