Man charged over damage to €20m Picasso at Tate Modern

A man has been charged with criminal damage after a £20m Picasso was allegedly attacked

while on display at Tate Modern.

Shakeel Ryan Massey, 20, from north-west London, appeared at Camberwell Green

magistrates' court on Monday charged with criminal damage. He indicated he would deny the

charge. Massey was denied bail and has been remanded in custody until a pre-trial hearing at

Inner London crown court on 30 January.

magistrate 地方法官

bail 保释

custody 拘留; 监护

The painting, Bust of a Woman, has been removed from display and is being assessed by

conservation experts. Tate Modern declined to comment on the condition of the painting.

Bust of a Woman was created in Paris in 1944 during the Nazi occupation. The semi-abstract

work portrays the photographer Dora Maar, reportedly Picasso's lover, sitting on a metal chair

wearing a hat and green clothing.

Tate Modern is the most popular visitor attraction in the UK, welcoming almost 5.9 million

people in 2018. It offers a number of free exhibitions and has an extensive collection of

international artworks.

In 2012, a prized Mark Rothko painting was vandalised at the gallery, for which a man was

sentenced to two years in prison. Vladimir Umanets wrote his name and a statement about the

visual movement Yellowism on the painting, claiming it was an artistic act.

vandalize 破坏; 摧残