

Gun 'that ended Van Gogh's life' sells for nearly triple estimate

<p>Notes & Cues:</p>	<p>Article:</p> <p>The revolver with which Vincent van Gogh is believed to have shot himself sold for 162, 500 euros (\$182, 000) at a Paris auction on Wednesday — nearly three times the estimate.</p> <p>Billed as "the most famous weapon in the history of art", the rusty 7mm Lefauchaux revolver was bought by a private collector with a telephone bid.</p> <p>The troubled Dutch painter died in July 1890 and experts believe he shot himself with the revolver in a field near Auvers-sur-Oise, a village north of Paris where he spent the last few months of his life.</p> <p>But the sale was hit by controversy on the eve of the auction as the Van Gogh Institute, which looks after the village inn where the artist spent his last days, condemned the sale.</p> <p>"Nothing suggests that the remains (of the gun) are formally linked with the death of Van Gogh, " it said in a statement, deploring the "commercialisation of a tragedy which deserves more respect".</p>
<p>Summary:</p>	