



The Mechanic Ghost

SPECIFICATIONS:

Date: September 13, 2016

Location: Algoa, Texas

Photographer: Name withheld

Type Camera: ZTE Z981

Other Information:

Home has no history of paranormal activity.

This is one of the clearer “captures” I’ve seen. The photo was taken by a 4-year old girl playing with her mother’s camera, trying to take a selfie. Later her mother noticed this man hovering over her daughter, which understandably upset the woman.

Upon a further exchange of posts, she informed me that only she and her daughter were at home at the time, there are no older men living in the home (her husband is only 30 and was not at home at the time) and neither she nor her husband have ever seen the man in the photo before. She also claims there is no history of paranormal activity in the house. I asked her if she could give me a history of the home, so she asked her landlord about the property. He said that the home has had several previous owners and had

once been converted from a home into a mechanic’s shop before being converted back into a home again. As a result, I’ve titled this photo the mechanic’s ghost because the gentleman looks very much like an old time mechanic but, of course, that’s purely speculative on my part. In any case, notice he appears to be wearing a sleeveless T-shirt—and is that a tattoo I see on his chest?

Notice how badly the photo is blurred (common in photos shot by children, who have little inclination to hold the camera still). I’ve noticed that spirits often seem to appear when the shutter sticks or there is an unusually long shutter speed. Could that be a clue as to how to capture a ghost on film? *(Used with permission. All rights reserved.)*