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Pranksters Attach GPS Device To Google Street View Car

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UPDATE: *No one has put a GPS receiver on one of Google's Street View Cars, the search giant said Wednesday. Google says its cars aren't even driving around Berlin right now. Google's statement: "Free Art and Technology Lab is an art organization which recently used a fake Street View car as an art project in Berlin and claimed to have put a GPS tracking device on it to track its route. This car was not an official Google car..."*

Pranksters ~~are~~ claimed to be using Google Maps to help Berliners track one of the camera-equipped vehicles Google has sent out to photograph Berlin's streets, after they attached a GPS device the car. So whose privacy is being violated?

We're not sure. However, a group called Free Art & Technology (FAT) [update --> *claimed they*] [have created a map so Berliners can follow the progress of the car, in real-time, around the city.](#)

"The Free Art and Technology (F.A.T.) Lab is an organization dedicated to enriching the public domain through the research and development of creative technologies and media," the group says on its web site. "Release early, often and with rap music."

The result: Berliners are pulling down their pants when the car scoots into view, making obscene gestures, shouting, and kind of making a scene.

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