

INVESTIGATIVE RESEARCH DATABASE

Wrongful Enforcement Actions Linked to ALPR, Facial Recognition & AI Vehicle Systems

A curated, cited compilation of publicly documented cases in which innocent people were stopped, detained, searched, arrested, jailed, threatened, or subjected to force because of automatic license plate readers, facial recognition, AI vehicle recognition/fingerprinting, or related AI-assisted identification technologies.

42 unique incidents after deduplication

Compiled 2026-07-13

Technology category	Count
ALPR	22
Facial Recognition	13
ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition	6
AI Vehicle Recognition	1
Known settlement sum	USD 3,679,500

Unavailable fields are marked n/a. This compilation is likely an undercount of true incidence.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Key Findings

42 UNIQUE INCIDENTS	13 FACIAL RECOGNITION	28 ALPR-LINKED	16 FIREARM DRAWN (Y)
14 JAILED	24 LAWSUITS FILED	10 CHILDREN PRESENT	USD 3,679,500 SETTLEMENT SUM

Note: 1 additional incident(s) marked firearm involvement as Partial (hands on guns), not counted in the Y total above.

Interpretation caution. Named public cases are an undercount. Facial-recognition and ALPR errors often surface only via lawsuit or investigative journalism.

Incidents by technology category

Category	Count
ALPR	22
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Incidents by year

Year	Count
2009	1
2018	1
2019	2
2020	2
2021	3
2022	5
2023	8
2024	6
2025	8
2026	5
Unknown / not dated	1
Total	42

Year table total equals unique incident count (42). Unknown-year row covers incidents without a confirmed calendar year (e.g., Robert Dillon).

All known monetary settlements

Amount	Victim	Technology	Location	Year
USD 1,900,000	Brittney Gilliam; 6yo daughter Lovely; 17yo sister; 14yo niece; 12yo niece	ALPR	Aurora, CO	2020
USD 495,000	Denise Green	ALPR	San Francisco, CA	2009
USD 300,000	Nijeer Parks	Facial Recognition	Woodbridge, NJ	2019
USD 300,000	Robert Williams	Facial Recognition	Farmington Hills / Detroit, MI	2020
USD 250,000	La'Nisha Hemingway	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition	North Myrtle Beach, SC	2024
USD 200,000	Randal Quran Reid	Facial Recognition	DeKalb County (arrest); Jefferson Parish LA (warrant), GA	2022
USD 60,000	Jacqueline McNeill	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition	Fayetteville, NC	2022
USD 49,500	Brian Hofer; Hofer's brother	ALPR	Hercules, CA	2018
USD 45,000	Jason Burkleo	ALPR	Atherton, CA	2021
USD 35,000	Brandon Upchurch	ALPR	Toledo, OH	2024
USD 35,000	Isoke Robinson; 2-year-old autistic son	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition	Detroit, MI	2023
USD 10,000	Jaselyn Horne	ALPR	Charlotte, NC	2022
USD 3,679,500	Total			

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All Incidents at a Glance

ID	Date	Victim	Technology	Location	Settlement
01	n/a	Robert Dillon	Facial Recognition	Jacksonville Beach area, FL	n/a
02	2009-03-30	Denise Green	ALPR	San Francisco, CA	USD 495,000
03	2018-11-25	Brian Hofer; Hofer's brother	ALPR	Hercules, CA	USD 49,500
04	2019-02-05	Nijeer Parks	Facial Recognition	Woodbridge, NJ	USD 300,000
05	2019-07	Michael Oliver	Facial Recognition	Detroit, MI	n/a
06	2020-01	Robert Williams	Facial Recognition	Farmington Hills / Detroit, MI	USD 300,000
07	2020-08-02	Brittney Gilliam; 6yo daughter Lovely; 17yo sister; 14yo niece; 12yo niece	ALPR	Aurora, CO	USD 1,900,000
08	2021-04	Jason Burkleo	ALPR	Atherton, CA	USD 45,000
09	2021-06-23	Kimberlee Williams	Facial Recognition	Lawton (arrest); Maryland counties (charges), OK	n/a
10	2021-08	Christopher Gatlin	Facial Recognition	St. Louis, MO	n/a
11	2022-02-15	McKenzie Bryan; Kennedy Bryan	ALPR	Greenville, SC	n/a
12	2022-03	Alonzo Sawyer	Facial Recognition	Maryland (transit jurisdiction), MD	n/a
13	2022-07	Jaselyn Horne	ALPR	Charlotte, NC	USD 10,000
14	2022-07-20	Jacqueline McNeill	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition	Fayetteville, NC	USD 60,000
15	2022-11	Randal Quran Reid	Facial Recognition	DeKalb County (arrest); Jefferson Parish LA (warrant), GA	USD 200,000
16	2023-02	Porcha Woodruff	Facial Recognition	Detroit, MI	n/a
17	2023-02-25	Michael Smith	ALPR	Jackson Township, OH	n/a
18	2023-07-23	Jaclynn Gonzales; 12-year-old sister (DD)	ALPR	Espanola, NM	n/a
19	2023-08	n/a	ALPR	Houston, TX	n/a
20	2023-08	Adam Pacheco	ALPR	Espanola, NM	n/a
21	2023-09-03	Isoke Robinson; 2-year-old autistic son	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition	Detroit, MI	USD 35,000
22	2023-09-17	Jason Killinger	Facial Recognition	Reno, NV	n/a
23	2023-10	n/a	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition	Sedgwick County, KS	n/a
24	2024	Harvey Eugene Murphy Jr.	Facial Recognition	Houston, TX	n/a
25	2024	Trevis Williams	Facial Recognition	New York, NY	n/a

ID	Date	Victim	Technology	Location	Settlement
26	2024-02-14	Steven Melvin	ALPR	Lake Wylie area, SC	n/a
27	2024-04	Brandon Upchurch	ALPR	Toledo, OH	USD 35,000
28	2024-05-03	La'Nisha Hemingway	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition	North Myrtle Beach, SC	USD 250,000
29	2024-07	n/a	ALPR	Lafayette, IN	n/a
30	2025-05-28	Unnamed mother	ALPR	Leitchfield, KY	n/a
31	2025-06	JC Herron; Carolyn Herron; granddaughter Penelope (3)	ALPR	Morristown, TN	n/a
32	2025-07-14	Angela Lipps	Facial Recognition	Elizabethton (arrest); Fargo (charges), TN	n/a
33	2025-08	Katie Rothman	ALPR	Jefferson County, CO	n/a
34	2025-08	Thor Andrews Sr.	ALPR	Redmond, WA	n/a
35	2025-09-27	Chrisanna Elser	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition	Denver metro (Bow Mar / Columbine Valley), CO	n/a
36	2025-11-26	Hugo Parra; Ariel Beltran; Christian Lopez	AI Vehicle Recognition	San Diego, CA	n/a
37	2025-12	Sarah Judson	ALPR	Superior / Boulder County, CO	n/a
38	2026-02-11	Danielle Turbyfill (owner/passenger); unnamed driver	ALPR	Sherwood, AR	n/a
39	2026-03-04	Ann Nomura	ALPR	Hayward, CA	n/a
40	2026-04	Kyle Dausman	ALPR	Cherry Hills Village, CO	n/a
41	2026-04-16	Lindsey Isaacs	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition	Volusia County, FL	n/a
42	2026-06-28	Joel Feder; Feder's wife	ALPR	Plymouth, MN	n/a

INCIDENT 01

Robert Dillon

Jacksonville Beach area, FL · n/a · Facial Recognition

Narrative

ACLU/ACLU of Florida (June 2026) sued on behalf of Robert Dillon after a false FRT match led to arrest warrant; suit alleges concealment of exculpatory evidence. Exact incident date NULL in press release used.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	Florida statewide FRT system (Pinellas)
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	n/a
Incident year	n/a
City	Jacksonville Beach area
County	Duval / Pinellas
State	FL
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Jacksonville Beach Police Department
Sheriff's office	Jacksonville Sheriff's Office; Pinellas County Sheriff's Office (statewide FRT)
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	n/a
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	n/a
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Lawsuit filed June 2026
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.8
Notes	Date NULL; included for FRT completeness.

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INCIDENT 02

Denise Green

San Francisco, CA · 2009-03-30 · ALPR

Narrative

SFPD ALPR misread Green's plate (3 as 7), alerting that her burgundy Lexus was a stolen gray GMC truck. Without visually confirming the full plate, officers conducted a high-risk stop: guns drawn (including shotgun per Green), forced to knees, handcuffed, person and vehicle searched; released after ~20 minutes when manual plate check showed mismatch.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	ALPR (mobile/car-mounted)
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2009-03-30
Incident year	2009
City	San Francisco
County	San Francisco
State	CA
Victim age	47
Victim sex	F
Victim race	Black
Police department	San Francisco Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	Sgt. Ja Han Kim; Officers Alberto Esparza; Robert Pedersen
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle
Underlying error	OCR Misread; Wrong Character; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	Yes
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	No
K9 deployed	No
Dog bite	No
Physical injury	No
Vehicle damaged	No
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No

Charges dismissed	n/a
Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	~20 minutes
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	C10-2649 / 11-17892 (9th Cir.)
Court	U.S. District Court N.D. Cal.; 9th Circuit
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 495,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.98
Notes	Vendor not confirmed in court opinion. Settlement authorized by SF Board of Supervisors Ordinance 181-15 (\$495,000).

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INCIDENT 03

Brian Hofer; Hofer's brother

Hercules, CA · 2018-11-25 · ALPR

Narrative

Hofer and brother in a rental car stopped after ALPR flagged plate as stolen. Vehicle had previously been recovered; hot list not updated. High-risk stop with gun drawn; brother allegedly thrown to ground; car searched; ~40 minutes detention after rental app verification. Thanksgiving-period reporting conflict: Verge/filing (Nov 2018) vs EFF 'Thanksgiving 2019'-court/lawsuit timing supports late 2018.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Vigilant Solutions
Technology / product	ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2018-11-25
Incident year	2018
City	Hercules
County	Contra Costa
State	CA
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	n/a
Sheriff's office	Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle
Underlying error	Hotlist Error; Database Error; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	Yes
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	No
K9 deployed	No
Dog bite	No
Physical injury	Partial-brother alleged injured
Vehicle damaged	No
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No

Charges dismissed	n/a
Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	~40 minutes
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 49,500
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled
Agency response	Sheriff's office said deputies followed procedure; vehicle was reported stolen; high-risk stop conducted; released when not a suspect.
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.88
Notes	DATE CONFLICT (documented): Verge / court filings place rental stop Nov 2018 (suit Dec 2018); EFF inventory reports 'Thanksgiving 2019'. Late 2018 preferred (court filings). Vendor Vigilant per IJ inventory. Settlement reported ~USD 49,500 (Hofer).

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INCIDENT 04

Nijeer Parks

Woodbridge, NJ · 2019-02-05 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

Woodbridge PD used facial recognition (Idemia MorphoBIS via partner agency) against a fraudulent ID / surveillance lead and named Parks. He turned himself in after receiving a warrant; jailed ~10 days. He was ~30 miles away (money-transfer alibi). DNA/fingerprint evidence pointing elsewhere was not pursued before charging. Charges later dropped. Federal suit settled for \$300,000 (2024) without admission of wrongdoing.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	Idemia
Technology / product	Idemia MorphoBIS facial recognition
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2019-02-05
Incident year	2019
City	Woodbridge
County	Middlesex
State	NJ
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	Black
Police department	Woodbridge Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Theft / assault on officer (Hampton Inn)
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes

Charges dismissed	Yes
Released at scene	No
Length of detention	10 days
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 300,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.96
Notes	ACLU-listed FRT wrongful arrest.

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INCIDENT 05

Michael Oliver

Detroit, MI · 2019-07 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

Detroit PD facial recognition mismatched Oliver despite visible tattoo sleeves the suspect lacked. Jailed ~2.5 days; lost job; charges dropped. Civil suit filed.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	DataWorks Plus
Technology / product	DataWorks Plus facial recognition
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2019-07
Incident year	2019
City	Detroit
County	Wayne
State	MI
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	Black
Police department	Detroit Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Theft
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	~2.5 days
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Lawsuit filed; settlement amount NULL in sources used
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.9
Notes	Exact July day NULL. Settlement reports vary / not confirmed here.

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INCIDENT 06

Robert Williams

Farmington Hills / Detroit, MI · 2020-01 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

First widely reported U.S. FRT wrongful arrest. Detroit PD arrested Williams in his driveway in front of wife and daughters after FRT matched grainy CCTV to his license photo. Detained ~30 hours. ACLU/UM suit; city settled \$300,000 (2024) with landmark policy reforms restricting FRT-only warrants/lineups.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	DataWorks Plus
Technology / product	DataWorks Plus FRT match to driver's license
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2020-01
Incident year	2020
City	Farmington Hills / Detroit
County	Wayne
State	MI
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	Black
Police department	Detroit Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Shinola watch store theft (2018 CCTV)
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	Yes
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	~30 hours
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 300,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled; DPD policy reformed
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	Detroit: no arrest solely on FRT or FRT-generated lineup without independent evidence; training; audit of 2017-2023 FRT warrant cases.
Confidence score	0.98
Notes	Exact January day often reported as early Jan 2020; day NULL here.

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INCIDENT 07

Brittney Gilliam; 6yo daughter Lovely; 17yo sister; 14yo niece; 12yo niece

Aurora, CO · 2020-08-02 · ALPR

Narrative

Aurora PD ALPR/system flagged Gilliam's Colorado-plated SUV as matching a stolen Montana motorcycle with same plate number but different state. High-risk stop in parking lot: family including children forced prone at gunpoint; Gilliam, sister, and 12yo handcuffed; 6yo and 14yo ordered hands up face-down on hot pavement. Mistake discovered after handcuffing. \$1.9M settlement Feb 2024.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2020-08-02
Incident year	2020
City	Aurora
County	Arapahoe
State	CO
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	Black
Police department	Aurora Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle
Underlying error	Wrong State; Wrong Plate; Hotlist Error; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	Yes
K9 deployed	No
Dog bite	No
Physical injury	No
Vehicle damaged	No
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No

Charges dismissed	n/a
Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 1,900,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled
Agency response	APD said stolen-vehicle high-risk protocol; DA declined charges against officers; apology and counseling offered previously.
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	Attorney hoped for policy changes regarding discretion with children.
Confidence score	0.97
Notes	Vendor unspecified in major reporting. Spelling Brittney/Brittany varies in media; prefer Brittney (AP/CBS).

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[4] <https://www.cbsnews.com/colorado/news/aurora-police-settle-colorado-woman-viral-video-held-gunpoint-brittney-gilliam/>

INCIDENT 08

Jason Burkleo

Atherton, CA · 2021-04 · ALPR

Narrative

Flock camera misread H as M on Burkleo's plate (dept claimed dirt obstruction). Stopped at gunpoint, ordered to lie on ground, handcuffed. Officers noted Flock misread. Settled \$45,000.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2021-04
Incident year	2021
City	Atherton
County	San Mateo
State	CA
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Atherton Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle
Underlying error	OCR Misread; Wrong Character; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	No
K9 deployed	No
Dog bite	No
Physical injury	No
Vehicle damaged	No
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 45,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled
Agency response	Cmdr. Dan Larsen: plate obstructed by dirt making H look like M; town denies wrongdoing.
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.93
Notes	Exact day in April 2021 not confirmed in sources used.

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INCIDENT 09

Kimberlee Williams

Lawton (arrest); Maryland counties (charges), OK · 2021-06-23 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

Arrested in Oklahoma while on a DoorDash run with her daughter on MD warrants after FRT falsely identified her in bank CCTV. Never been to Maryland. Jailed ~6 months across three MD counties as successive charges delayed release. Charges dismissed. ACLU filed administrative complaints seeking apologies/policy reform; civil SOL expired.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	Facial recognition (bank investigator tip to MD police)
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2021-06-23
Incident year	2021
City	Lawton (arrest); Maryland counties (charges)
County	n/a
State	OK
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	Black
Police department	Montgomery County Police; Prince George's County; Anne Arundel County
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Fraudulent bank withdrawals in Maryland
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	Yes
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes

Charges dismissed	Yes
Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	~6 months
Lawsuit filed	No
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Charges dismissed; ACLU administrative complaints
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.95
Notes	ACLU's fourteenth publicly known FRT wrongful arrest. County field multi-jurisdiction.

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[2] <https://www.aclu-md.org/press-releases/woman-wrongly-jailed-for-months-based-on-faulty-facial-recognition-technology-demands-apology-from-maryland-police-departments/>

[3] <https://www.seattletimes.com/nation-world/that-wasnt-me-how-facial-recognition-led-to-a-woman-being-jailed-for-6-months/>

INCIDENT 10

Christopher Gatlin

St. Louis, MO · 2021-08 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

ACLU includes Gatlin among publicly known FRT wrongful arrests (St. Louis, Aug 2021). Detailed detention length and settlement not confirmed in secondary aggregator sources used here.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	Facial recognition
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2021-08
Incident year	2021
City	St. Louis
County	St. Louis City
State	MO
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	Black
Police department	St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Crime investigation (ACLU-listed)
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	n/a
Charges filed	n/a
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.7
Notes	LOW CONFIDENCE / incomplete primary dossier: Included from ACLU inventory; detention duration, exact incident day, and settlement terms remain NULL pending deeper local primary sourcing.

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[2] <https://faceprivacy.ai/blog/wrongful-arrests-facial-recognition/>

INCIDENT 11

McKenzie Bryan; Kennedy Bryan

Greenville, SC · 2022-02-15 · ALPR

Narrative

Sisters in recovered rental still on stolen hot list. Guns drawn; both handcuffed; placed in patrol car; released after rental company confirmed. Lawsuit filed; settlement amount not found.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2022-02-15
Incident year	2022
City	Greenville
County	Greenville
State	SC
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Greenville Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle (rental)
Underlying error	Hotlist Error; Database Error
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	No
K9 deployed	No
Dog bite	No
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Lawsuit filed; settlement unknown
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.9
Notes	Greenville used Flock by 2020 per reporting; IJ lists vendor unspecified.

Cited sources

[1] https://www.postandcourier.com/greenville/news/license-plate-readers-rental-car-lawsuit-stolen-south-carolina-greenville-alpr/article_0a0c8da4-cb47-11ee-b853-ef14200492d2.html

[2] <https://ij.org/dozens-of-innocent-motorists-have-been-pulled-over-detained-at-gunpoint-or-jailed-due-to-ai-license-plate-camera-errors/>

INCIDENT 12

Alonzo Sawyer

Maryland (transit jurisdiction), MD · 2022-03 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

FRT incorrectly led MTA police to Sawyer for a bus-driver assault; he was at his sister's / asleep (reports). Jailed ~9 days; cleared when actual perpetrator identified.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	Facial recognition
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2022-03
Incident year	2022
City	Maryland (transit jurisdiction)
County	n/a
State	MD
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	Black
Police department	Maryland Transit Administration Police
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Assault on bus driver
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	~9 days
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.88
Notes	Exact March day NULL.

Cited sources

[1] <https://www.aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/more-than-a-dozen-wrongful-arrests-due-to-police-reliance-on-facial-recognition-technology>

[2] https://www.aclunorcal.org/sites/default/files/Seeing_Through_Surveillance__Report_Web.pdf

[3] <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/interactive/2025/police-artificial-intelligence-facial-recognition/>

INCIDENT 13

Jaselyn Horne

Charlotte, NC · 2022-07 · ALPR

Narrative

CMPD investigation involving license plate reader hit led to arrest of Jaselyn Horne for first-degree attempted murder after confusion with similarly named suspect Jasmine Horne / vehicle linkage. Wrong person. City settled \$10,000 July 2023; no wrongdoing admission.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	NDI Technologies
Technology / product	ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2022-07
Incident year	2022
City	Charlotte
County	Mecklenburg
State	NC
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Attempted murder / shooting investigation vehicle link
Underlying error	Wrong Plate; Human Data Entry; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 10,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.88
Notes	Exact day in July 2022 not pinned in secondary sources used. Vendor NDI per N&O/IJ.

Cited sources

[1] <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/state/north-carolina/article287381160.html>

[2] <https://ij.org/dozens-of-innocent-motorists-have-been-pulled-over-detained-at-gunpoint-or-jailed-due-to-ai-license-plate-camera-errors/>

INCIDENT 14

Jacqueline McNeill

Fayetteville, NC · 2022-07-20 · ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition

Narrative

Detectives used ALPR images to mistakenly link McNeill's white Nissan Versa to a shooting involving a similar white sedan. Arrested; harsh interrogation several hours; wrong person. Settled \$60,000 with written apology from Chief Gina Hawkins; no admission of liability.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition
Vendor	Rekor
Technology / product	Rekor ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2022-07-20
Incident year	2022
City	Fayetteville
County	Cumberland
State	NC
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Fayetteville Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Vehicle linked to shooting
Underlying error	AI Similar Vehicle Match; Officer Failed to Verify; Human Data Entry
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	No
K9 deployed	No
Dog bite	No
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	No
Length of detention	several hours interrogation
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 60,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled
Agency response	Apology letter from Chief; city no liability admission; N&O: no demotions/firings reported.
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	Hawkins letter said arrest would lead to better training.
Confidence score	0.95
Notes	LDF Police Funding Database notes settlement year; Free Press-style date July 20 after shooting days earlier.

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[2] <https://www.newsobserver.com/news/state/north-carolina/article287381160.html>

INCIDENT 15

Randal Quran Reid

DeKalb County (arrest); Jefferson Parish LA (warrant), GA · 2022-11 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

Arrested in Georgia on Louisiana warrant after Clearview AI match; had never been to Louisiana. Held ~6 days until warrant rescinded. Reporting cites ~\$200,000 Jefferson Parish settlement.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	Clearview AI
Technology / product	Clearview AI facial recognition
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2022-11
Incident year	2022
City	DeKalb County (arrest); Jefferson Parish LA (warrant)
County	DeKalb
State	GA
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	Black
Police department	Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (warrant); Georgia arresting agency
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen credit cards / luxury purse theft in Louisiana
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	~6 days
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 200,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled (reported)
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.92
Notes	Settlement \$200k from secondary reporting; confirm via parish records when possible.

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[1] <https://www.aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/more-than-a-dozen-wrongful-arrests-due-to-police-reliance-on-facial-recognition-technology>
[2] <https://www.aclu.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/ACLU-Comment-to-USCCR-re-FRT-4.8.2024.pdf>
[3] <https://stateofsurveillance.org/news/facial-recognition-wrongful-arrests-13-dismissals-racial-disparity-2026/>

INCIDENT 16

Porcha Woodruff

Detroit, MI · 2023-02 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

Eight months pregnant; arrested after FRT + photo lineup for carjacking despite no indication suspect was pregnant. Held ~10-11 hours; suffered contractions per reporting. Charges dropped. Federal suit later dismissed; Detroit already reformed FRT policy.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	DataWorks Plus
Technology / product	DataWorks Plus facial recognition + photo lineup
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2023-02
Incident year	2023
City	Detroit
County	Wayne
State	MI
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	Black
Police department	Detroit Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Carjacking / robbery
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	Yes
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	Partial-contractions reported in custody
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	~10-11 hours
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Lawsuit dismissed; charges dropped
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	Contributed to DPD FRT policy tightening (with Williams case).
Confidence score	0.95
Notes	n/a

Cited sources

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[2] <https://www.nytimes.com/2023/08/06/business/facial-recognition-false-arrest-pregnancy.html>

[3] <https://www.aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/more-than-a-dozen-wrongful-arrests-due-to-police-reliance-on-facial-recognition-technology>

INCIDENT 17

Michael Smith

Jackson Township, OH · 2023-02-25 · ALPR

Narrative

Stale Flock/hotlist alert after missing-juvenile case closed; plate not removed. Traffic stop/detention early morning; released after confirmation. Settled with township/officers; suit vs Flock dismissed (affirmed on appeal per 2026 reporting).

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2023-02-25
Incident year	2023
City	Jackson Township
County	Stark
State	OH
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Jackson Township Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Missing juvenile case plate still on hotlist
Underlying error	Hotlist Error; Database Error
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	5:23-cv-02198
Court	U.S. District Court N.D. Ohio
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled vs township; Flock claims dismissed
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.92
Notes	IJ lists Mar 2023; court docs Feb 25 2023. Gunpoint not clearly established in reviewed filings.

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[3] <https://ij.org/dozens-of-innocent-motorists-have-been-pulled-over-detained-at-gunpoint-or-jailed-due-to-ai-license-plate-camera-errors/>

INCIDENT 18

Jaclynn Gonzales; 12-year-old sister (DD)

Espanola, NM · 2023-07-23 · ALPR

Narrative

Flock misread 2 as 7. Sisters ordered out, handcuffed; minor placed in patrol vehicle. Officers cited plate cover; BI says digit visible on bodycam. Family lawsuit; settled with city in 2025 (amount not reported in sources used).

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2023-07-23
Incident year	2023
City	Espanola
County	Rio Arriba
State	NM
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Espanola Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle
Underlying error	OCR Misread; Wrong Character; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	Yes
K9 deployed	No
Dog bite	No
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled (2025); amount NULL
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.94
Notes	City spelling Española/Espanola. Settlement amount not found.

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[2] <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2024/11/human-toll-alpr-errors>

[3] https://www.santafenewmexican.com/news/local_news/sisters-sue-espa-ola-over-traffic-stop-they-say-was-illegal/article_1c949c30-ae3e-11ee-ad85-f71a8c9ecb1e.html

[4] <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/license-plate-readers-alpr-mistakes/>

INCIDENT 19**n/a**

Houston, TX · 2023-08 · ALPR

Narrative

Per IJ stationary-ALPR inventory: two innocent men detained at gunpoint after Flock stolen-car alert misinterpreted. No named victims or local primary story confirmed in this research pass.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2023-08
Incident year	2023
City	Houston
County	Harris
State	TX
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	n/a
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle
Underlying error	Unknown; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	No
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	n/a
Charges filed	n/a
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.45
Notes	UNVERIFIED / LOW CONFIDENCE (0.45): Based solely on Institute for Justice stationary-ALPR inventory summary. No named victims or independent local primary media reports confirmed in this compilation.

Cited sources

[1] <https://ij.org/dozens-of-innocent-motorists-have-been-pulled-over-detained-at-gunpoint-or-jailed-due-to-ai-license-plate-camera-errors/>

INCIDENT 20

Adam Pacheco

Espanola, NM · 2023-08 · ALPR

Narrative

Espanola PD issued BOLO after reviewing intersection/ALPR-related footage, wrongly linking Pacheco's truck. NMSP conducted felony stop: gunpoint, handcuffed, frisked, kneeling; released same day. Lawsuit vs city; settlement unknown.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock / intersection camera + ALPR sharing
System type	ALPR + video
Incident date	2023-08
Incident year	2023
City	Espanola
County	Rio Arriba
State	NM
Victim age	17
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Espanola Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	New Mexico State Police
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	BOLO for armed robbery suspect vehicle
Underlying error	Wrong Plate; Human Data Entry; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	No
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Lawsuit filed; status/settlement unknown
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.85
Notes	More wrong-vehicle ID from camera review than pure OCR; included because CBS/IJ classify as ALPR-related. Exact day August 2023 NULL.

Cited sources

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[2] <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/license-plate-readers-alpr-mistakes/>

[3] <https://ij.org/dozens-of-innocent-motorists-have-been-pulled-over-detained-at-gunpoint-or-jailed-due-to-ai-license-plate-camera-errors/>

INCIDENT 21

Isoke Robinson; 2-year-old autistic son

Detroit, MI · 2023-09-03 · ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition

Narrative

DPD used ALPR vicinity/similar-vehicle reasoning to flag Robinson's white Dodge Charger near shooting area. Handcuffed outside home; autistic toddler placed in cruiser; car impounded >3 weeks. No charges. IA: officers 'improperly identified' vehicle. Settled \$35,000 (includes fees); city no liability admission.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	Municipal ALPR camera network
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2023-09-03
Incident year	2023
City	Detroit
County	Wayne
State	MI
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	Black
Police department	Detroit Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	Chief James White (sued); Dion Corbin (sued); nine unnamed officers
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Vehicle linked to drive-by shooting
Underlying error	AI Similar Vehicle Match; Wrong Plate; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	Yes
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	Yes
K9 deployed	No
Dog bite	No
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 35,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled
Agency response	IA found improper identification and untimely vehicle release; settlement no wrongdoing admission.
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.95
Notes	Not classic OCR misread; investigative misuse of ALPR neighborhood hits.

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[2] <https://www.freep.com/story/news/local/michigan/detroit/2024/09/16/detroit-police-license-plate-readers-isoke-robinson-car-shooting/75189126007/>

[3] <https://atlantablackstar.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Isoke-Robinson-lawsuit.pdf>

INCIDENT 22

Jason Killinger

Reno, NV · 2023-09-17 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

Casino FRT flagged Killinger as a banned person; Reno PD arrested for trespass to 'confirm' identity via fingerprints. Held ~11 hours; fingerprints cleared him. Suit against officer/city ongoing; officer later testified arrest needed corroboration.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	Peppermill Casino facial recognition → Reno PD arrest
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2023-09-17
Incident year	2023
City	Reno
County	Washoe
State	NV
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Reno Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Trespass / banned individual match at casino
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	n/a
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	~11 hours
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Litigation ongoing; City of Reno added as defendant (2026)
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.9
Notes	n/a

Cited sources

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INCIDENT 23**n/a**

Sedgwick County, KS · 2023-10 · ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition

Narrative

IJ: Flock failed to distinguish temporary vs permanent plates; innocent couple detained at gunpoint. No named-victim local story found; do not confuse with Sedgwick ALPR stalking/misuse cases.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2023-10
Incident year	2023
City	Sedgwick County
County	Sedgwick
State	KS
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	n/a
Victim race	n/a
Police department	n/a
Sheriff's office	Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen/hotlist (temp vs permanent plate confusion)
Underlying error	OCR Misread; AI Similar Vehicle Match
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	n/a
Charges filed	n/a
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.4
Notes	UNVERIFIED / LOW CONFIDENCE (0.40): Based solely on IJ inventory (temporary vs. permanent plate confusion). No named victims or independent local news reports identified.

Cited sources

[1] <https://ij.org/dozens-of-innocent-motorists-have-been-pulled-over-detained-at-gunpoint-or-jailed-due-to-ai-license-plate-camera-errors/>

INCIDENT 24

Harvey Eugene Murphy Jr.

Houston, TX · 2024 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

Named in ACLU Maryland / USCCR and watchdog inventories of FRT wrongful arrests (Texas / Houston 2024 reporting). Full local primary dossier fields remain incomplete in this pass.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	Facial recognition
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2024
Incident year	2024
City	Houston
County	Harris
State	TX
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	Black
Police department	n/a
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	n/a
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	n/a
Charges filed	n/a
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.65
Notes	INCOMPLETE PRIMARY DOSSIER / LOW-MEDIUM CONFIDENCE (0.65): Cited from ACLU Maryland and USSCR inventories. Full local primary dossier fields remain NULL pending deeper sourcing.

Cited sources

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INCIDENT 25

Trevis Williams

New York, NY · 2024 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

ACLU notes Trevis Williams was eight inches taller and seventy pounds heavier than the suspect after an FRT lead. Aggregators place a 2024 NYC arrest and civil complaint; many fields remain NULL without primary NYT/court confirmation in this pass.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	NYPD facial recognition
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2024
Incident year	2024
City	New York
County	New York
State	NY
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	Black
Police department	New York Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	n/a
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	n/a
Charges filed	n/a
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.68
Notes	PENDING PRIMARY CONFIRMATION (0.68): Aggregator inventories place a 2024 NYC arrest and civil complaint; primary court filings and NYPD documentation remain unverified in this compilation pass.

Cited sources

[1] <https://www.aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/more-than-a-dozen-wrongful-arrests-due-to-police-reliance-on-facial-recognition-technology>
[2] <https://faceprivacy.ai/blog/wrongful-arrests-facial-recognition/>

INCIDENT 26

Steven Melvin

Lake Wylie area, SC · 2024-02-14 · ALPR

Narrative

Flock alert for stolen BMW; Melvin's SC tag one letter off; gun aimed; ordered out. Agency blamed tinted plate cover; records show Flock read same plate correctly 13 times earlier that month. Verbal warning for cover. Lawsuit filed June 2024.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2024-02-14
Incident year	2024
City	Lake Wylie area
County	York
State	SC
Victim age	42
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	n/a
Sheriff's office	York County Sheriff's Office
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	Deputy Kyle Brogden
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen dark BMW
Underlying error	OCR Misread; Wrong Character; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	No
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	kneel >=5 min reported
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Lawsuit pending/filed
Agency response	Capt. attributed malfunction to illegal tinted cover; Capt. Cornwell email: camera correctly ID'd plate 13 prior times.
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.93
Notes	n/a

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INCIDENT 27

Brandon Upchurch

Toledo, OH · 2024-04 · ALPR

Narrative

Flock misread 7 as 2. Felony-style stop; Wilson released K9; dog bit arm and rammed head into ground; hospital then jail hours; obstructing/resisting charges later dismissed. Wilson verbal reprimand for failing to verify. Settled \$35,000 Oct 2025; judge remarked 'Flock Flocked up.'

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2024-04
Incident year	2024
City	Toledo
County	Lucas
State	OH
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	Black
Police department	Toledo Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	Adrian Wilson
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen license plate
Underlying error	OCR Misread; Wrong Character; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	No
K9 deployed	Yes
Dog bite	Yes
Physical injury	Yes
Vehicle damaged	No
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	No
Length of detention	hours in jail
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 35,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled
Agency response	PIO: thoroughly reviewed; Wilson verbal reprimand for failure to verify exact plate match.
Vendor response	Flock declined specific misread rates; said humans should verify hits; sympathy for victims.
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.96
Notes	Cousin also present; exact calendar day April 2024 not pinned in BI excerpt.

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[1] <https://www.businessinsider.com/flock-safety-alpr-cameras-misreads-2026-3>

[2] <https://wehoonline.com/flock-flocked-up-west-hollywood-decide-march-16/>

INCIDENT 28

La'Nisha Hemingway

North Myrtle Beach, SC · 2024-05-03 · ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition

Narrative

Teen driver's Charger flagged as stolen Challenger via plate reader. Guns drawn; walk-back; handcuffed; released minutes later. Settled \$250,000 Nov 2024.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	License plate reader (city operates Flock)
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2024-05-03
Incident year	2024
City	North Myrtle Beach
County	Horry
State	SC
Victim age	18
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	North Myrtle Beach Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle (Challenger vs Charger mismatch)
Underlying error	Wrong Plate; AI Similar Vehicle Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	No
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	minutes
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	USD 250,000
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Settled
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.94
Notes	IJ vendor unspecified; city uses Flock.

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INCIDENT 29

n/a

Lafayette, IN · 2024-07 · ALPR

Narrative

IJ: Flock plate misread; innocent man detained at gunpoint. No named primary local story located.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2024-07
Incident year	2024
City	Lafayette
County	Tippecanoe
State	IN
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	n/a
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen/hotlist
Underlying error	OCR Misread
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	n/a
Charges filed	n/a
Charges dismissed	n/a
Released at scene	n/a

Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.4
Notes	UNVERIFIED / LOW CONFIDENCE (0.40): Based solely on IJ inventory report of an ALPR plate misread in Lafayette, IN. No named local primary media story identified.

Cited sources

[1] <https://ij.org/dozens-of-innocent-motorists-have-been-pulled-over-detained-at-gunpoint-or-jailed-due-to-ai-license-plate-camera-errors/>

INCIDENT 30

Unnamed mother

Leitchfield, KY · 2025-05-28 · ALPR

Narrative

Flock misread one character; mother with two sleeping children handcuffed <4 minutes; PD says no guns drawn; apology + policy tightening; bodycam released.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2025-05-28
Incident year	2025
City	Leitchfield
County	Grayson
State	KY
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Leitchfield Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle
Underlying error	OCR Misread; Wrong Character; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	No
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	No
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	Yes
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	<4 minutes
Lawsuit filed	No
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	Apology; policy tightening; bodycam released.
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.88
Notes	Victim name not published.

Cited sources

[1] <https://www.k105.com/2025/05/30/leitchfield-pd-releases-bodycam-footage-statement-after-flock-camera-misreads-license-plate-leading-to-traffic-stop/>

INCIDENT 31

JC Herron; Carolyn Herron; granddaughter Penelope (3)

Morristown, TN · 2025-06 · ALPR

Narrative

Personalized nurse plate LOVEY (letter O) misread/alerted as stolen LOVEY (zero) already recovered but not cleared. Guns drawn; both adults handcuffed; 3yo alone in Expedition. NCIC/stolen hit returned for LOVEY before stop per chief. Deputy Chief Wisecarver had emailed months earlier that Flock may misread.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2025-06
Incident year	2025
City	Morristown
County	Hamblen
State	TN
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	n/a
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Morristown Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen plate LOVEY vs L0VEY
Underlying error	OCR Misread; Wrong Character; Hotlist Error; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	Yes
K9 deployed	No
Dog bite	No
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	Chief Overholt: high-risk protocols common; NCIC confirmed stolen hit; Mrs. Herron noncompliant (recording).
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.9
Notes	DATE CONFLICT (documented): IJ inventory lists June 2024; Business Insider (Mar 2026) refers to 'Last June', implying June 2025. Recorded as 2025-06 pending primary police department records.

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[1] <https://www.businessinsider.com/flock-safety-alpr-cameras-misreads-2026-3>
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INCIDENT 32

Angela Lipps

Elizabethton (arrest); Fargo (charges), TN · 2025-07-14 · Facial Recognition

Narrative

50-year-old Tennessee grandmother arrested at gunpoint by U.S. Marshals on July 14, 2025, while babysitting four children, on Fargo ND felony warrants after investigators used facial recognition on bank surveillance of a woman using a fake military ID. She had never been to North Dakota. Held without bail in Tennessee ~4 months, extradited to Cass County jail, then released Christmas Eve 2025 after attorney Jay Greenwood produced bank records proving she was >1,200 miles away in Tennessee. Charges dismissed (without prejudice). Lost home, car, and dog while incarcerated. Fargo PD later changed FRT policy.

Record fields

Technology category	Facial Recognition
Vendor	n/a
Technology / product	AI facial recognition (bank CCTV → Fargo PD investigation)
System type	Facial Recognition
Incident date	2025-07-14
Incident year	2025
City	Elizabethton (arrest); Fargo (charges)
County	Carter (TN); Cass (ND)
State	TN
Victim age	50
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Fargo Police Department; U.S. Marshals Service (arrest)
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Organized bank fraud / identity theft in Fargo (Apr-May 2025)
Underlying error	AI Facial Recognition False Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	Yes
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes

Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes
Released at scene	No
Length of detention	~5.5 months (Jul 14-Dec 24, 2025)
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Charges dismissed without prejudice; FRT policy under revision
Agency response	Fargo Chief Zibolski defended investigation aspects; said case remains active regarding the fraud ring; issued temporary FRT directive / policy change (Mar 2026).
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	Fargo PD restricted/reviewed facial recognition use after the case publicly broke.
Confidence score	0.97
Notes	Some reporting mentions Clearview AI / West Fargo role; primary Fargo investigation attribution varies - Vendor left NULL unless court docs confirm. Fox cited probation hold nuance; still FRT-linked extradition detention.

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- [2] <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2026/mar/12/tennessee-grandmother-ai-fraud>
- [3] <https://www.inforum.com/news/fargo/fargo-police-change-facial-recognition-policy-after-use-in-naming-tennessee-woman-in-bank-fraud-case>
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INCIDENT 33

Katie Rothman

Jefferson County, CO · 2025-08 · ALPR

Narrative

Aurora PD entered Rothman's plate instead of actual stolen-vehicle plate into databases queried by Flock; repeated stops of innocent motorist.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR hotlist
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2025-08
Incident year	2025
City	Jefferson County
County	Jefferson
State	CO
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Aurora Police Department (data entry); multiple agencies acting on Flock alerts
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle hotlist
Underlying error	Human Data Entry; Hotlist Error
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.85
Notes	Repeated-stop pattern rather than single felony stop.

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INCIDENT 34

Thor Andrews Sr.

Redmond, WA · 2025-08 · ALPR

Narrative

Flock association linked vehicle to Thor Andrews Jr. felony warrant; father handcuffed in driveway; released after ID.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2025-08
Incident year	2025
City	Redmond
County	King
State	WA
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Redmond Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Vehicle linked to son's felony warrant
Underlying error	Wrong Plate; Database Error; Human Data Entry
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	No
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.9
Notes	Exact day in Aug 2025 NULL.

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INCIDENT 35

Chrisanna Elser

Denver metro (Bow Mar / Columbine Valley), CO · 2025-09-27 · ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition

Narrative

Officer wrongfully accused Elser of package theft based on Flock presence data; summons issued then voided; related disciplinary reporting.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2025-09-27
Incident year	2025
City	Denver metro (Bow Mar / Columbine Valley)
County	Arapahoe
State	CO
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Columbine Valley Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Package theft / vehicle presence
Underlying error	AI Similar Vehicle Match; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	No
Handcuffed	No
Felony / high-risk stop	No
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	n/a
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.82
Notes	SCOPE INCLUSION STRETCH (flagged): Officer issued an in-person door summons for package theft based on Flock vehicle-presence data, rather than a high-risk street felony traffic stop. Included as ALPR-caused wrongful accusation/process.

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INCIDENT 36

Hugo Parra; Ariel Beltran; Christian Lopez

San Diego, CA · 2025-11-26 · AI Vehicle Recognition

Narrative

Flock vehicle-signature style match linked wrong red Alfa; timestamp put vehicle ~5 miles away ~23 sec after pursuit. Parra jailed nearly a month; charges dropped. Tort claims \$1.5M each Parra & Beltran; city denied; suit anticipated.

Record fields

Technology category	AI Vehicle Recognition
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR + vehicle signature
System type	ALPR / AI vehicle fingerprinting
Incident date	2025-11-26
Incident year	2025
City	San Diego
County	San Diego
State	CA
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	San Diego Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Attempted carjacking vehicle match
Underlying error	AI Similar Vehicle Match; Vehicle Fingerprinting Error; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	No
Length of detention	~1 month (Parra)
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Tort claims denied; litigation anticipated
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.93
Notes	Strong AI vehicle-matching false positive case.

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INCIDENT 37

Sarah Judson

Superior / Boulder County, CO · 2025-12 · ALPR

Narrative

Colorado Springs PD dual-entered O/O for stolen plate; Judson stopped (and followed again ~2 weeks later). Changed routes to avoid cameras. Hotlist corrected after 9NEWS inquiry.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR hotlist
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2025-12
Incident year	2025
City	Superior / Boulder County
County	Boulder
State	CO
Victim age	76
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	n/a
Sheriff's office	Boulder County Sheriff's Office
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle (O vs 0 dual entry)
Underlying error	Human Data Entry; Hotlist Error; Wrong Character
Firearm drawn	No
Handcuffed	No
Felony / high-risk stop	No
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	No
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	CSPD characterized O/O dual entry as human error after media inquiry.
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.9
Notes	Exact day Dec 2025 NULL.

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INCIDENT 38

Danielle Turbyfill (owner/passenger); unnamed driver

Sherwood, AR · 2026-02-11 · ALPR

Narrative

Flock misread one letter (broken plate frame cited). Guns drawn; both adults handcuffed; ~6-week-old infant left in car seat. No lawsuit found.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2026-02-11
Incident year	2026
City	Sherwood
County	Pulaski
State	AR
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Sherwood Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	Seth Kinkade; Joseph Lackey
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen vehicle
Underlying error	OCR Misread; Wrong Character; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Yes
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	Yes
K9 deployed	No
Dog bite	No
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	No
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	PD Facebook suggested camera working / human or plate-border issue (reporting conflict).
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.92
Notes	Baby age: IJ six weeks vs KATV one month.

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INCIDENT 39

Ann Nomura

Hayward, CA · 2026-03-04 · ALPR

Narrative

Thieves cold-plated Nomura's Honda Fit with crime-associated plates. Flock correctly hit the plates on wrong vehicle; make/model mismatch not used to abort. Ordered out hands up (no guns per victim); released; plate seized; later callbacks on old plate.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2026-03-04
Incident year	2026
City	Hayward
County	Alameda
State	CA
Victim age	62
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	n/a
Sheriff's office	Alameda County Sheriff's Office
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Crime-associated plates on vehicle
Underlying error	Cloned Plate; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	No
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	Yes
Children present	No
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	No
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.88
Notes	Included under cloned-plate scope; ALPR read may be technologically 'correct' on fraudulently attached plate.

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INCIDENT 40

Kyle Dausman

Cherry Hills Village, CO · 2026-04 · ALPR

Narrative

O/O data-entry linked Dausman's plate to wrong warrant in CCIC/Flock hotlist; multiple stops; local alert suppressed but statewide persisted. Agency dispute Gilpin SO vs CSP over who must fix.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR hotlist
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2026-04
Incident year	2026
City	Cherry Hills Village
County	Arapahoe
State	CO
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Cherry Hills Village Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Warrant linked to wrong plate (O/O)
Underlying error	Human Data Entry; Hotlist Error; Wrong Character
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	n/a
Length of detention	n/a
Lawsuit filed	No
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.85
Notes	Repeated stops; first-stop day NULL. Reporting Apr 2026.

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INCIDENT 41

Lindsey Isaacs

Volusia County, FL · 2026-04-16 · ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition

Narrative

Crash Oct 4 2025; April 2026 arrest based on Flock presence near crash + witness color error (black vs maroon Durango). Jailed 13 days; charges dropped; another person later charged. Federal suit filed.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR + AI Vehicle Recognition
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2026-04-16
Incident year	2026
City	Volusia County
County	Volusia
State	FL
Victim age	23
Victim sex	F
Victim race	n/a
Police department	n/a
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	Florida Highway Patrol
Officer(s)	Sgt. Tiffany Jateff; Sgt. Joshua Buday
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Deadly hit-and-run suspect vehicle
Underlying error	AI Similar Vehicle Match; Wrong Plate; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	n/a
Handcuffed	Yes
Felony / high-risk stop	n/a
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	n/a
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	Yes
Charges filed	Yes
Charges dismissed	Yes

Released at scene	No
Length of detention	13 days
Lawsuit filed	Yes
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	Lawsuit pending
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.9
Notes	NAME SPELLING DISCREPANCY (documented): First name reported as 'Lindsey' (WESH) vs 'Lindsay' (ClickOrlando). Standardized to Lindsey (WESH) in this database.

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[2] <https://www.wesh.com/article/lindsey-isaacs-lawsuit-fhp-wrongful-arrest-hit-and-run/71535849>

INCIDENT 42

Joel Feder; Feder's wife

Plymouth, MN · 2026-06-28 · ALPR

Narrative

Auto writer Feder tracked via Flock for days over incomplete NCIC plate entry (missing middle digits on Range Rover UK-style plate); boxed in at Kohl's; hands on guns; ~1 hour detention. Plate was lost not stolen.

Record fields

Technology category	ALPR
Vendor	Flock Safety
Technology / product	Flock ALPR
System type	ALPR
Incident date	2026-06-28
Incident year	2026
City	Plymouth
County	Hennepin
State	MN
Victim age	n/a
Victim sex	M
Victim race	n/a
Police department	Plymouth Police Department
Sheriff's office	n/a
State police	n/a
Officer(s)	n/a
Officer badge numbers	n/a
Alert reason	Stolen plates (NCIC incomplete entry)
Underlying error	OCR Misread; Database Error; Human Data Entry; Officer Failed to Verify
Firearm drawn	Partial-hands on guns
Handcuffed	n/a
Felony / high-risk stop	Yes
Vehicle searched	n/a
Occupants removed	n/a
Children present	No
K9 deployed	n/a
Dog bite	n/a
Physical injury	n/a
Vehicle damaged	n/a
Jailed	No
Charges filed	No
Charges dismissed	n/a

Released at scene	Yes
Length of detention	~1 hour
Lawsuit filed	No
Case number	n/a
Court	n/a
Judge	n/a
Settlement amount	n/a
Verdict	n/a
Case status	n/a
Agency response	n/a
Vendor response	n/a
Policy changes	n/a
Confidence score	0.93
Notes	n/a

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