

Guitar sought, no strings attached

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The rain held off. The crowd was adoring.

But then someone stole Stone Gossard's guitar right from the stage during Monday night's Pearl Jam concert.

"It was stolen near the end of the show," said Kathy Reilly, an associate of the band's publicist. "It's one of his favorite guitars."

Gossard, Pearl Jam's guitar player, set his sunburst-finished Hamer Duo-tone on the stage of Fort Lauderdale Stadium while he played another one of his guitars.

At the end of the show, it was gone.

"Nobody saw — or no one's saying they saw — anything," Reilly said Tuesday.

The hollow-body electric guitar

lists for about \$1,600 new.

"He'd really love to get it back," Reilly said. "He's offering a generous reward. No questions asked."

Gossard, who was en route to Seattle on Tuesday, was not available for comment.

At the end of the concert, Pearl Jam was joined on stage by members of the opening act and several other people. Security was tight, but the guitar — serial No. 332511 — may have disappeared then, Reilly said.

"It's kind of weak that somebody would do that," said John Tonisson, who works at The Guitar Broker in Fort Lauderdale and was at Monday's concert.

"We had somebody call here today with the serial numbers to see if it turned up," he said.

It hasn't.