

# Melbourne CBD attack: Alleged Flinders Street driver Saeed Noori rambled about Allah and ASIO

*From the [Who was the man in the red shirt?](#) A bearded man arrested after he was found with knives in his backpack in the aftermath of the Flinders Street car rampage has been cleared of any connection to the attack. The second arrest prompted a wave of speculation on social media that the two men were acting together, leading to even more conjecture that the incident was a terrorist attack. It turns out, however, that the 24-year-old man appears to have been yet another mobile-phone wielding bystander – who also happened to be allegedly carrying knives and marijuana.*

Acting Chief Commissioner Shane Patton told reporters in a late-night press conference that the man was seen filming the incident so his bag was searched as part of “routine policing”, leading to the alleged discovery of the weapons and drugs. He had in a bag three knives, and he was taken into custody to determine whether he was in fact connected with the incident,” Mr Patton said.

After reviewing footage of the incident, police decided that the driver was the only person in the car and that it was likely he was acting alone. Mr Patton said that no relationship had been established between the man in the red shirt and Mr Noori. “It may well be that person is exonerated from any involvement in this in the end, and that is probable at this stage.”

The man has since been released and is expected to be charged on summons with possessing cannabis and possession of a

controlled weapon.