



# NEWSLETTER

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### TRACKING DEVICES - SCOTLAND

A man arrested in connection with alleged "tampering" of Alfredo Morelos' car in Glasgow was a private detective. Morelos caught the intruder near his car with the incident sparking a police probe.

The private investigator, and former Army veteran, was hired by Morelos' wife Yesenia and was given access to Alfredo Morelos' Lamborghini with reports claiming that *he was to fit a tracking device*.



A Police spokesperson said: "Police arrested and charged a 29-year-old man in connection with an alleged breach of the peace following an incident involving a vehicle at a secured car park in Glasgow"

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### PimEyes - FACIAL RECOGNITION

Privacy campaigners have raised concerns over a free facial recognition tool that allows people to find pictures of themselves or others from around the internet. The Polish website PimEyes was set up in 2017 and currently has 6,000 users signed up.

PimEyes describes itself as a privacy tool to help prevent misuse of images. It allows people to upload any picture for free and it will then attempt to find matching images from around the web, drawing on publicly accessible sites such as Tumblr, news outlets and blogs. PimEyes also offers a premium service that allows people to input up to 25 images of different people and get alerts whenever new photos are uploaded online. It currently has 350 active users of this service.

**Note:** Facial recognition is not currently governed by a specific legal framework in the UK, meaning that private companies can start using it without declaring the move publicly or notifying authorities.

The High Court in Cardiff found that the use of facial recognition by South Wales Police (SWP) is currently lawful, in response to a claim for judicial review in May 2019.

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