

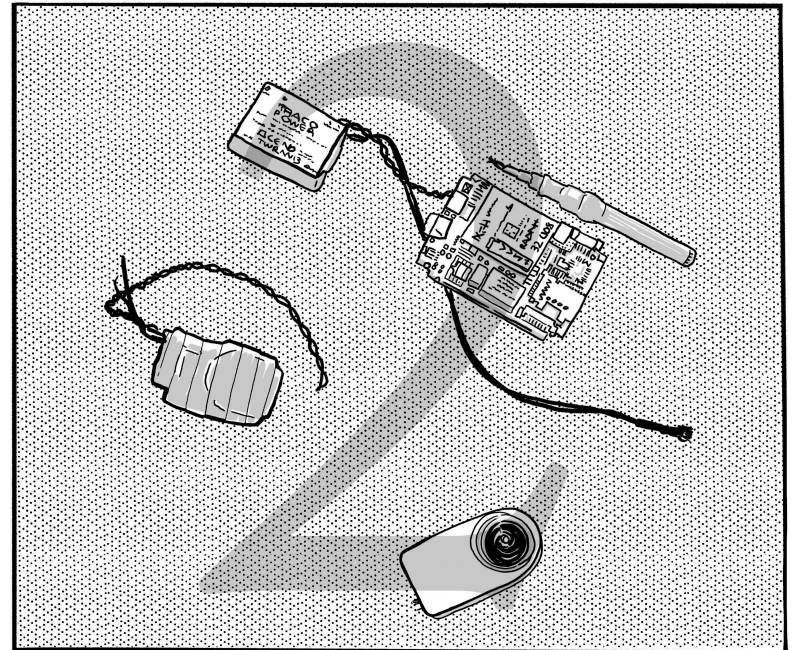
# Ears and Eyes

With Pictures

*Ears and Eyes* is a searchable database of cases of physical surveillance devices (microphones, cameras, location trackers...) hidden by law enforcement and intelligence agencies to surveil people or groups engaged in subversive activities.

Part 2/2

Italy–Unknown country



No Trace Project / No trace, no case. A collection of tools to help anarchists and other rebels **understand** the capabilities of their enemies, **undermine** surveillance efforts, and ultimately **act** without getting caught.

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Part 1/2: Belgium–Ireland

**Part 2/2: Italy–Unknown country**

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<sup>4</sup><https://notrace.how/notrace.asc>

<sup>5</sup><https://notrace.how/translations.html>

# Italy

## Vehicles

### *Rovereto, November 2004*

A **surveillance device** was found in a car. It was located **in the roof of the vehicle**. It was equipped with one (or two) microphone(s). It was powered by sunlight. It seemed that the device was causing interference that could be heard on the car radio.

#### SOURCES

<https://archive.elephanteditions.net/library/finger-and-the-moon>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20041221060139/http://www.infoshop.org/inews/stories.php?story=04/11/08/3242822>

### *Bologna, March 2005*

A **surveillance device** was found **in the roof of a car**. It was equipped with a microphone. It seemed that the device was causing interference that could be heard on the car radio.

#### SOURCES

[https://anarchiciferraresi.noblogs.org/files/2012/05/Il\\_bacillo\\_anarchico\\_3.pdf](https://anarchiciferraresi.noblogs.org/files/2012/05/Il_bacillo_anarchico_3.pdf)

### *Turin, June 2007*

**Microphones** were found in a car. The device was located **in the car ceiling**. It was connected to the car interior light power supply. It consisted in a modified mobile phone, an antenna and two microphones.



The phone's smallest circuit board, with added wiring to allow recording of audio by the surveillance device on the other circuit board.

#### SOURCES

[https://media.ccc.de/v/rc3-11512-cia\\_vs\\_wikileaks](https://media.ccc.de/v/rc3-11512-cia_vs_wikileaks)

<https://web.archive.org/https://buggedplanet.info/lost+found/20180323>

# Unknown country

## Other

### *Unknown location, March 2018*

A **surveillance device** was found **inside the desktop phone** of a journalist seemingly targeted for their support to the news organization Wikileaks. The phone, a “Cryptophone” based on the “Snom 870” desktop phone, enabled encrypted voice communications with other Cryptophones. The surveillance device included a battery pack and a shielded module with several electronic components. It was able to record what was said on the phone and could be triggered remotely through radio frequencies to send the recorded data. Components of the phone were modified to install the surveillance device. The device was probably installed by the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency).

#### PICTURES



Modified version of the phone's largest circuit board (with surveillance device). The battery pack (in blue) and the shielded module (in light brown) are part of the surveillance device.



Modified version of the phone's largest circuit board, with the cover of the shielded module removed.



On the left: modified version of the phone's largest circuit board (with surveillance device) without the battery pack. On the right: unmodified version.

#### PICTURES



Overall view of the device



First mobile phone



Second mobile phone



Antenna



The GPS



The two microphones

#### SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20100727213202/http://www.informa-azione.info/cimici\\_a\\_torino](https://web.archive.org/web/20100727213202/http://www.informa-azione.info/cimici_a_torino)

### *Bologna, June 2009*

A **GPS tracker and microphones** were found in a car. The device was located **in a plastic container (badly) stuck under the roof**. It contained two boxes, both of which included a SIM card. From there wires went out, through a hole, up to under the back seats. There were two microphones along the seat belt canal: the first at the driver's height, the second at the height of the levers used to adjust the seat, next to the back seats. The antenna was behind the back seat. Finally, still coming from these two boxes, a wire went through the car doors to reach the car fuse box.

## PICTURES



Overall view of the device



GPS antenna



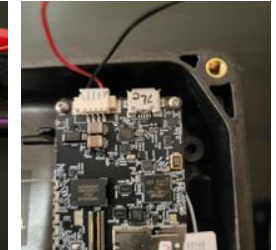
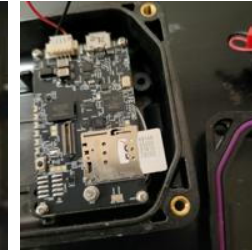
## SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20090706091118/http://www.informa-azione.info/bologna\\_microspia\\_in\\_auto\\_0](https://web.archive.org/web/20090706091118/http://www.informa-azione.info/bologna_microspia_in_auto_0)

## *Lecco, April 2010*

A **GPS tracker** and a **microphone** were found in a car. The device was located **between the car body and the interior coating, attached with two magnets**. It was connected to the car power supply by the car interior light wires. It consisted in a modified mobile phone, an antenna, a GPS and a microphone.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<https://itsgoingdown.org/michigan-activist-finds-gps-trackers>



## SOURCES

<https://wired.com/2011/11/gps-tracker-times-two>

### *Unknown location, 2014*

A **tracking device** was found on a truck. It was **attached with a magnet to the frame of the truck**.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<https://copblock.org/76188/tacoma-copblockers-question-identity-of-electronic-device-found-on-truck>

<https://youtube.com/watch?v=rnzBY5ZctZ8>

### *American Midwest, July 2023*

A **tracking device** was found under the car of someone who had been arrested two days earlier on an outstanding warrant. It was **attached under the rear axle of the car with strong magnets**. The device included a battery, a cellular antenna and a SIM card.

## PICTURES



The microphone

The whole device

The mobile phone

## SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20100826024739/http://www.informa-azione.info:80/lecco\\_trovata\\_quotcimicequot\\_nell039auto\\_di\\_un\\_compagno](https://web.archive.org/web/20100826024739/http://www.informa-azione.info:80/lecco_trovata_quotcimicequot_nell039auto_di_un_compagno)

### *Unknown location, May 2010*

A **GPS tracker** was found under a truck. It was **attached with a magnet under the back of the vehicle**. It consisted in SIM cards connected to 4 “torch” batteries in a series.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20170709124558/http://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3\\_id\\_article=3216.html](https://web.archive.org/web/20170709124558/http://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=3216.html)

### *Milan, September 2012*

A **listening and geolocation device** was found **on a scooter**. It was located **in the spare wheel bracket, next to the tank and behind the horn grid**. It was based on a device sold by Telit (an Italian supplier of wireless technologies). The device model was “Telit GM862-GPS”. It was capable of listening with a microphone,

geolocating with a GPS antenna, and transmitting the collected information on the mobile phone network with a GSM antenna. The device was located in the spot where the tank is along with a transformer and an accumulator. Both antennas (GPS and GSM) were connected to the device and ended up in the spare wheel bracket. The microphone, also connected to the device, ended up behind the horn grid. Wires connected the device to the scooter starting system. All these components were attached to the scooter frame by strong magnets secured by tape. This scooter model doesn't have a battery (it dates back to the 1980s) and its engine generates alternating current, hence the presence of a transformer and an accumulator to power the device even when the scooter was not moving.

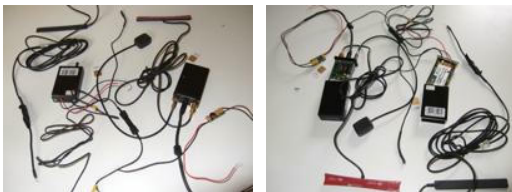
#### EXTRA FILES

- Telit-GM862.pdf:<sup>1</sup> product description of the Telit GM862-GPS device (in English).

### *Naples, February 2013*

**Two microphones and a GPS tracker** were found in a car. They were located **in the car ceiling**. The device included SIM cards, a transformer, and antennas with a printed circuit board. The microphones were pointed towards the front seats.

#### PICTURES



<sup>1</sup><https://notrace.how/carsandeyes/extra-files/milano-2012-09/Telit-GM862.pdf>

#### SOURCES

[https://reddit.com/r/reddit.com/comments/dmh5s/does\\_this\\_mean\\_the\\_fbi\\_is\\_after\\_us](https://reddit.com/r/reddit.com/comments/dmh5s/does_this_mean_the_fbi_is_after_us)  
<https://wired.com/2010/10/fbi-tracking-device>

### *San Jose, California, 2011*

A **GPS tracker** was found on a car. Shortly after this first tracker was removed, a **second GPS tracker** was found on the same car. The first tracker was **attached with magnets to the wheel well of the car's spare tire**. It was in a fabric sleeve. The second tracker, of model "Sendum PT200", was **attached with a magnet**. It included a 3.6 V lithium battery and was able to communicate on the mobile phone network.

The second tracker was marketed by the company **Sendum**.

#### PICTURES



First tracker, in its sleeve



First tracker, out of its sleeve



Second tracker (1)



Second tracker (2)





Module providing RF transmission capabilities



Module providing RF transmission capabilities (other side)



Overview of the device after it was disassembled

#### SOURCES

<https://wired.com/2011/05/gps>

<https://wired.com/2011/05/gps-gallery>

### *Cincinnati, February 2008*

A **GPS tracker** was found under the car of Marius Mason. It was **attached to the car with magnets**.

#### SOURCES

<https://web.archive.org/web/20080331015835/http://www.infoshop.org/inews/article.php?story=20080207224512963&query=cincinnati>

### *California, October 2010*

A **GPS tracker** was found on a car. It was **attached with a magnet**. Its model was “Orion Guardian ST820” and it included a transmitter and a battery pack.

The tracker was marketed by the company **Cobham**.

#### PICTURES



#### SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20150417000257/http://informa-azione.info/napoli\\_maggiori\\_dettagli\\_su\\_ritrovamento\\_microspie](https://web.archive.org/web/20150417000257/http://informa-azione.info/napoli_maggiori_dettagli_su_ritrovamento_microspie)

### *Cagliari, November 2017*

**Microphones and GPS trackers** were found in a car. The microphones were located **under the upholstery of the car roof, where the windscreen and the sun shields are**. In one case the power cables reached beneath the wheel, in the other they were attached to the car lights.

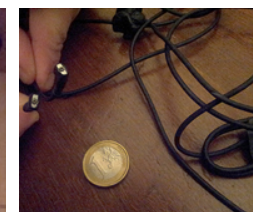
#### SOURCES

<https://roundrobin.info/2018/01/microspie-a-cagliari>

### *Lecce, December 2017*

**Microphones and a GPS tracker** were found in a car. They were located **in the fuse box**. The car had been having electrical problems (the battery had discharged twice in a month, sign of an abnormal electricity consumption), presumably because of the devices.

#### PICTURES





#### SOURCES

<https://finimondo.org/node/2114>

### *Trento, December 2017*

Microphones and GPS trackers were found in two cars.

#### PICTURES



#### SOURCES

<https://anarhija.info/library/trentino-italia-a-proposito-di-ritrovamenti-di-microspie-e-videocamere-it>

<https://roundrobin.info/2018/01/trentino-proposito-ritrovamenti-microspie-telecamere>

### *Bologna, January 2018*

Two microphones and a GPS tracker were found in a car. There was also a device equipped with an antenna, a SIM card and a 16 GB memory card. The microphones were located **under the upholstery of the car roof** and the wires reached the power supply **through the car door**. The power cable was **connected to the fuse box** and to other wires located **under the dashboard**. The magnetized GPS and a thing with an antenna and cards were

transmitter-receiver module and powerful magnets. It was installed by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation).

#### PICTURES



Overview of the device before it was disassembled



Tip of the battery pack



The batteries



Transmitter-receiver module (closed)



GPS antenna



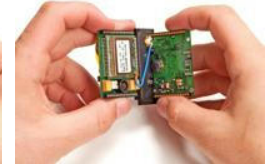
GPS antenna board



Side of the transmitter-receiver module



Transmitter-receiver module (open)



Transmitter-receiver module (open)



Transmitter-receiver module (open)



Module providing the GPS signal



Module providing the GPS signal (other side)

# United States

## Vehicles

### *Boulder, July 2003*

**GPS trackers** were found under three cars. They were **attached by powerful magnets behind the rear bumpers on the driver's side**. Each one contained a battery pack made of four lithium D cell batteries, a GPS antenna, a cellular antenna and a main component box. The component box contained a GPS receiver, a computer chip and a cellular modem. All the components were wired together. The trackers were probably installed by the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation).

#### PICTURES



#### SOURCES

<https://web.archive.org/web/20031027081256/http://www.infoshop.org/inews/stories.php?story=03/07/29/2752646>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20080214211120/dc.indymedia.org/newswire/display/77270>

### *Unknown location, 2005*

A **GPS tracker** was found under a car. It was located **under the car rear bumper**. It included a battery pack, a GPS antenna, a

hidden **behind the speedometer**. Everything had been seemingly installed in the car more than a year before the discovery and the microphones were recording even when the car engine was turned off, in a radius of several meters.

#### PICTURES



The microphones



A microphone



The GPS



The device with an antenna connected to the microphones and the GPS. It also included a SIM and memory card.



1: behind the speedometer; 2: the fuse box.



Counterclockwise from top: device with antenna, SIM and memory card; GPS; power cables.





Microphones and their power cable



Inside the thing with an antenna and cards (below with a brown outline is the GPS)



Overall view

#### SOURCES

<https://roundrobin.info/2018/01/bologna-microfoni-gps-nellauto-compagna>

### Cremona, January 2018

A **GPS tracker** was found in a car. It was located **in the rear bumper, attached to the car body with magnets**. It consisted in removable batteries and a SIM card.

#### PICTURES



#### SOURCES

<https://roundrobin.info/2018/01/trovato-un-localizzatore-gps-nella-macchina-compagna-un-compagno-cremona>

### County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, May 2021

**Three surveillance cameras** were found overlooking a restaurant. They were **buried in a hill** at a certain distance from the restaurant. They included a transmitter and a battery pack.

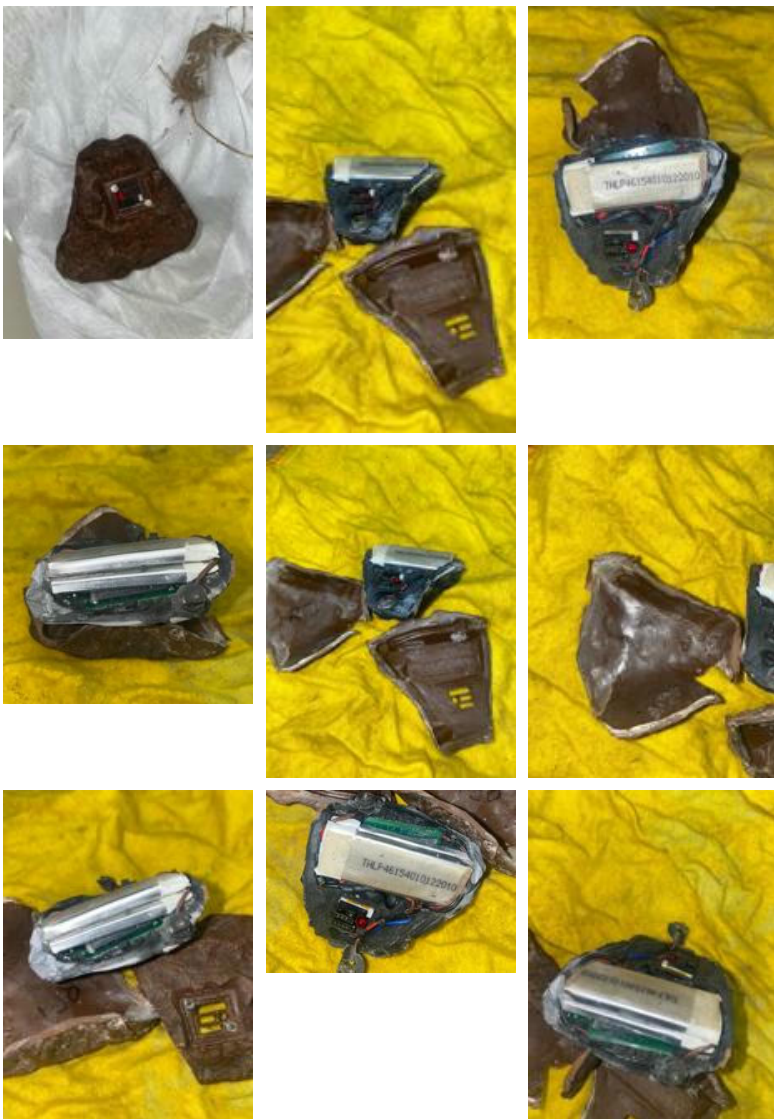
#### PICTURES



#### SOURCES

<https://irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/2021/05/24/news/concerns-after-surveillance-cameras-found-near-popular-co-tyrone-hostelry-2332272>

## PICTURES



### SOURCES

<https://saoradh.irish/saoradh-nuacht/f/british-military-intelligence-listening-device-found-in-derry>

## *Rome, April 2018*

**Two microphones and a GPS tracker** were found in a car. The device was **attached to the car body with magnets** and connected to a cable carrying power to one of the lights inside the car. The microphones were **attached with gum over the driver's and passenger's head seats**. There was also a battery. The power cable, battery, microphones and GPS were all connected to a transmitter. There was a SIM card inside the transmitter.

### SOURCES

<https://roundrobin.info/2018/04/roma-trovate-microspie>

## *Cagliari, September 2018*

**Two microphones and a GPS tracker** were found in a car. The microphones were located **inside the upholstery of the car roof**, just above the driver's head. The GPS tracker was **attached to the car body with a magnet**. The devices were connected to the car power supply at the level of the pedals, just below the lever that opens the front trunk.

### SOURCES

<https://roundrobin.info/2018/09/cagliari-ancora-microspie-e-gps-sulla-macchina-di-un-compagno>

## *Cagliari, October 2018*

**Two microphones and a GPS tracker** were found in a car. The microphones were located **above the driver's head, next to the junction of the car roof upholstery and the windscreen**. The GPS tracker was located **in the fuse box**. Everything was powered by a connection to the headlights cable. The headlights were dysfunctional, seemingly because of the power supply required by the devices.

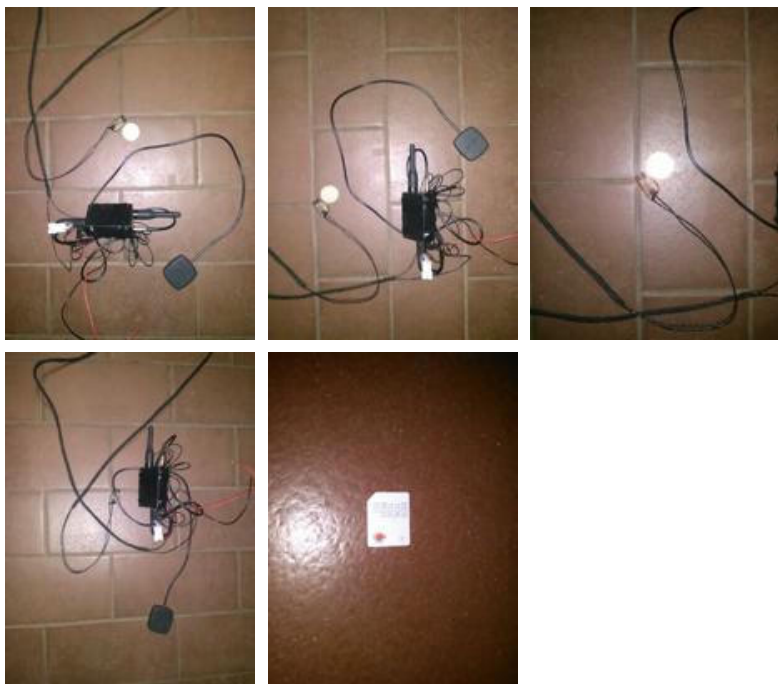
## SOURCES

<https://nobordersard.wordpress.com/2018/10/10/comunicato-di-uno-degli-indagati-delloperazione-270-bis-aggiornamento>

### *Cremona, February 2019*

A **microphone** was found in a car. It was located **in the upholstery of the vehicle roof**. The device wires were hidden in the isolation case. The device was connected to the car electrical system, so that it turned on when the car started. It included a SIM card.

## PICTURES

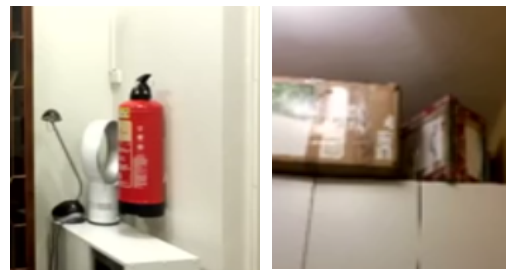


## SOURCES

<https://csakavarna.org/?p=4232>

the embassy. Their installation appeared to have been ordered by the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency).

## PICTURES



The fire extinguisher where a microphone was hidden

The storage cabinet above which a microphone was hidden

## SOURCES

[https://media.ccc.de/v/36c3-11247-technical\\_aspects\\_of\\_the\\_surveillance\\_in\\_and\\_around\\_the\\_ecuadorian\\_embassy\\_in\\_london](https://media.ccc.de/v/36c3-11247-technical_aspects_of_the_surveillance_in_and_around_the_ecuadorian_embassy_in_london)

## Other

### *Derry, Northern Ireland, February 2021*

A **listening device** was found outside. It was **disguised as a rock**. It contained two microphones.



a **downstairs room**, along with a number of battery packs located **under the floorboards of an upstairs bedroom**.

#### PICTURES



#### SOURCES

<https://irishnews.com/news/northernirelandnews/2018/02/23/news/questions-over-listening-device-found-at-former-home-of-senior-republican-1262171>

### *London, April 2018*

Several **surveillance devices** were installed from 2015 to April 2018 in the Ecuadorian embassy in London to surveil Julian Assange, founder of the news organization Wikileaks, which had taken refuge in the embassy since 2012. During this period of time:

- **The interior cameras were replaced with higher resolution cameras equipped with hidden microphones.**
- **Microphones** were hidden **inside a fire extinguisher** and **above the storage cabinet in the bathroom** used by Assange.
- **Special stickers** were attached **on the exterior windows of the embassy** to facilitate the use of a laser microphone (able to capture audio by detecting the sound vibrations in the windows) from a building nearby.
- **A device capable of transmitting in real-time the information collected by the other devices** was installed.

The microphone inside the fire extinguisher was equipped with an SD card and a battery which was changed every twelve hours. The microphone in the bathroom was connected to the electrical system of the building. The devices were installed by the Spanish company Undercover Global, officially in charge of the security at

### *Unknown location, August 2019*

A **microphone and two GPS trackers** were found in a vehicle. A first tracker was **attached with a magnet to the rear bumper, on the right side**. The other tracker, along with the microphone, was located **in the air vents located between the windscreen flap and the windscreen**. The first tracker included a SIM card and an accumulator made of five 3.6 V lithium batteries connected in a series. The other tracker was equipped with a SIM card.

#### PICTURES



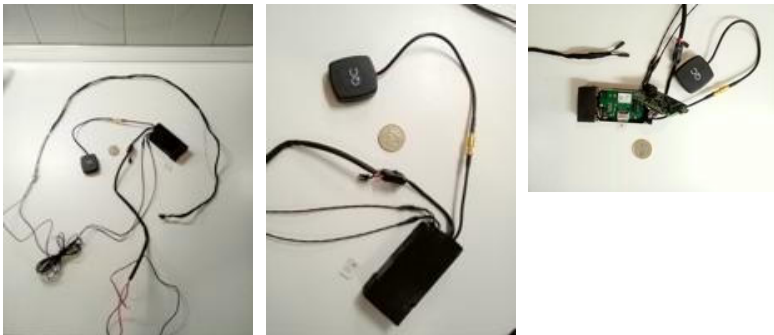
#### SOURCES

<https://roundrobin.info/2019/08/g-p-s-m-ritrovati-gps-e-microfoni>

## ***Genoa, August 2021***

A **tracking device and two microphones** were found in a car. The tracking device was **connected to the power supply of the control unit underneath the steering wheel on the left side**. It was **attached with a magnet, tape, and insulating fabric**. The microphones were located **at the end of a long cable running from the inside of the internal side pillar linings of the windscreen to the underside of the roof of the car**. The tracking device used the GLONASS positioning system, and consisted of an antenna connected to a multi-frequency receiver box containing a micro SIM card.

### PICTURES



### SOURCES

<https://malacoda.noblogs.org/post/2021/08/02/glonass-a-bordo>

## ***Sassari, June 2023***

A **GPS tracker and a microphone** were found in a car. The device was **attached with strong magnets**. It contained a SIM card.

## ***Derry, Northern Ireland, June 2005***

A **listening device** was found in the home of an Irish republican. It was located **in a cavity of the kitchen ceiling**.

### PICTURES



### SOURCES

<https://anphoblacht.com/contents/13735>

## ***Belfast, Northern Ireland, May 2015***

A **listening device** was found in the home of an Irish republican. It was **built into a joist in a space between a ceiling and a bedroom floor**. It contained several small listening devices that were connected to spotlights.

### PICTURES



### SOURCES

<https://irishnews.com/news/2015/05/13/news/former-prisoner-finds-listening-device-in-ceiling-127202>

## ***Belfast, Northern Ireland, February 2018***

A **listening device** was found in the former home of an Irish republican, who had died ten years prior to the discovery of the device. It consisted of a small microphone, hidden **in the ceiling of**

device was powered by 12 long-life batteries. The tracking device also appeared to be battery-powered.

#### PICTURES



#### SOURCES

[https://republican-news.org/current/news/2014/09/spy\\_devices\\_found\\_on\\_tyrone\\_ma.html](https://republican-news.org/current/news/2014/09/spy_devices_found_on_tyrone_ma.html)

## Buildings

### *Belfast, Northern Ireland, September 2004*

A **listening device** was found in offices used by Irish republicans. The device, **disguised as a floor joist**, was hidden **under the floor of a first floor office with microphones pointing into the office and into a conference room below**. It included a large battery pack.

#### PICTURES

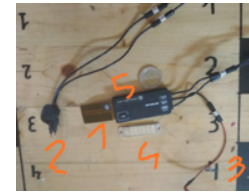


#### SOURCES

<https://irishtimes.com/news/sinn-fein-to-show-bug-found-in-offices-to-blair-1.989974>

<https://telegraph.co.uk/news/1471702/Sinn-Fein-says-spy-bug-found-in-office.html>

#### PICTURES



1: antenna; 2: connected microphone; 3: power supply positive and negative connections; 4: strong magnets to attach the device to the car; 5: transmitter with SIM card and GPS.

#### SOURCES

<https://anarkiviu.wordpress.com/2023/06/07/accade-a-sassari>

### *Trieste, July 2023*

A **microphone** was found in a car. It was hidden **inside the vehicle**. The night before the device was found, one of the car's windows was broken, a few things inside it were stolen, and four men were seen tampering with the vehicle—the theft was presumably a cover-up for the device installation.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<https://laburjana.noblogs.org/post/2023/08/02/e-vennero-a-metterci-le-spie-in-auto>

## *Craigavon, Northern Ireland, December 2013*

A **tracking device** was found on the van of an Irish republican. It was hidden **beneath a wheel arch of the vehicle**. It was encased in black rubber. It contained a long-life battery pack and was marked with a serial number linked to the British military. Shortly after the discovery of the device, the van owner's home was raided by police in an apparent attempt to retrieve the device.

## SOURCES

[https://republican-news.org/current/news/2013/12/vicious\\_assault\\_in\\_black\\_ops\\_i.html](https://republican-news.org/current/news/2013/12/vicious_assault_in_black_ops_i.html)

## *Lurgan, County Armagh, Northern Ireland, June 2014*

A **GPS tracker** and a **listening device** were found on the car of an Irish republican. Parts of the device—battery packs and a transmitter—were hidden **behind the car rear bumper**.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

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[https://republican-news.org/current/news/2014/06/tracking\\_device\\_found\\_on\\_lurga.html](https://republican-news.org/current/news/2014/06/tracking_device_found_on_lurga.html)

## *Cappagh, County Tyrone, Northern Ireland, September 2014*

A **listening device** and a **tracking device** were found on the car of an Irish republican. The listening device was **attached to a rear wheel arch of the car by several powerful magnets**. The tracking device was located **under the opposite wheel arch**. The listening



## SOURCES

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### *Derry, Northern Ireland, June 2012*

A **GPS tracker** was found under the car of an Irish republican. It was located **inside the car's rear bumper** and **attached to the vehicle with magnets**. Shortly after the device was discovered the car was seized by the police, and returned to the owner after a number of hours.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

[https://republican-news.org/current/news/2012/06/tracking\\_device\\_found\\_on\\_car\\_o.html](https://republican-news.org/current/news/2012/06/tracking_device_found_on_car_o.html)

### *Northern Ireland, June 2013*

**Two bluetooth listening devices** and a **tracking device** were found in the car of an Irish republican. The devices were hidden **on the underside of the driver's seat, underneath carpet in the rear passenger footwell, and behind the rear seats**.

## SOURCES

[https://republican-news.org/current/news/2013/06/o\\_cuiv\\_talks\\_lead\\_to\\_psn\\_i RAID.html](https://republican-news.org/current/news/2013/06/o_cuiv_talks_lead_to_psn_i RAID.html)

### *Lecce, November 2023*

A **tracking device** was found under a car. The battery-powered device was **attached with strong magnets under the car body, in the rear, just past the bumper**.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<https://disordine.noblogs.org/post/2023/11/09/ritrovamenti>

## Buildings

### *Bologna, July 2007*

**Two receiver cases** were found in the entry corridor of a building. They were hidden **above a fake ceiling in the entry corridor**. They were connected to the phone line with telephone wires. They consisted in a main unit with a remote-controlled connector, a digital receiver showing the strength of the received signal, and antennas. The presence of the two receivers presumably meant that there were two emitting microphones in the building.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20080516233501/http://www.informa-azione.info/rinvenute\\_due\\_cimici\\_a\\_fuoriluogo](https://web.archive.org/web/20080516233501/http://www.informa-azione.info/rinvenute_due_cimici_a_fuoriluogo)

### *Viterbo, March 2008*

A **microphone** was found in a home. It was hidden **inside an air inlet**. It consisted in 12 cylindrical batteries and a microphone.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20170926153653/http://www.informa-azione.info/viterbo\\_ritrovato\\_lennesimo\\_marchingegno\\_per intercettazioni\\_ambientali](https://web.archive.org/web/20170926153653/http://www.informa-azione.info/viterbo_ritrovato_lennesimo_marchingegno_per intercettazioni_ambientali)

### *Genoa, October 2009*

A **microphone** was found in a building. It was located **inside an electrical outlet**.

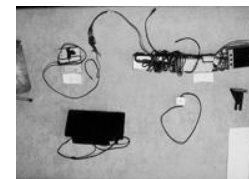
# United Kingdom

## Vehicles

### *Northern Ireland, December 1999*

A **listening and tracking surveillance device** was found in a car used by Irish republicans. It was **built into the car body in such a way as to make it impossible for anyone carrying out repairs on the vehicle to find it**. It was able to track the location of the vehicle, record and transmit audio, and could be switched on and off remotely. It included a microphone built into the middle of the roof of the vehicle, as well as rechargeable batteries wired to the car that could recharge only when the car was running.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

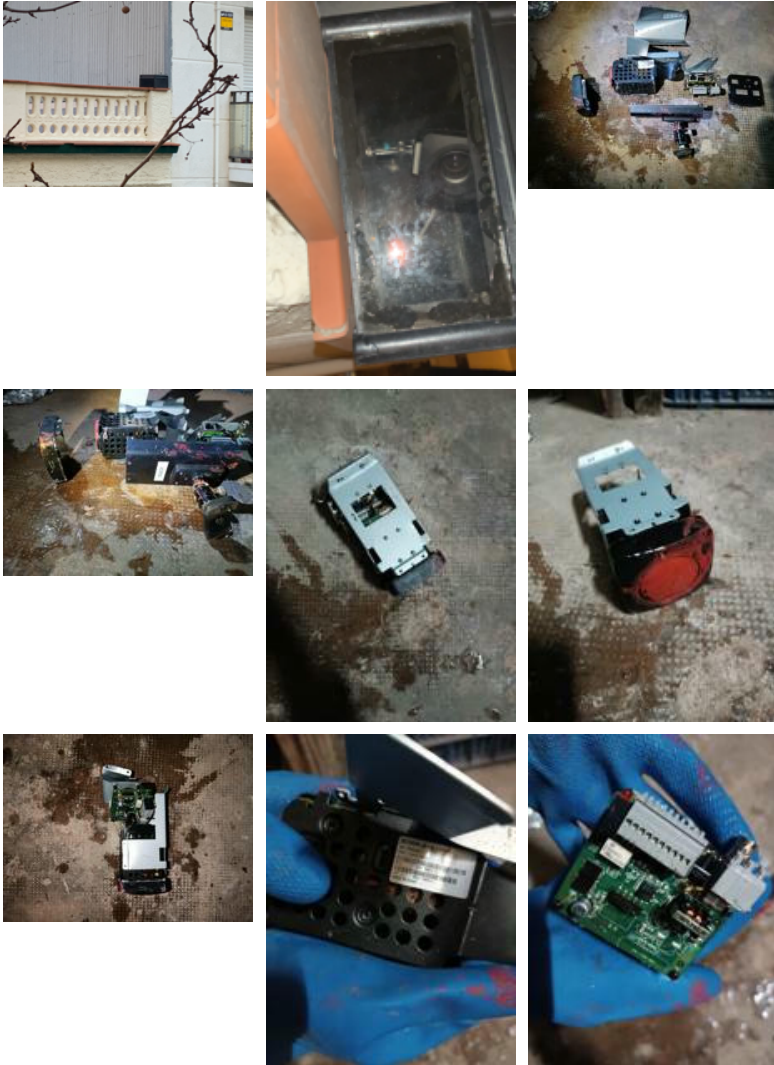
<https://republican-news.org/archive/1999/December09/09bug.html>

### *County Armagh, Northern Ireland, August 2008*

A **GPS tracker** and a **listening device** were found under the car of someone linked to Irish republicans. Parts of the devices were located **under the car bumper**. The listening device used a microphone to transmit conversations within the vehicle over the mobile phone network.



## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<http://barcelona.indymedia.org/newswire/display/535811>

<https://attaque.noblogs.org/post/2024/01/01/barcelone-espagne-espionnage-et-vi-deosurveillance-devant-la-maison-de-quelques-compas-anarchistes>

## PICTURES



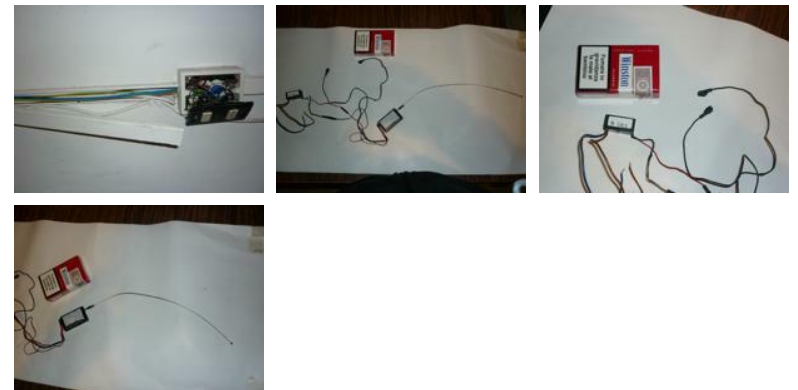
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## *Lecco, October 2010*

A **microphone** was found in a building. It was located **inside an electrical outlet**. It was a transmitter-receiver.

## PICTURES



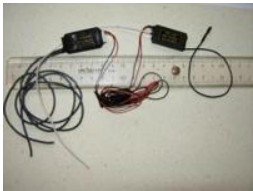
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[https://web.archive.org/web/20101011002129/http://www.informa-azione.info:80/lecco\\_%E2%80%93\\_ennesima\\_microspia](https://web.archive.org/web/20101011002129/http://www.informa-azione.info:80/lecco_%E2%80%93_ennesima_microspia)

## ***Milan, November 2010***

A **microphone** was found in a building. It was located **inside a closed and sealed electricity meter**. It was a microphone with a 300 MHz shortwave transmitter.

### PICTURES



### SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20170709103211/http://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3\\_id\\_article=3711.html](https://web.archive.org/web/20170709103211/http://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=3711.html)

## ***Milan, November 2010***

**Microphones and a micro-camera** were found in multiple homes. The devices were found **in an amplifier, in the kitchen hood and in a cathode-ray television**. They included microphones and 300 MHz transmitters with ranges of 200 to 300 meters. One of the devices could be activated by remote control (at a distance of hundreds of meters). Another device came with a micro-camera linked to a UHF band transmitter.

### PICTURES



Microphone inside  
the TV set



Microphone inside  
the cooker hood



Microphone inside  
the amp

the end. It was installed from the apartment below, through a hole in the floor.

### PICTURES



The sofa under  
which the device was  
found

### SOURCES

<https://gara.naiz.eus/paperezkoa/20070825/35008/es/Tres-donostiarras-descubren-su-piso-aparato-escuchas-ilegales>  
<https://radiocable.com/descubren-un-microfono-mientras-limpiaban-en-el-piso-de-un-expreso-de-eta.html>

## ***Barcelona, October 2013***

A **police surveillance camera** was found **in a hospital, pointed towards another building**.

### SOURCES

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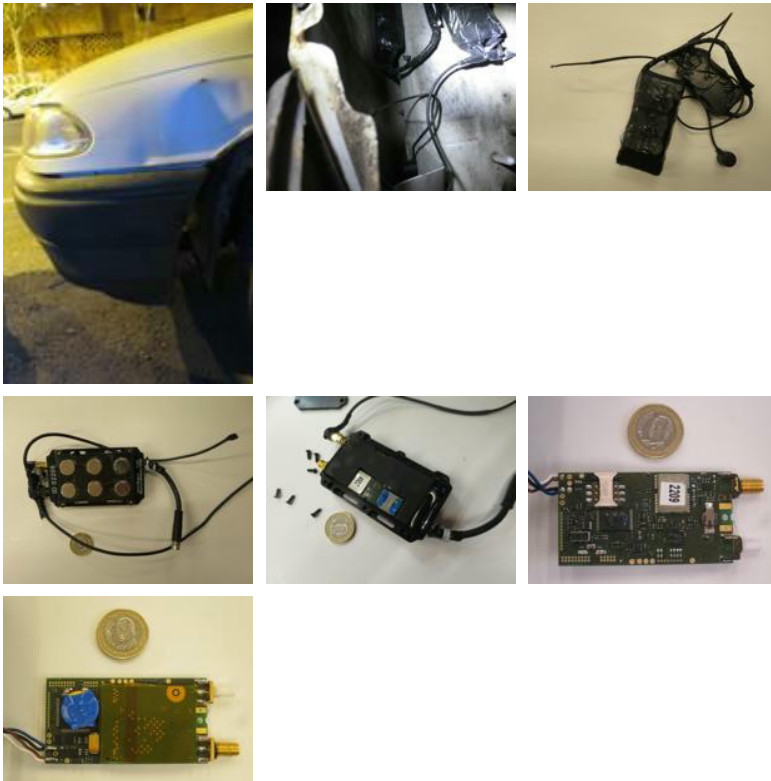
## ***Other***

## ***Barcelona, December 2023***

A **camera** was found in front of a house. It was located **inside a black box, on the roof of a restaurant located in front of the house**.

car mudguard and frame. It was probably installed by the *Cuerpo Nacional de Policía* (Spain national civilian police force).

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<https://taz.de/Polizeiliche-Ueberwachung!/5017478>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20160408043848/https://people.torproject.org/~ioerror/skunkworks/forensics/valencia-tracking-device>

## Buildings

### *Donostia, Basque Country, August 2007*

A **listening device** was found in an apartment. It was located **under the sofa**. It was made of two meters of wiring with a microphone at

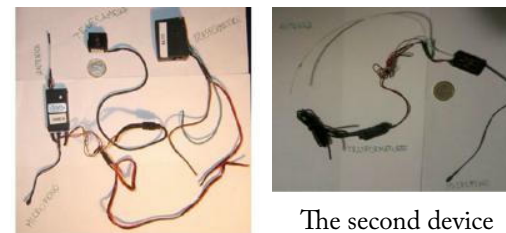
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### *Florence, January 2011*

**Microphones and cameras** were found in a building. A first device was located **in an electrical case that was abnormally hot**. It consisted of a microphone and a micro-camera. A second device was located **in an industrial outlet**.

## PICTURES



The first device

The second device

## SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20170709131443/http://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3\\_id\\_article=3845.html](https://web.archive.org/web/20170709131443/http://cettesemaine.info/spip/article.php3_id_article=3845.html)

### *Bordighera, May 2012*

**Four microphones and a camera** were found in a house. A microphone was located **behind the fridge**, another **in the bedroom**, another **in a beam next to the ceiling light**, another **in the house entry**. A small camera **filmed the entry stairs**. All were connected through a transformer to the house electrical network.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20171110231616/http://www.informa-azione.info/torino\\_trovate\\_microspie\\_nel\\_frigido\\_di\\_due\\_compagni\\_anarchici](https://web.archive.org/web/20171110231616/http://www.informa-azione.info/torino_trovate_microspie_nel_frigido_di_due_compagni_anarchici)

### *Pisa, May 2012*

A **camera** was found **in a school's air conditioner**. It controlled the entrance of a house.

## SOURCES

<https://culmine.noblogs.org/2012/05/08/pisa-abpc-sabota-telecamera>

### *Naples, October 2012*

**Two microphones** were found in a building. They were located **in the air vents** of two rooms of the building. Each consisted in three 9-volt batteries set up in parallel, attached with tape to a transmitter microphone.

# Spain

## Vehicles

### *Basque Country, September 2007*

A **tracking device** was found under the car of a left-wing nationalist activist.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<https://web.archive.org/web/20220408143905/https://foros.noticiasdenavarra.com/viewtopic.php?t=32988>

### *Urrugne, Basque Country, August 2011*

A **GPS tracker** was found under a car. It was located **in the car bumper**. It included a GPS antenna.

## SOURCES

<https://gara.naiz.eus/paperezkoa/20110923/292549/es/Hallan-dispositivo-seguimiento-GPS-coche-una-joven-urrunarra>

### *Valencia, March 2015*

A **geolocation device** was found on a car. It was **magnetically mounted inside a wheel well of the car**. It included a battery, a GPS antenna, a GSM antenna, and a SIM card. Its components were wrapped in black tape and magnetically mounted to the



# Russia

## Other

### *Moscow, December 2020*

A **surveillance device** was found **inside the smartphone** of the campaign manager of a Russian anti-corruption activist. It included a SIM card, a microphone, a GPS tracker, and a microcircuit to amplify the radio signal. Some of the phone components were modified to make room for the surveillance device. The device was installed when the owner of the phone was in custody and her phone confiscated. The device was probably installed by the FSB (“Federal security service”).

#### PICTURES



#### SOURCES

<https://meduza.io/en/feature/2021/01/14/we-found-a-wiretap>  
<https://slashgear.com/simple-40-wiretap-planted-in-iphone-of-russian-activist-15655451>  
<https://youtube.com/watch?v=Q9K9ofWiyx8>

#### PICTURES



The device was like that when it was found. The microphone is next to the two euros coin and the antenna is at the other end.



The microphone without the tape and with the tip detached



Detail of the emitting antenna with its cover



Detail of the emitting antenna without its cover



Everything dismantled. The batteries were without power.

#### SOURCES

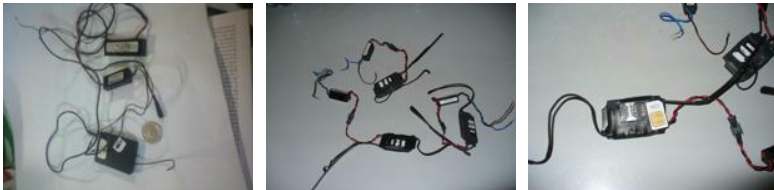
[https://web.archive.org/web/20130401215729/http://informa-azione.info/napoli\\_trovate\\_microspie\\_all039interno\\_dello\\_spazio\\_anarchico\\_76a](https://web.archive.org/web/20130401215729/http://informa-azione.info/napoli_trovate_microspie_all039interno_dello_spazio_anarchico_76a)

### *Naples, February 2013*

**Four microphones** were found in two homes. In the first home, a microphone was located **next to the office where there was a computer** (for some time, the loudspeakers connected to this computer were disrupted by an interference similar to the interference of a phone receiving a call), another **in the outlet next to the kitchen table**, and the last one **in the bedroom, in the outlet closest to the bed** (the outlet cover had been pierced to direct the microphone towards the headboard). In the second home, a microphone was located **in the bedroom, in the outlet closest to the door** leading

to the kitchen, so that it covered several rooms. The first home's microphones included a transformer and antennas with a printed circuit board. The second home's microphone included two transformers and an antenna.

#### PICTURES



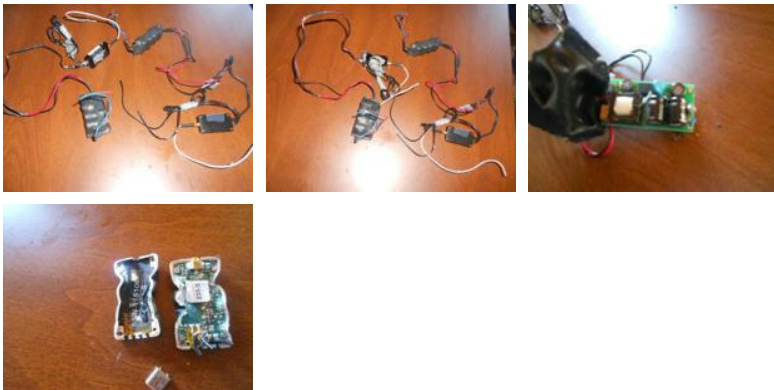
#### SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20150417000257/http://informa-azione.info/napoli\\_maggiori\\_dettagli\\_su\\_ritrovamento\\_microspie](https://web.archive.org/web/20150417000257/http://informa-azione.info/napoli_maggiori_dettagli_su_ritrovamento_microspie)

### *Palermo, June 2013*

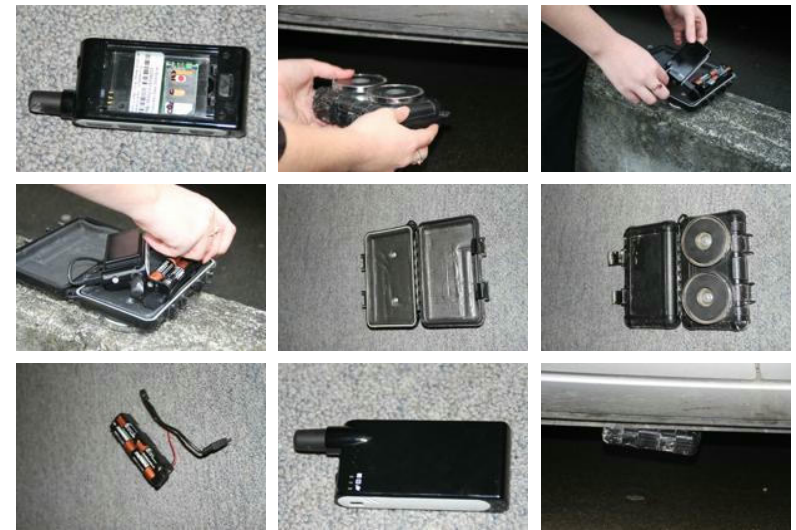
**Microphones** were found in a building.

#### PICTURES



#### SOURCES

[https://web.archive.org/web/20160112162848/http://informa-azione.info/palermo\\_trovate\\_microspie\\_in\\_casa\\_di\\_compagn](https://web.archive.org/web/20160112162848/http://informa-azione.info/palermo_trovate_microspie_in_casa_di_compagn)



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<https://web.archive.org/web/20210209150752/http://archive.indymedia.org.nz/article/78812/gps-tracking-device-found-afa-members-ca>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20210226185135/http://www.stuff.co.nz/national/3978988/Spies-target-animal-rights-campaigners>



# New Zealand

## Vehicles

### *Levin, April 2010*

A **GPS tracker** was found under a car. It was **attached to the car with magnets**. It used a mobile phone connection to report the car position. According to the articles that reported the discovery of the tracker, the information it collected was sent to Thompson and Clark, a New Zealand private investigation agency. The surveillance was probably carried out on behalf of a company.

According to the articles that reported the discovery of the tracker, it was supplied to the private investigation agency Thompson and Clark by the New Zealand company **Argus Tracking**. As shown by the high resolution pictures of the device, its model was “GT-2000XT-D”, and it was very similar to the device “GT-2000”, marketed by the company based in United Kingdom **Custodia Systems**.

#### EXTRA FILES

- GT2000.pdf:<sup>2</sup> product description of the GT-2000 device (in English).
- levin-2010-04.zip:<sup>3</sup> very high resolution pictures of the device.

#### PICTURES



<sup>2</sup><https://notrace.how/carsandeyes/extra-files/levin-2010-04/GT2000.pdf>

<sup>3</sup><https://notrace.how/carsandeyes/extra-files/levin-2010-04/levin-2010-04.zip>

### *Turin, May 2014*

**Two microphones and portable scanners** were found in a building and outside of it. The portable scanners were **in a telecom booth** close to the building. The microphones were connected to the electrical network of the building.

#### PICTURES



The two microphones and the scanners

### *Pescara, April 2015*

**Two microphones** were found in a home. The devices were **inside two electrical outlets**. Each consisted in a microphone connected to a transformer, and a thing containing a micro-SIM card.

#### PICTURES



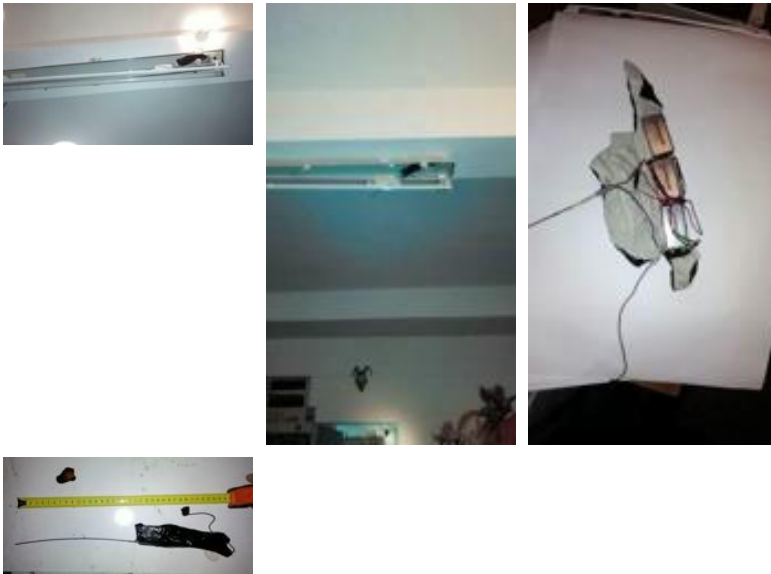
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## ***Modena, December 2015***

A **microphone** was found in a building. It was located **inside a neon light attached to the ceiling**. It consisted in three 9-volts batteries, joined together with insulating tape, with a microphone and antenna at each end.

### PICTURES



### SOURCES

<https://anarchicipistoiesi.noblogs.org/post/2015/01/06/modena-sorveglianza-rinvenuta-microspia-al-laboratorio-libertario-ligera>

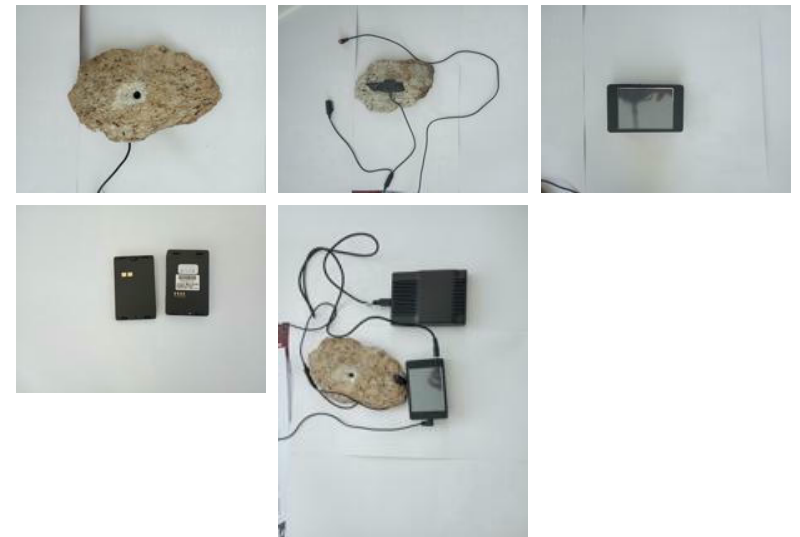
## ***Lecce, September 2017***

A **surveillance device** was found in a building **inside an outlet not connected to any electrical network**. The acronym “ABG” was visible on one of its edges.

hidden behind a rock in which a hole had been made. It seemed that the device couldn't send the recorded data, which was stored on the SD card. An analysis of the content of the SD card showed that the device was activated on June 3 and was installed on the afternoon of June 7, the day before the gathering.

The pictures of the device show that the device included a digital video recorder of model “DK-PV500E”, marketed by the Italian company DSE (Digital Surveillance Equipment). This suggests that the device was supplied by the Italian company **DSE**.

### PICTURES



### SOURCES

<https://macerie.org/index.php/2019/06/12/spioni-3>



The box were the cameras were found

## Genoa, June 2014

**Three microphones with cameras** were found **in the alleys around a building**. The devices were pointed at the different entries of the building.

The pictures of the devices show that the cameras were marketed by the Italian company Elkron (which became a subsidiary of the Italian company Urmet in 2012). This suggests that the cameras were supplied by the italian company **Elkron**.

### PICTURES



### SOURCES

<http://contropiano.org/news/aggiornamenti-in-breve/italia/2014/06/16/genova-l-occhio-dello-stato-sull-occupazione-di-pellicceria-3-062791>

## Cuneo, June 2019

**A surveillance device capable of recording images and sound** was found during a gathering in front of a jail. It was located **behind a few stones, in a wall along a path**, wrapped in a black garbage bag. It was not the first time that a gathering took place there. The device contained a battery, a SD card, a microphone, and a camera

### PICTURES



### SOURCES

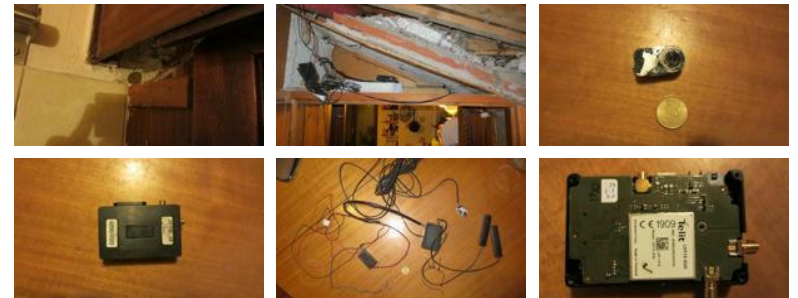
<https://web.archive.org/web/20171005155957/https://actforfree.nostate.net/?p=28449>

<https://web.archive.org/web/20200812155902/https://cettesemaine.info/breves/spip.php?article2497>

## Trento, December 2017

A **micro-camera** was found in a house. It was located **in the kitchen/dining room, inside a wall, covered up by mortar**, revealing only the hole for the camera's lens.

### PICTURES



### SOURCES

<https://anarhija.info/library/trentino-italia-a-proposito-di-ritrovamenti-di-microspie-e-videocamere-it>

## Bologna, January 2018

**Two microphones** were found in a building. They were hidden **inside a power outlet and in the junction box next to it**.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<https://autistici.org/cna/2018/01/11/bologna-ritrovata-microspia>

### *Genoa, June 2018*

**Two microphones** were found in a house.

## SOURCES

<https://roundrobin.info/2018/06/genova-trovate-due-microspie-nella-casa-di-un-compagno>

### *Trento, March 2019*

**Six microphones and a camera** were found in a house. The microphones were located **in electrical outlets and switch cases**, one **above the intercom in the corridor**, two other **in the living-room**, and the three last ones **in bedrooms**. The camera was located **inside the intercom in the corridor** and connected to the microphone above it. Each microphone was equipped with a battery, and, except for the one in the corridor, with a SIM card and a memory card.

## SOURCES

<https://lanemesi.noblogs.org/post/2023/09/25/rinvenuta-una-microspia-a-pozzuoli>

### *Treviso, April 2024*

A **microphone** was found in a house. The device was **connected to the fridge electrical outlet**. It included a microphone, two antennas and a SIM card.

## SOURCES

<https://ilrovescio.info/2024/05/16/treviso-microspie-anche-a-casa-dei-genitori>

## Other

### *Turin, February 2014*

**Two cameras** were found in front of a building. They were hidden **in a fake electric box of the Italian electricity supplier Enel, attached on the first floor of a building**.

The logo of the Italian company Gruppo TRS, which was bought in 2012 by the Italian company Atet, is visible on the pictures of the cameras. This suggests that the cameras were supplied by the Italian company **Atet**.

## PICTURES





## SOURCES

<https://infernourbano.altervista.org/foligno-rinvenuta-una-microspia-presso-il-circolo-anarchico-la-faglia>

### *Rome, November 2022*

A **microphone** was found in an apartment. It was hidden **on the back of the kitchen oven**. It was powered by the oven electrical supply, and was also equipped with a battery.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<https://lanemesi.noblogs.org/post/2022/11/19/stessa-storia-stesso-posto-stesso-baracchino-rinvenimento-di-una-microspia-in-un-appartamento-di-roma>

### *Pozzuoli, September 2023*

A **microphone** was found in a house.

## PICTURES



The camera lens could observe through a small hole already present in the intercom structure and slightly modified to fit the device.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<https://roundrobin.info/2019/03/trento-sei-microspie-e-una-telecamera-immagini-pesanti>

### *Turin, March 2019*

**Microphones** were found in a building. They were located **in the kitchen**.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

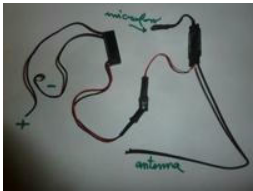
<https://macerie.org/index.php/2019/03/12/le-orecchie-della-pedrotta>

### *Pisa, January 2020*

**Microphones** were found in a building. They were **connected to the electrical system of the building**.

According to the article that reported the discovery of the microphones, they were supplied by the Italian company **Lutech**.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

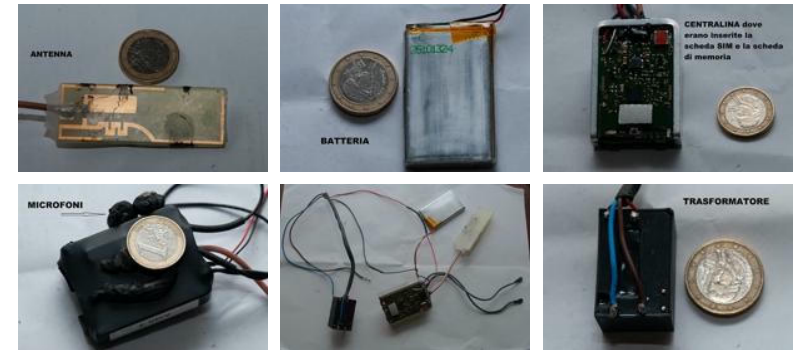
<https://roundrobin.info/2020/02/pisa>

### *Follonica, February 2020*

**Four microphones** were found in a house. There was **one in each room of the house**. They were **connected to the electrical system of the house** using a transformer and a battery. Each device was equipped with a SIM card and a memory card.

According to the source that reported the discovery of the microphones, they were supplied by the Italian company **Lutech**.

## PICTURES



## SOURCES

<https://roundrobin.info/2020/02/comunicato-sul-ritrovamento-di-alcune-microspie-a-follonica>

### *Foligno, October 2022*

A **microphone** was found in a building. It was located **inside a power outlet**. It was equipped with a microphone, two antennas, a SIM card, a memory card and a battery.

## PICTURES

