
From: Craig Silverman
To: Alan White
CC: Tom Phillips
Sent: 1/15/2015 2:48:19 PM
Subject: Re: Heroic cat

Russian social network post that has the Pravda link but also one going to a TV station:
http://vk.com/zaschitim_detei?w=wall-35868870_8051

TV station:

[360tv.ru/%2Fnews%2Fv-obninske-koshka-spasla-dvuhmes &post=-35868870_8051](http://360tv.ru/%2Fnews%2Fv-obninske-koshka-spasla-dvuhmes%2F&post=-35868870_8051)

Unfortunately, the link seems to be dead and I haven't been able to find it via search or scrolling. I searched for things on the site including the cat's name in Russian but no luck. Maybe you guys can find it.

I suspect that this report is the source of the screengrabs we see in Pravda. It could also be the source of the image CEN used of the woman and cat together. If that's the case I'd say it heightens the likelihood that the quotes are made up, as it means CEN probably didn't do any photos on their own.

BTW re: the underwear thief. One person noted to me that in all the pics the guy does not have tense muscles. He isn't resisting. Also when I look at the arms in the shots I see men's arms. I thought it was supposed to be a bunch of women?

Craig

On 15 January 2015 at 14:23, Craig Silverman <<mailto:silvermancraig@gmail.com>> wrote:

Yeah the Pravda story seems legit. One red flag was that in the Pravda story there were no pics of the woman and cat together or the cat and baby together. But CEN apparently got one. (Could it be a TV screencap?)

The quotes CEN offered up are not in that original article. Every time I read the quotes in one of these stories it seems like the same person has written them. But since they apparently got additional pics it's possible they did interviews.

Also note that this version of Pravda (there are two in Russia, I think) is also the original source of the Bieber story from last year. It was a real story that CEN inserted a fake element into. The woman who spoke to me then said they had stringers in Russia but it sounded really unconvincing at the time.

On 15 January 2015 at 13:09, Alan White <<mailto:alan.white@buzzfeed.com>> wrote:

Looking more at it, if that's the original source, it looks legit(ish) - contact number for more info etc.

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 6:05 PM, Alan White <<mailto:alan.white@buzzfeed.com>> wrote:

Just advised our animals editor it may be better to hold off.

Think that's the original source?

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM, Tom Phillips <<mailto:tom.phillips@buzzfeed.com>> wrote:

Hmmm. "Press Service of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Russia".

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 5:58 PM, Alan White <alan.white@buzzfeed.com wrote:
<http://volgograd.kp.ru/daily/26327/3211441/>

looks like this

On Thu, Jan 15, 2015 at 5:50 PM, Alan White <alan.white@buzzfeed.com wrote:
Fresh up - trying to find original source

<https://uk.news.yahoo.com/tabby-cat-hailed-a-hero-after--finding-baby-abandoned-on-street-and-mewing-for-help-121038601.html#Mb1F4st>

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