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Decide if the statements are true or false according to the text.

1. The locals knew that the red truck had an old driver. _____
2. The police have investigated all the people in the town. _____
3. The CCTV footage of the street will help the police. _____
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