

## Man Possessed in Convenience Store / Minimart

The Case:

12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012 – STOMP.sg had an article posted about a man who was reportedly possessed in a minimart. The location of the event is unknown.

The video shows a customer opening the fridge to the beverages and taking out a beverage can. Whilst holding onto the can and the fridge door, the man suddenly went into an epileptic seizure. The man started to give out “yelping” sounds as he started shivering and shaking. At one point while he was on his knees, he pointed at a female work staff and she ran off. The man got up still shivering and shaking, moments later he suddenly collapsed onto the ground. Right after he had fallen, a reflection of a white figure is seen on the glass door of the fridge beside the man. Items on the top 3 shelves suddenly came falling off without anyone touching it.

Follow-up:

A search on the internet showed the earliest posting of the video was on Youtube.com on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2012 by “**28100KML**”. It shows the full footage with the time and date stamped on it. It has since garnered more than 1.3 million views on the video. Total video runtime is 1 minute 11 seconds.

Only a handful of people had posted the same video online. Two of the videos found had additional editing done to the video, mostly with repeated scenes.

In scanning through the comments regarding the videos online, many explained the “yelping”, shivering and shaking movement to epileptic seizures, most commonly mentioned is the complex partial seizure or Temporal Lobe Epilepsy (TLE). No one had any explanation to the image that appeared on the glass door.



The ghostly image appearing on the glass fridge door.

Analysis:

During the viewing of the video, the wordings seen at the top of the glass fridge door would suggest that the video footage origins might be from Thailand. No information on the actual location of the store could be found.

On further watching of the video, one could notice the clock counter stopping just after the man collapsed onto the floor. The counter had stopped for approximately 3 seconds, during which, the video showed an image appearing and disappearing on the glass door of the fridge and the items falling from the shelf right after. The clock restarted counting again when the falling items were about to hit the floor.

Pics 1 to 5 shows the Youtube extracted portion of the video where the clock counter had stopped till the time when it restarted. It can be observed by comparing the CCTV counter with the Youtube video counter which both is circled in black.



Pic.1



Pic.2



Pic.3



Pic.4



Pic.5

## Conclusion:

Although it is common knowledge that most CCTVs do not come equipped with an audio microphone, some businesses have been known to use CCTVs that have built-in microphones (household CCTVs) or attach a separate microphone linked to the main DVR recorder. Some petrol stations around Singapore are known to use audio capable CCTVs located near the cashier counter to assist in any investigation of customer complaints or misunderstanding. For example, counter staff being rude to customer or using abusive / threatening language.

Whoever edited the video had cut out the section where the man had collapsed and used that portion to add in the image on the glass door to create a false possession or haunting. This would explain the reason behind the clock counter stopping at that particular section for 3 seconds as the person had to create several video frames with the same section to make it look as if there really was an image moving on the glass door. For argument sake, there is no validity that a ghost can stop time whilst allowing the camera to continue recording at the same time.

Two possibilities were suggested as to the cause of the falling items. First is the probability that there was someone hiding at the side of the shelf facing away from the CCTV and pushed the items off; Second, there was a person hiding in the room located just before refrigerators (the door was open the whole time during the incident) and used a thin string or clear line to pull the items off the shelf just after the man collapsed.

As for the man in the video, it cannot be determined if he was acting or if it was a real seizure because it has been noted by many that the man's movements are similar to that of genuine epileptic seizure.

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