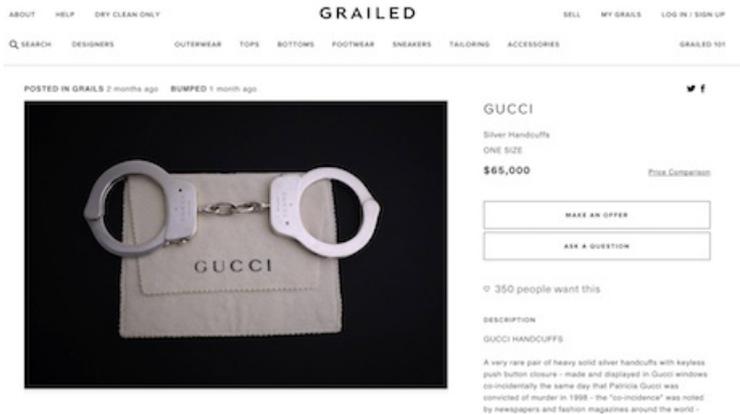


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Tom Ford-era Gucci handcuffs on sale for \$65,000 on men's consignment shop Grailed. Image credit: Grailed

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