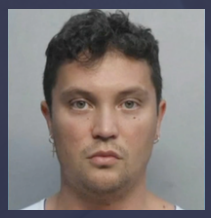
MAJOR COUNTY SHERIFFS OF AMERICA

AUTOMATED LICENSE PLATE READERS

SAVE LIVES SOLVE CRIMES

A SIX-YEAR-OLD FOUGHT TO GET FREE.

A'lyric escaped an attempted kidnapping at her Miami apartment complex. ALPR helped investigators use the suspect's vehicle as a lead to identify and locate him.



"I feel good because he's in jail."

A'lyric, Age 10

EVERY SECOND. **EVERY** LEAD. EVERY **VICTIM** *MATTERS.*

ALPR is a proven tool to help solve violent crimes, find missing children, recover stolen vehicles, and protect victims. The tool also comes with responsibility. Access must be documented. Queries must be auditable. Policies must be clear. Misuse must have consequences. We don't have to choose between public safety and accountability. We can demand both.

Tom Heer has Alzheimer's disease. After he drove away from home in his pickup truck, Patti waited for seven hours. ALPR technology helped law enforcement locate Tom and return him safely to his family.

"Yes! It's definitely a lifesaver."

Patti, wife of Tom

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WHAT ALPR DOES. WHAT IT DOESN'T. WHY IT MATTERS.

MYTH VS FACTS

ALPR is new and untested technology.	**For two decades, ALPR has been a proven public safety tool providing critical leads when information is limited and time matters.**
ALPR continuously tracks people.	**ALPR captures a photo of a vehicle and publicly displayed plate at a specific place and time. It is not continuous video and does not identify a person.**
People are stopped or arrested based only on an ALPR alert.	**An ALPR alert is a lead, not proof of a crime. Officers verify the facts before taking enforcement action.**
Using ALPR is a privacy violation, and ALPR should not be shared across jurisdictions.	**Courts across the U.S. have held that ALPR use is constitutional. Crime doesn't stop at the county or state line so the data can't either. Responsible information sharing is critical to following real leads and arresting violent criminals.**
Very short retention windows do not affect case outcomes.	**Delete the records too early and you may delete the only lead. Serious crimes are often reported weeks or months after the crime is committed.**

LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

- **Legitimate Purpose**
  Use is tied to an active investigation only
- **Controlled Access**
  Technology is for trained users under clear agency policy.
- **Documentation**
  A case number and reason are logged for every query
- **Reasonable Retention**
  Data is only kept long enough to preserve leads
- **Audit Trail**
  Access is time-stamped and reviewable after the fact.
- **Real Consequences**
  Misuse leads to discipline, termination and prosecution.

"Public safety doesn't happen by accident. It happens by design. And a significant part of that design is using technology to combat crime and rescue victims with severe mental health issues. That's what ALPR does, it prevents crime, it solves crime, and it's one of the best public safety tools that we have."

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