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Two men stole four paintings from a commercial art gallery Friday evening, Toronto police said.

Around 8:15 p.m., the pair took the paintings from the [Canvass Gallery](#) on Dupont St., just west of Ossington Ave. and escaped out a fire door.

The four pieces are each worth between \$3,000 and \$4,000 for a total of \$14,100. Each measures roughly 40 by 60 centimetres.

They depict a variety of subjects, including a sunset, a pastoral meadow scene and two abstract images.

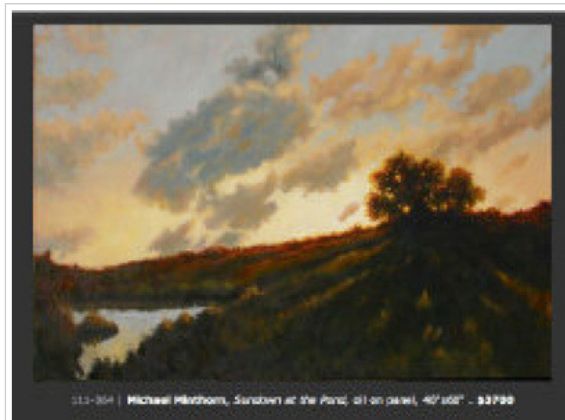
Police have released photos of the four paintings, by Canadian artists Stephen Gillberry, Michael Minthorn, Hugo Frones and Eric McCully.

Det. Const. Jason Hunter, the officer investigating the theft, declined to answer any questions Saturday. He would not say whether the pair broke into the gallery or if he expected the thieves would try to sell the art themselves.

"I don't know what peoples' motives are," he said.

One of the suspects is described as a white man, about five-feet-ten-inches tall, wearing a white T-shirt and light blue jeans at the time of the theft. The second man was dressed in dark clothing, and police have no further description of him.

Anyone who can help police solve the crime can contact them at 416-808-1400 or leave an anonymous tip with Crime Stoppers at 416-222-TIPS (8477).



This oil on panel landscape, *Sunset at the Pond* by Michael Minthorn, is one of four artworks stolen from the Canvass Gallery on Dupont St. in Toronto Friday night.

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