



VIDEOS

1 Are you looking at the ORIGINAL version?

NO

By searching keywords on each social network we found earlier versions of the video

A reverse image search of the video thumbnail reveals other versions online but we are unable to confirm which is the original

A web search for the URL shortcode suggests it is the first version shared online but we have been unable to speak to the uploader

We can find no other versions of the video online

It was sent to us directly and we have spoken to the source

YES

2 Do you know WHO captured the video?

NO

It came in via an anonymous email or chat app number

It was uploaded to a social network but the username does not appear elsewhere online. The uploader wants to remain anonymous

By running full name searches, reverse searching the user's profile photo, and/or researching the domain ownership of their blog or website, we were able to identify the uploader

We communicated with the uploader via social media to confirm that they captured the video

We questioned the source and their answers correlated with weather reports, the device used and their own online footprint

YES

3 Do you know WHERE the video was captured?

NO

The visual clues in the video are too limited for us to confirm where it was captured

A translation of any accompanying text provides clues to where it was shot but we have been unable to identify the location

We have used visual clues such as signage, architecture and clothing to assume a broad geographical region

We have cross-referenced landscape and landmarks using mapping tools and have confirmed the lat/long coordinates

We questioned the source and their answers about where the video was captured correlated with other visual identifiers from the area

YES

4 Do you know WHEN the video was captured?

NO

The video was sent to us anonymously and there is no metadata available

We checked the timestamp on the earliest version uploaded to a social network, but we have no data to confirm when it was captured

The social time stamp shows it was uploaded shortly after the event occurred and it features visual evidence that correlates with other eyewitness reports

We questioned the source and were able to confirm that they were at the location when the video was captured

We confirmed that the weather conditions and any shadows visible in the image correlate with the time, date and location given by the source

YES

5 Do you know WHY the video was captured?

NO

We do not know who shot the video so we can't ascertain what their motivations might have been

The social media account was created very recently and/or social searches reveal the uploader rarely posts online so there is little evidence to confirm their movements or motivations

Wider online searches of the uploader's real name reveals that they are connected with an activist or advocacy organisation but there is no additional information to know their motivation in this case

activity leading up to the event confirm their reasons for capturing the video, i.e. holidaymaker, journalist, works locally

We spoke to the source who confirmed the circumstances surrounding the video

YES

NO

YES

Each step is presented in graded traffic light colours to acknowledge that it is rarely possible to be 100% confident in every aspect of an eyewitness photograph