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Russell Crowe confirms in a tweet that capturing footage of a UFO hovering over Sydney always happens when you least expect it.

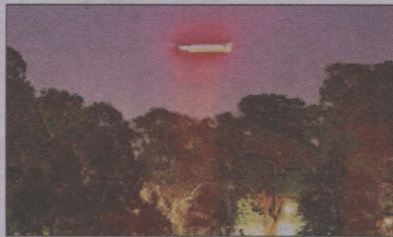
UFO footage just batty

CROWE'S NOT RUSTY WHEN IT COMES TO PROMOTING LATEST FILM

Has Rusty officially gone batty? Hours after griping on Twitter that his new flick was being under-promoted, Russell Crowe seemed to create his own publicity stunt by claiming to his almost one million followers that he had spotted UFOs in Sydney's Botanic Gardens.

Posting a video on YouTube of what appeared to be flying objects whizzing over the gardens, Crowe wrote: "A friend and I set camera to capture fruit bats rising from Botanic Gardens. This was a big surprise."

The footage attached to the tweet was posted online late on Tuesday from



The 'UFO' in Russell Crowe's video.

a brand-new account by the name of ParallelUniverse1234.

Contacted yesterday Crowe's Aussie rep clarified the alleged UFO video, shot by acclaimed cinematographer

Duane Manwiller, was actually filmed in Sydney four years ago.

"Duane is a friend of Russell's and shot that while he was in Sydney about four years ago," Crowe's manager Grant Vandenberg told *Confidential*.

Asked why Crowe chose to release it now, Vandenberg said: "I have no idea."

The decision to release the old footage came several hours after the actor made a handful of obvious digs at the studio behind his latest flick *Broken City* — distributed in Australia by Twentieth Century Fox — suggesting the release campaign behind the thriller had been unsubstantial. "So apparently @BrokenCityMov is released in

Australia on Friday ... who knew? Very subtle release campaign," Crowe wrote.

Vandenberg also slipped in a plug for the flick, released in the US six weeks ago to an underwhelming box office response, when we talked to him yesterday. "(Crowe's) got a movie out tomorrow. Are you mentioning that?" he asked.

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