

A Current Affair, Monday 21 Oct 2024

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Timestamp	Comments/Questions
02:17	Gill says he “managed to find the house”. How many metres away from the house is Gill? The iPhone uses different tracking methods depending on how far away the AirTag is – and this affects its precision, and the validity of Gill’s claim that he’s narrowed it down to a specific house.
02:30	Did SC look around the house? How accessible is the backyard? Can anyone just throw something – like an AirTag – in there? Is there an alleyway or path? Are there any cars parked near the house?
03:05	SC said “while the AirTags are still live”. What does this mean? Which tracking method is the iPhone using at this moment?
03:20	SC infers that the culprit knew they were being tracked. Have the AirTags been removed from the signs and dumped elsewhere? If not, then on what basis does SC assume the signs were dumped in a panic? Couldn’t they have been dumped here because it’s a good dumping spot? Why is 14km significant? In the outer south east of Melbourne, this isn’t a great distance to drive.
03:40	Is the camera attached to a residential building? Who owns it? Who lives there? How long has the camera been there? Who owns the empty lot where the sign was placed?
03:42	The footage skips the part where the sign is removed. First it shows the car arriving, then it shows someone putting something in the boot. Wouldn’t it be better to show the entire theft? This way, if Masuta is the passenger removing the signs, it will be obvious from his stride – he’s a leggy guy – and no further investigation would be needed.
03:55	Whose camera is that, capturing Masuta leaving his home the next day? How long ago was it installed? Did SC ask for this footage, or did Gill ask? Does Gill know Masuta’s neighbours? If so, isn’t it theoretically possible for these neighbours to have helped stage this?
04:00	Gill and/or Masuta’s neighbour could have timed the signs leaving the area at the same time Masuta left the area. Screenshots of tracker map don’t reveal anything of note – why are they shown?
04:10	Where is the camera that is viewing this roundabout mounted? Who owns it? Who owns the building? How long ago was the camera installed? Who asked for the footage, SC or Gill?
04:40	Is Masuta using an iPhone? If so, has he enabled the ‘Find My’ network? Does he get notifications if an unknown AirTag is travelling with him?
04:45	What happened immediately before Masuta starts retreating into his office? There’s no footage of this. Did SC and the camera person approach him in a manner that would encourage a retreat?
04:50	Why is SC running? When I was contacted by Star News, I received an email. Journalist didn’t just show up. Did SC try emailing or calling first?
05:00	Masuta locking himself in his office looks bad, but isn’t evidence of anything specific.

05:07	On what basis does SC say Masuta doesn't know why he's being interviewed? We know from Masuta's social media that he claims to have been pursued for months. If this is the case, he may have suspected something.
05:40	Masuta handled the car identification questions badly. If he thought the pictured car looked like his, he should have said so. How clear is the number plate when it's not being blurred by ACA?
05:55	SC, showing nighttime photo of sign theft, says "What if I told you that was the same car?", but it could be any car at all. I can't pick out details.
06:05	SC asks how Masuta can be so sure about the nighttime footage not being his car, given he hasn't yet been told what the interview is about. But this is a simple one to explain: He doesn't need to know what the interview is about, in order to know he hasn't been to the pictured location.
06:25	Again, only part of the theft footage is shown. Why not show all of it? ACA doesn't normally shy away from shaming people – why start now?
06:30	Masuta says, "In the nighttime I'm always with my kids". SC could have tried to verify this. He could have asked for Masuta's location history on his phone.
07:16	The footage of Masuta's sign still standing doesn't prove anything, because we don't know how long it's been there for. If this sign and Gill's sign were standing at the same time, and Gill's sign was selectively removed, then this would be noteworthy. But we haven't been told this.
07:25	SC says, "Surely that's not just a coincidence". But, as above, we don't know how long Masuta's sign has been standing there.
07:30	Masuta says his own sign was removed too. But SC does not follow this up. He should have done due diligence by making sure both Gill and Masuta weren't in a battle, removing each other's signs.

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