

Thursday 08 June 2023

**Subject:**

# Stolen Samsung Tab and Recovery Efforts

## Overview:

This debriefing report outlines the details of the stolen Samsung Tab incident, my use of Samsung Find My Phone, and the subsequent attempts to retrieve the device. Additionally, it addresses the discovery of photos featuring an individual using the tablet, despite their denial of possessing the stolen device.



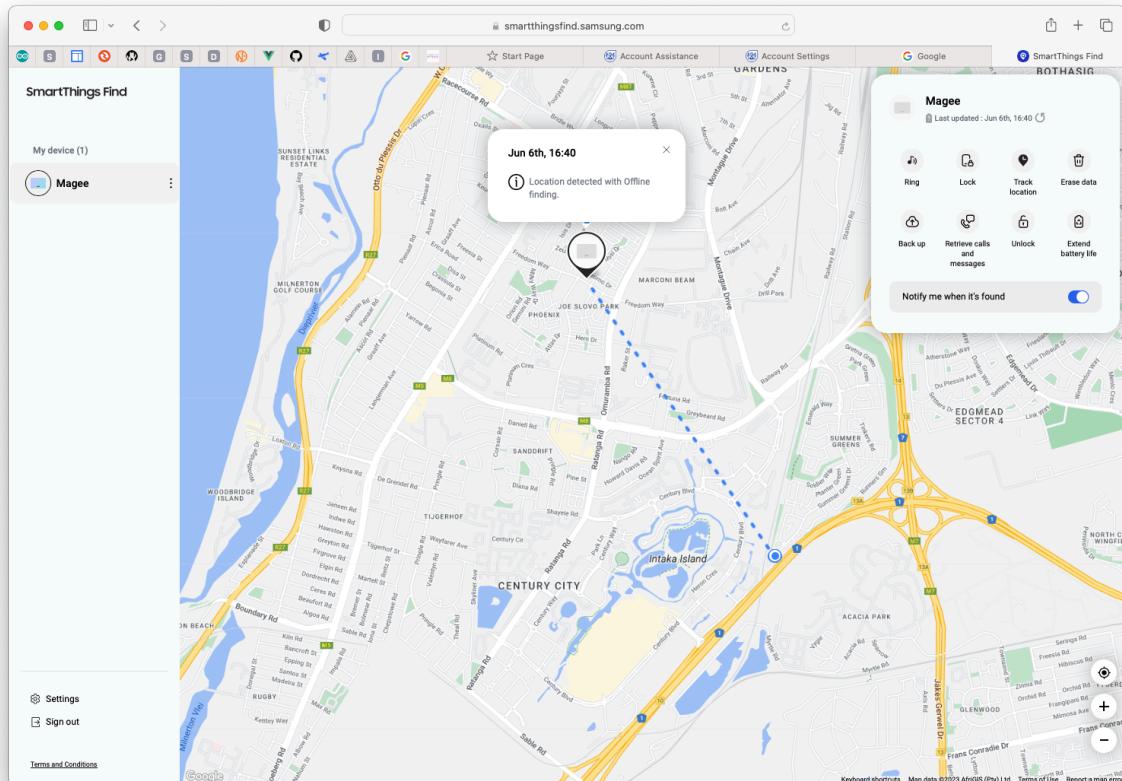
*photo featuring an individual using the tablet*

## Incident Details:

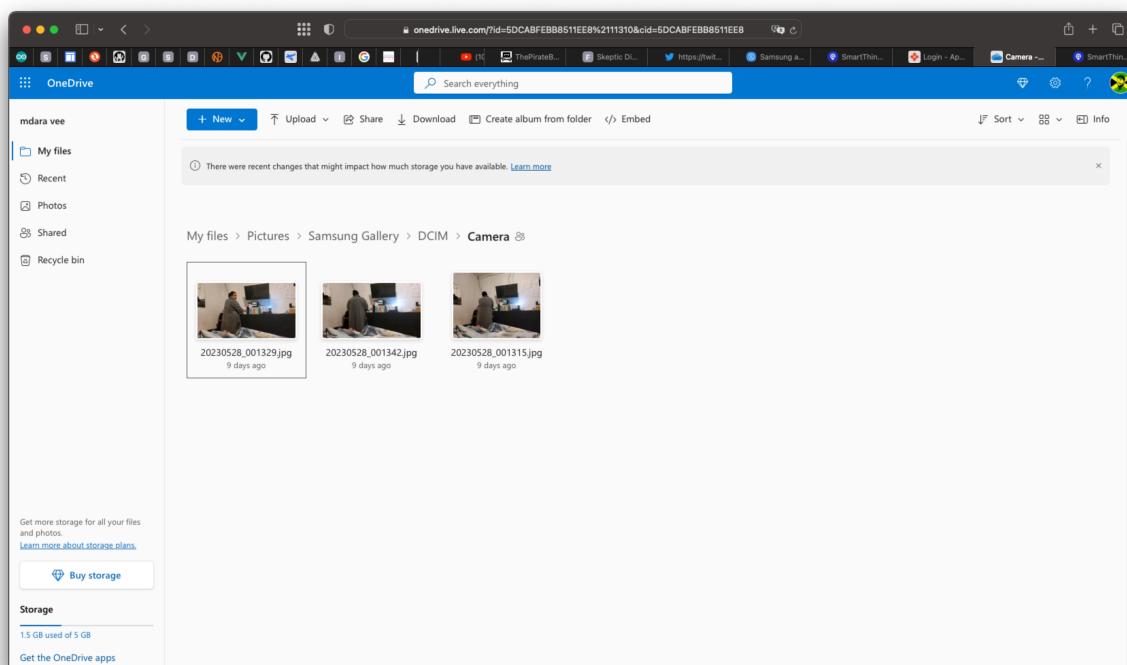
On Saturday 27 May 2023, my Samsung Tab was stolen under circumstances that remain unclear. The theft prompted me to take immediate action to recover the device and gather evidence to support my claim. As an Android device user, I utilized the Samsung Find My Phone feature to track the tablet's location and potentially retrieve it.

## Recovery Efforts:

After activating Samsung Find My Phone, I were able to locate the stolen tablet's approximate position. This allowed me to narrow down the possible areas where the device might be located. I then initiated a series of actions to retrieve the tablet, while also collecting evidence to strengthen my case.

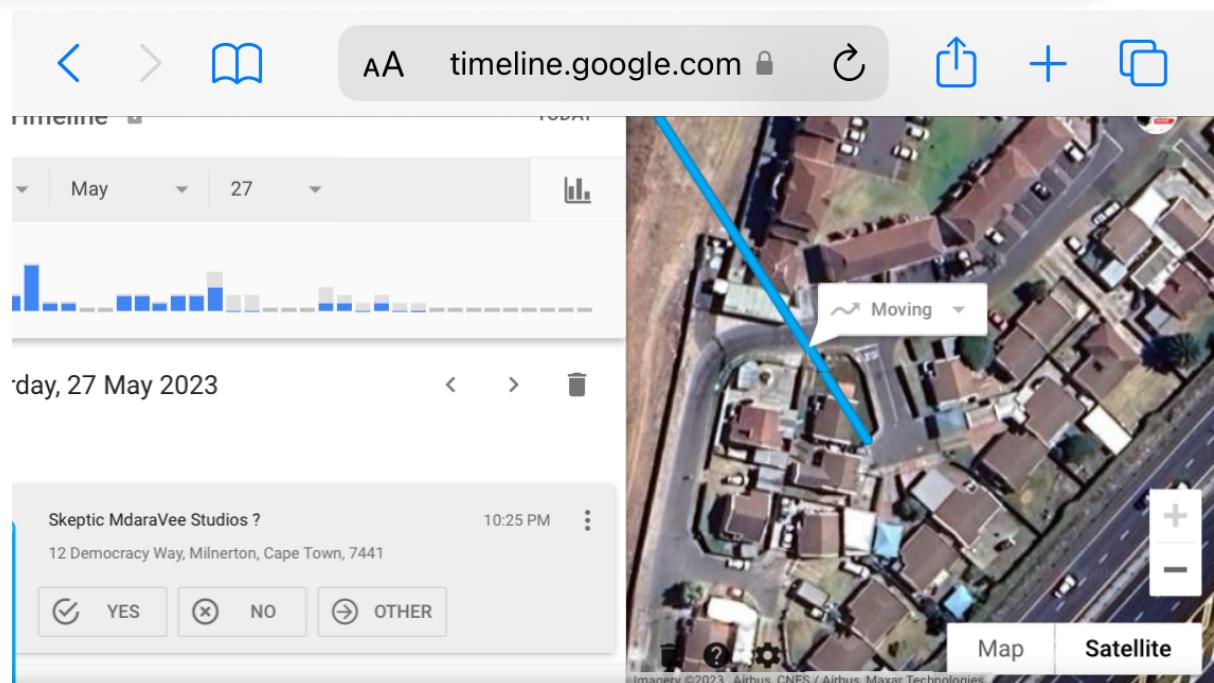
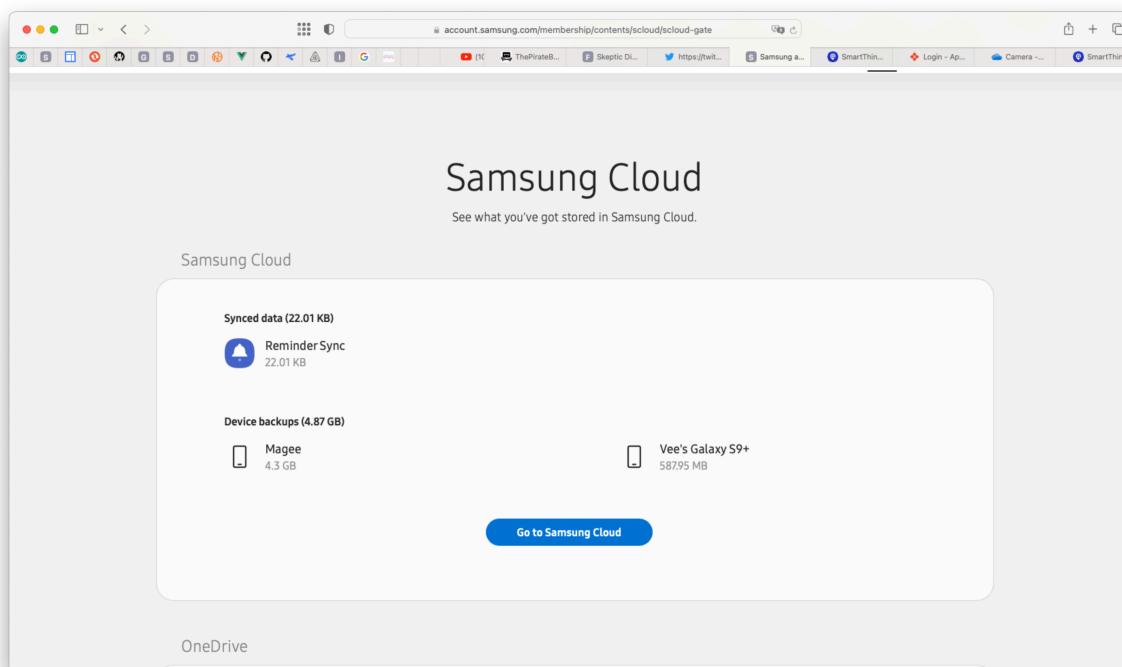


location found using Samsung Find My Phone



## Evidence Collection:

During my efforts to recover the stolen Samsung Tab, i managed to obtain photos featuring an individual who was using the tablet. These photos serve as crucial evidence in establishing the connection between the perpetrator and the stolen device. Despite the individual's denial of having my tablet, the photos provide substantial proof to the contrary



*Not only Samsung Find My Phone managed to exactly pinpoint the location of the Tablet, Google timeline also show the location using google device*

## Debriefing Report: Stolen Samsung Tablet and Recovery Efforts

Samsung Cloud

My data Synced apps Backups

**4.3 GB**  
Last backed up: 05/06/2023 05:29

Apps  
Last backed up: 05/06/2023 05:28 Installation files and app settings 4.3 GB ●

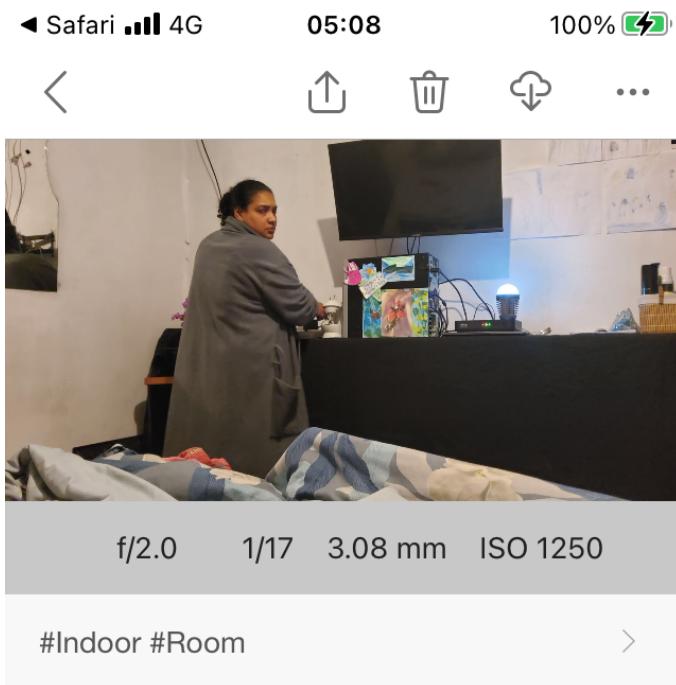
Settings  
Last backed up: 05/06/2023 05:28 Device settings 69 MB ●

Contacts (saved on phone)  
Last backed up: 05/06/2023 05:29 Contacts, groups, and other information 4.7 MB ●

Call logs  
Last backed up: 05/06/2023 05:28 Contacts, groups, and other information 433 KB ●

Home screen  
Last backed up: 05/06/2023 05:28 Layout and wallpapers 280 KB ●

Calendar (saved on phone)  
Last backed up: 05/02/2023 20:45 39 KB ●



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File name 20230528\_001329.jpg

Date Taken 2023/05/27, 22:15

Dimensions 4128 x 2322

Camera SM-T875

Size 1.9 MB

## **Incident Overview:**

On 27 May my Samsung Tab was reported stolen. The device was identified as a Samsung tablet, and I promptly activated the "Find My Phone" feature to track its location. Through the application, I were able to locate the device and obtain photographic evidence of the individual who had possession of it. However, the person denies having my phone and has even renamed it.

## **Find My Phone and Google Timeline Investigation:**

### **2.1 Activation of Find My Phone:**

Upon discovering that my Samsung Tab had been stolen, I took immediate action and activated the Find My Phone feature. This feature allowed I to track the location of my device remotely, providing real-time updates on its whereabouts.

### **2.2 Acquisition of Photographic Evidence:**

During the investigation, I successfully managed to capture photographs of the person in possession of my stolen Samsung Tab. These photographs serve as crucial evidence supporting my claim.

### **2.3 Google Timeline:**

In addition to Find My Phone, I also utilized Google Timeline, which helped pinpoint the location of the individual's house. This further strengthens my case by providing additional evidence regarding the location of the stolen device.

## **Involvement of Law Enforcement:**

### **3.1 Contacting the Police:**

After obtaining substantial evidence, I sought assistance from the police regarding the recovery of my stolen Samsung Tab. They were informed about the incident and the evidence I had gathered.

### **3.2 Police Instructions:**

The police advised I to confront the individual directly before they could accompany I to recover the stolen device. This step was likely intended to give the person an opportunity to return the device voluntarily and avoid potential conflicts.

## **Denial and Renaming of the Device:**

Despite the evidence provided and the location data obtained through Find My Phone and Google Timeline, the individual in possession of my stolen Samsung Tab continues to deny having my device. It has been observed that they have even renamed the tablet using their surname.

#### Emotional Impact and Loss of Data:

Losing my phone is undoubtedly a challenging experience, especially considering the sentimental value of the photos stored on it. The loss of all the photos documenting my daughter's growth from birth to her current age of two and a half years has been particularly distressing.

#### Next Steps:

Given the individual's denial and the renaming of the device, it is crucial to continue working with the police to recover my stolen Samsung Tab. I provide them with all the evidence I have gathered, including the photographs and location data, to support my case. The police can assist in retrieving my stolen device and potentially taking legal action against the person in possession of it.

Certainly! Here's a detailed explanation of how I used Samsung's Find My Phone feature works on the Samsung Tab S7 and how I used to track the device and retrieve images of the person using it:

#### **Activation and Setup:**

To use Samsung's Find My Phone feature on my Samsung Tab S7, I need to activate it beforehand. Ensure that my device is connected to the internet and follow these steps:

- a. Open the "Settings" app on my Samsung Tab S7.
- b. Scroll down and select "Biometrics and security" or "Lock screen and security."
- c. Tap on "Find My Mobile" or "Find My Device."
- d. Sign in to my Samsung account or create one if I don't already have it.
- e. Enable the "Remote Controls" option.

#### **Locating My Device:**

Once Find My Phone is activated on my Samsung Tab S7, I can track its location using the following methods:

- a. From a Web Browser: Go to the Samsung Find My Mobile website ([findmymobile.samsung.com](http://findmymobile.samsung.com)) on a computer or another device. Sign in with my Samsung account credentials and navigate to the "Locate My Device" section. It will display the current location of my Samsung Tab S7 on a map.
- b. Using the Find My Mobile App: Install the Samsung Find My Mobile app on another Samsung device or any smartphone. Sign in with my Samsung account and select my Samsung Tab S7 from the list of registered devices. The app will show the real-time location of my device on a map.

#### **Remote Control Options:**

Find My Phone offers remote control options that can be useful in various scenarios:

- a. Remote Ring: If my Samsung Tab S7 is misplaced nearby, I can remotely make it ring at its maximum volume, even if it's in silent mode. This feature helps locate the device quickly.
- b. Remote Lock: If my device is stolen or lost, I can remotely lock it to prevent unauthorized access. I can set a new PIN or password to secure my Samsung Tab S7.

#### **Remote Backup and Retrieval of Images:**

Samsung's Find My Phone feature does not offer direct remote backup and retrieval of images. However, if I had previously enabled automatic backup of my photos to my Samsung account or linked cloud storage (such as Samsung Cloud or Google Drive), I can access those backups to retrieve images remotely.

#### **Steps To retrieve images from my Samsung Tab S7,**

- a. Using a Web Browser: Open a web browser on a computer or another device and visit the Samsung Cloud website ([cloud.samsung.com](http://cloud.samsung.com)). Sign in with the same Samsung account used on my Tab S7. Navigate to the "Gallery" section to access my backed-up photos.*
- b. Using a Cloud Storage App: Install the corresponding cloud storage app (e.g., Samsung Cloud or Google Drive) on another device. Sign in with the same account used on my Samsung Tab S7 and access*