DEVIL13 / FIELD TOOLS

IMAGE EVIDENCE CARD

Separate how an image was made from the story attached to it.

Record name / review date

Image URL or source / earliest copy found

Exact claim being checked

FOLLOW THE EVIDENCE

1. Trace earlier copies. Search the full image and useful crops; keep source links and dates.

2. Test the caption. Check the claimed place, time and event against independent records.

3. Inspect file history. Request the earliest file and note known edits, exports and gaps.

4. Inspect credentials. Read any available provenance record and what it actually covers.

5. Treat detectors as clues. Record the tool, version and limitations; do not use a score as a verdict.

A metadata date may describe an export, not capture. Missing credentials do not prove AI origin.
A detector score is not automatically the probability that this particular image is AI-generated.

THREE SEPARATE FINDINGS

ORIGIN - camera / generated / mixed / unresolved; what supports this?

PROCESSING - known edits or unknown history; what supports this?

CONTEXT - what is verified or contradicted about the place, date and caption?

NEXT EVIDENCE - what would strengthen or change the assessment?

Full method and a clearly fictional practice case:

Guide: https://www.devil13.com/2026/11/18/is-this-image-real-ai-generated-verification/

Practice: https://www.devil13.com/inquiry-room-case-04-the-photograph-that-arrived-too-early/

Method sources:

NIST AI 100-4 (2024): https://nvlpubs.nist.gov/nistpubs/ai/NIST.AI.100-4.pdf

C2PA Explainer 2.2: https://spec.c2pa.org/specifications/specifications/2.2/explainer/Explainer.html

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