

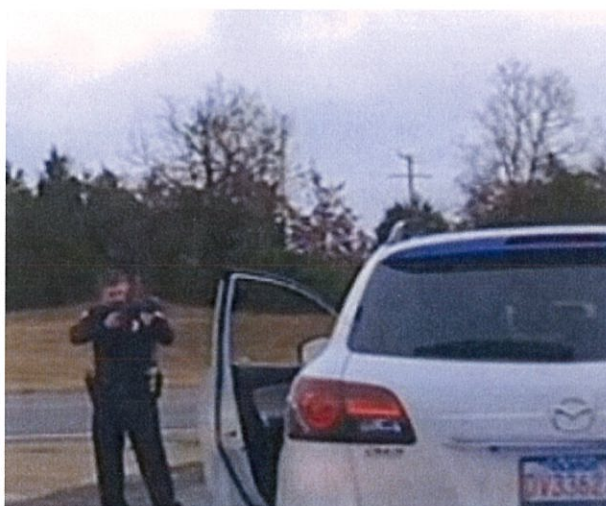
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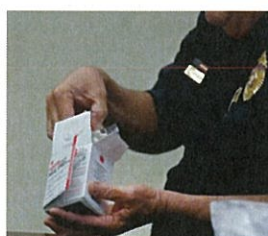
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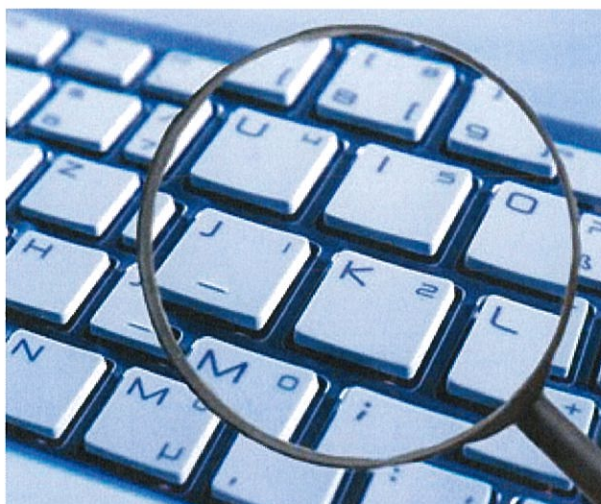


By Ron LaPedis, P1 Columnist

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By Ron LaPedis, P1 Columnist

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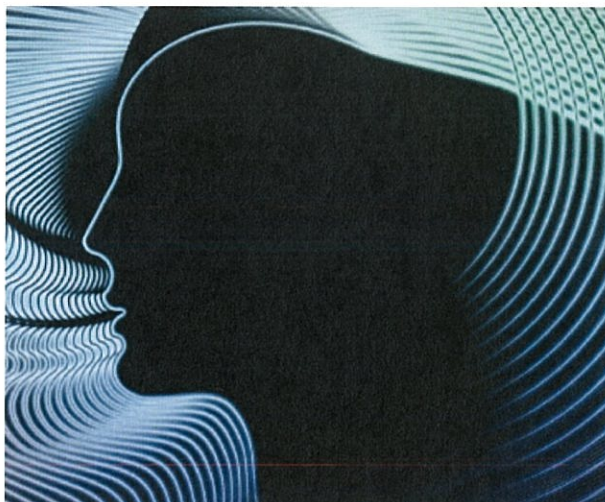


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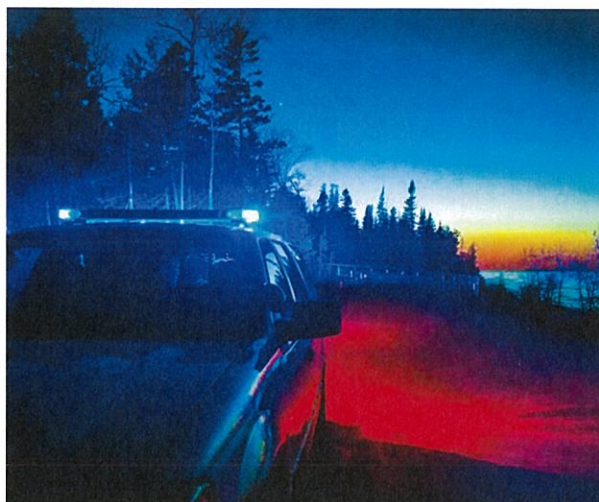
Facial recognition in LE



By Jim Dudley and Doug Wyllie, P1 Columnists
Police are using the software to identify wanted criminals and missing people spotted on video.

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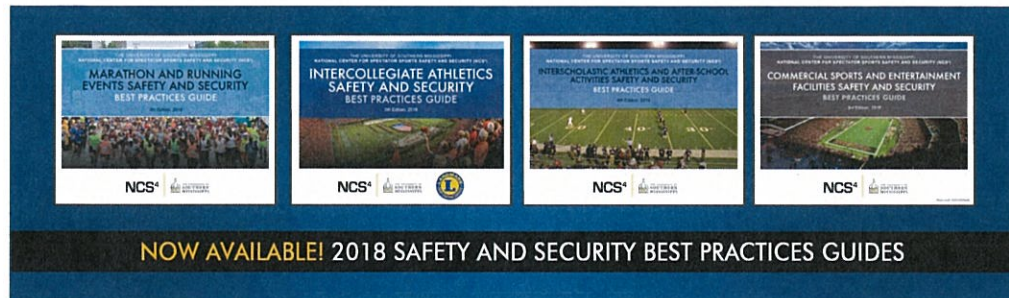


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Best Practice Take-Away: Behavioral Issues

At every sports event you have fans that come and are extremely passionate about their team or favorite players. This passion is what fuels the electric atmosphere that is part of the fan experience. Occasionally however, passion and fanaticism may cross the line in a way that compromises safety or the enjoyment of other guests. Today's best practice take-away addresses ways to reduce, prevent, and respond to these types of situations.

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Security Snapshot: MetLife Stadium Relocates Fans during Two Concerts Due to Severe Weather

MetLife Stadium attracts some of the most popular headlining entertainment acts in the country on a regular basis. In the month of August, the Stadium was host to the Beyoncé-Jay-Z "On the Run II" and Kenny Cheney's "Trip Around the Sun" tours. At both events, the security team and frontline event staff successfully managed the relocation of thousands of fans from the the playing field and seating bowl to covered, protected areas inside the Stadium. Vice President of Safety Services, Daniel DeLorenzi, credits routine staff training and exercise on crowd management, evacuation, and relocation procedures for the team's preparedness and skillful handling of both situations.

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SPORT SECURITY WATCH

Shootings Outside High School Football Games in Three States

A spate of shootings outside high school [football](#) games in three states on Friday night left two dead and at least three injured. The football season is just getting underway, but this is already the second weekend in which shootings have taken place near local football games. [Read More](#)

Twitter User Threatened 'To Commit the Biggest Mass Shooting' at Penn State's Beaver Stadium

The FBI and Penn State University police are investigating a threat "to commit the biggest mass shooting in the history of the world," at Penn State's Beaver

Stadium, according to Becky Metric of [Penn Live](#). [Read More](#)

Shooting at Jacksonville, FL High School Football Game

A shooting at a high school football game in Jacksonville, FL on Friday night left one person dead and two injured, officials said. The shooting happened about 10 p.m., 15 minutes after the game ended at Raines High School, where about 4,000 spectators attended. [Read More](#)

Gunman kills two, then himself at video game tournament

A gunman opened fire Sunday at an online video game tournament as it was being livestreamed from a Florida mall, killing two people and then fatally shooting himself in a rampage that wounded several others, authorities said. [Read More](#).

Unauthorized Flyover at Lambeau Field During Preseason Game

When a pair of helicopters flew over Lambeau Field early in the first quarter of Thursday's preseason game between the [Packers](#) and [Steelers](#), it seemed a little late for the traditional flyover. That's because it was unplanned and unauthorized. [Read More](#)

Fans Injured at Backstreet Boys Concert as Storm Rolls Through

At least 14 people were sent to the hospital Saturday after a storm knocked over concert entrance trusses at an Oklahoma outdoor concert venue hosting the Backstreet Boys and 98 Degrees. The staff at the venue had begun evacuating fans after lightning was spotted. [Read More](#)

Suspected Terrorist Crashes Car into Cyclists and Barrier at British Parliament

London Metropolitan Police officials arrested a man who allegedly drove into a group of cyclists and crashed into the barriers outside the British Parliament in Westminster on Tuesday. The incident is being treated as a terrorist incident, authorities said. [Read More](#)

How to Design a School in the Era of Mass Shootings

For school designers and architects, the current debate about how to make schools safer focuses too much on add-on measures. Metal detectors? More resource officers? Armed teachers? Bulletproof backpacks? [Read More](#)

Facial Recognition System Set to be Used in Olympic Security

A facial recognition system will be used across an Olympics for the first time as Tokyo organizers work to keep security tight and efficient at dozens of venues during the 2020 Games. The NeoFace technology developed by NEC Corp. will be customized to monitor every accredited person at more than 40 event venues. [Read More](#)

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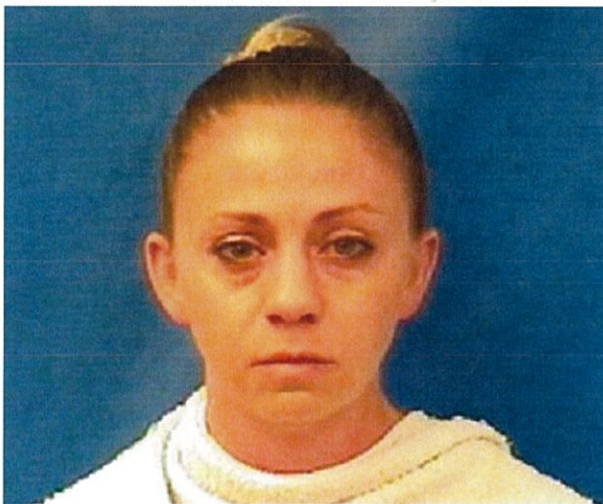
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 The officer was taking part in a crime suppression initiative in a violence-prone area when he was shot Sunday
- Former Mass. officer suing city for firing:** Leon Stuart is alleging that his firing was in retaliation for complaints he made about alleged departmental misconduct

Quiet Warrior: How a Florida Deputy Gave an Infant a Second Chance at Life

Deputy Jeremie Nix is thankful



Video: Man shooting AK-47 at cops, killed in wild shootout



Cop, EMT brothers team up to deliver baby in Times Square

- Idaho sheriff takes heat for Facebook meme**
- Officials: Teen who wanted to be cop hacked into police computer system**
- Ky. trooper saves child from man threatening him with box cutter**
- Video: Calif. deputy injured after teen bodyslams, disarms him**

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P1 EXCLUSIVE

Anti-police rap ruling a victory for Pittsburgh cops



By Mike Callahan, P1 Columnist
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FIREARMS

New pistol releases from Glock cater to law enforcement



By Sean Curtis, P1 Columnist
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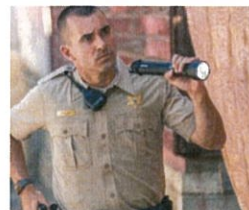
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Best Practice Take-Away: Mass Casualty

Mass casualty is something that every event operator fears may become a reality in their venue. When looking at this type of situation, many people think about mass shootings, bombings, or other terroristic acts. While those acts may be the ones that will cause the most damage, these acts are not the most common mass casualty incidents. When creating a plan, there needs to be a holistic approach for all events that may be considered mass casualty. The most common event may be heat related at an outside venue...

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Police and Security Carried a Protestor Off the Field at the CFP National Title Game

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Immersive AV Revolutionizes the Fan Experience

It's no secret that rapid advancements in home theater and entertainment technology have made in-home sports viewing more popular than ever. To get fans back into the stadium, venue owners and operators... [Read More](#)

Texas Mascot Topples Barricade, Charges Georgia Bulldog

NEW ORLEANS — The Texas football program's mascot, a large white and brown longhorn steer named Bevo, caused a stir at the Sugar Bowl on Tuesday when it knocked down its barricade and briefly charged in... [Read More](#)

Taylor Swift Used Facial Recognition Software to Detect Stalkers at LA Concert

The periphery of a Taylor Swift concert is as thought out as the show she presents on stage. Beyond the traditional merchandise stands, there are often dedicated selfie-staging points and staff distributing light-up bracelets. When Swift performed at the Los Angeles Rose Bowl venue on... [Read More](#)

Experts say Times Square NYE Crowd is Smaller than People Think

Crowd size experts scoff at those mammoth figures — floated annually by city officials and event organizers — saying it's impossible to squeeze that many of even the skinniest revelers into such a relatively small space... [Read More](#)



GAMEDAY SECURITY

Welcome to our Fall issue of *Gameday Security*! Our theme for this issue is "Developing a Security Workforce for the Sports and Entertainment Industry." In the post-9/11 era, changes and enhancements to employee training and development must take place to address new risks and threats. We'll take a deeper look at how to prepare the current and future workforce for all the uncertainties that may arise. [TAKE A LOOK!](#)

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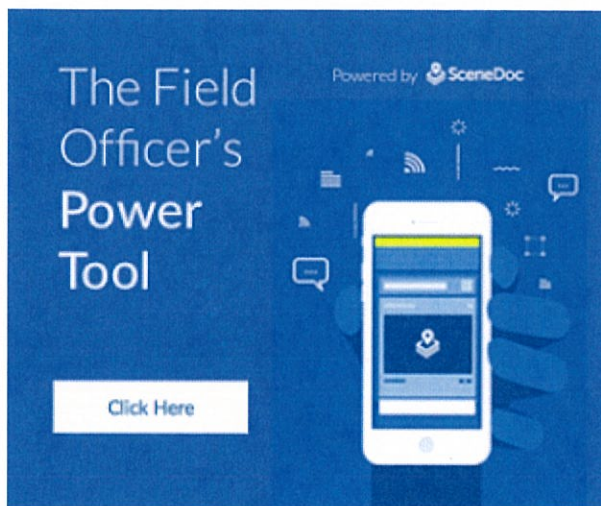
Videos show fatal OIS of knife-wielding man who charged at LEOs

- **SCOTUS limits warrantless vehicle searches near homes:** The justices said the automobile exception doesn't apply when searching vehicles parked adjacent to a home
- **Officers attend boy's graduation in place of fallen LEO father:** When Kaleb looked at the audience, he saw nine of his dad's former colleagues cheering him on

- **Texas ATF agent dies after suffering heart attack during training**
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- **Orlando police chief defends use of facial-recognition software**

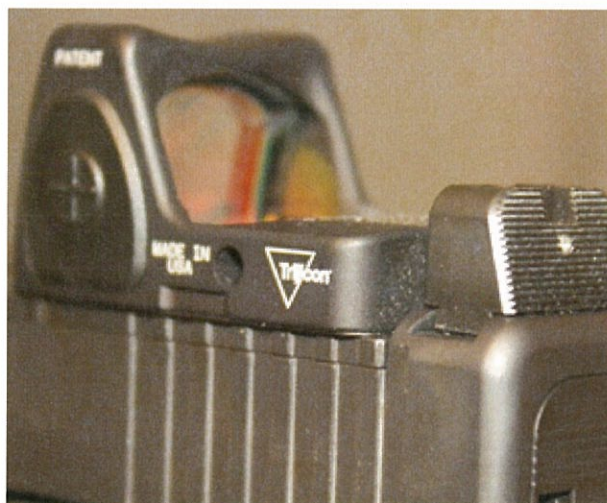


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Aging eyes and modern optics: Can technology make cops young again?



By Richard Fairburn, P1 Columnist
If your fellow old-fart friends suggest you need a red dot sight on your pistol, you may want to listen.

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How illegal synthetic drugs are changing sentencing guidelines



By David E. Hubler, American Military University
Powerful illegal synthetic drugs known as "analogues" are a particular problem for law enforcement these days.

ACTIVE SHOOTER

3 ways self-deployed cops wreak havoc

POLICE TECHNOLOGY

4 ways speech recognition technology improves police efficiency, safety



By Joel F. Shults, P1 Columnist

While no one wants to fault a hero for showing up to help, there are diminishing returns when self-deployed responders arrive immediately after an event.



By Ed Davis, Nuance Communications

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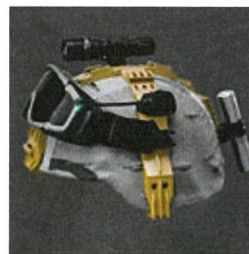
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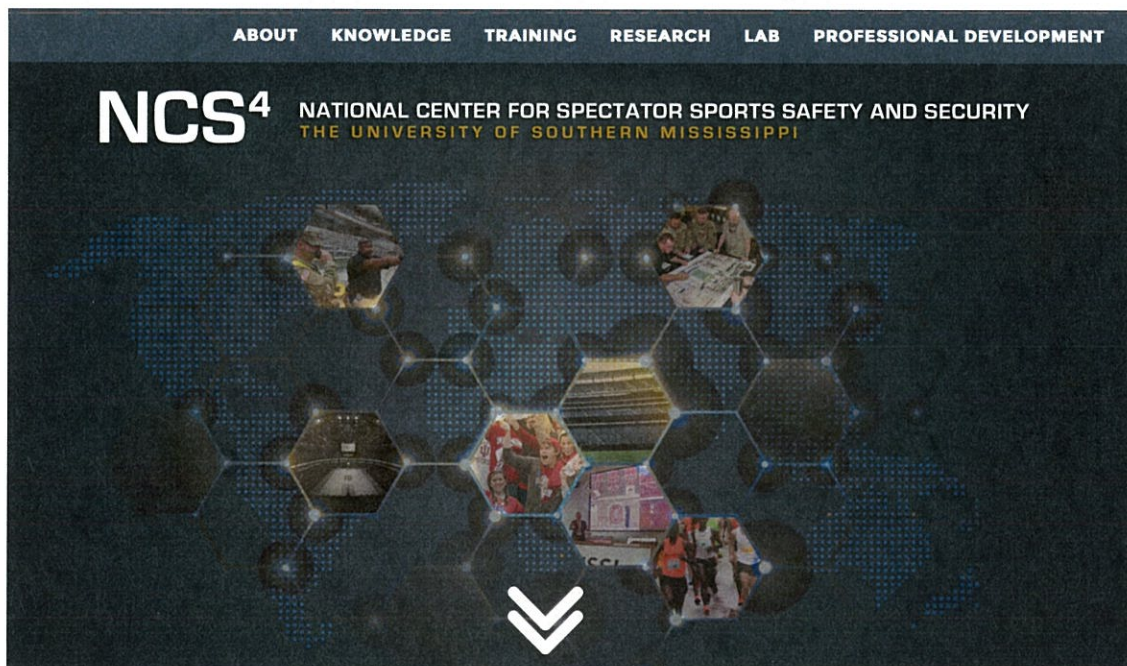
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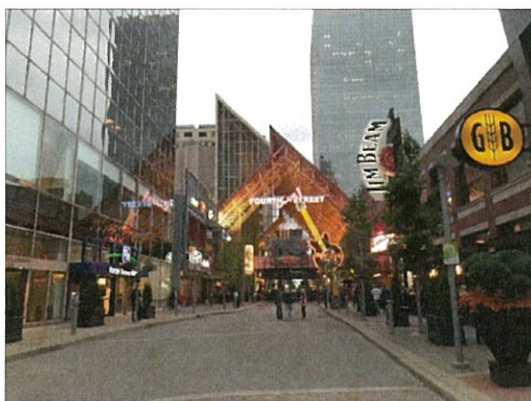
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Super Bowl Brings Massive Security Resources to Minneapolis

Concrete barriers and chain-link fencing are going up around the site of the Super Bowl, where a contingent of local, state and national agencies is working to ensure that the game and dozens of related events are safe. [READ MORE](#)

5 Simple Risk Management Tips for Super Bowl LII

In regards to Super Bowl LII, what risk management issues are affecting the game and fans? Here are five that explain how we got here and what may be next. [READ MORE](#)

TEEX Helps Minneapolis Emergency Personnel Prepare For Super Bowl

More than 1,100 emergency responders in the Minneapolis metropolitan area are better prepared for the upcoming Super Bowl LII thanks, in part, to training they received from the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX). [READ MORE](#)

Security Deployed at Super Bowl is Largest in Minnesota History

It's an enormously complex effort involving hundreds of officers from 60 police departments across the state, 40 federal agencies, the Guard and more. [READ MORE](#)

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The company providing security to Super Bowl Live, a nightly fan event in Minneapolis connected to Sunday's NFL championship game, has been replaced because of insufficient background checks... [LEARN MORE](#)

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Three Pillars of Sports Venue Security

Stadium security has gotten a lot more complicated than apprehending seat jumpers, defusing confrontations and ejecting rowdy fans. You'd be hard pressed to find a spectator venue today that doesn't deploy... [READ MORE](#)

From Minneapolis to Inglewood, The Shifting Politics of NFL Stadium Design

The architectural nostalgia that poured into nearly every corner of Major League Baseball a

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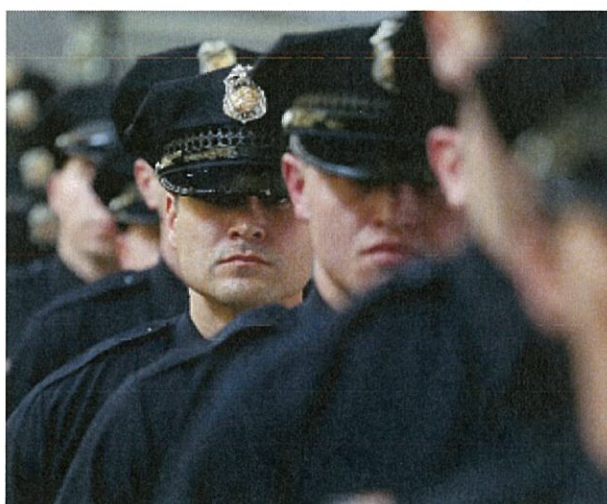
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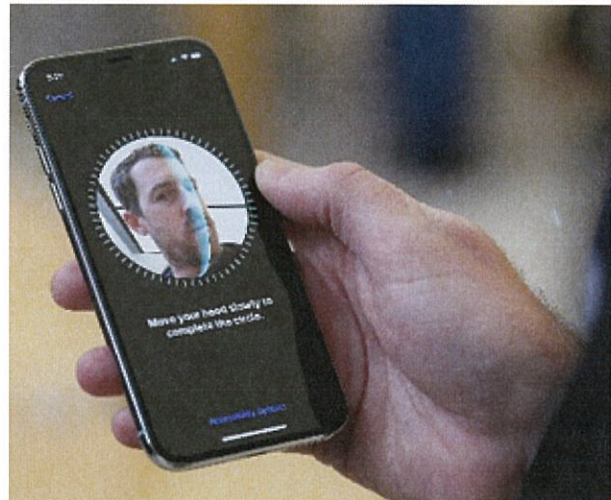
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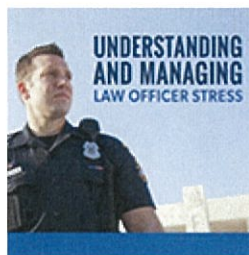
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The latest PoliceOne Digital Edition, [2018 Police Video Guide: The emerging tech, training and tactics shaping law enforcement](#), explores how departments can best utilize emerging video technologies to enhance police officer safety and improve operational efficiencies.

In this [special P1 report](#), we outline the issues bystander videos present for law enforcement, discuss how to turn BWC footage into actionable data for police officer training purposes, and review how to safely store and protect your video data, among other topics.

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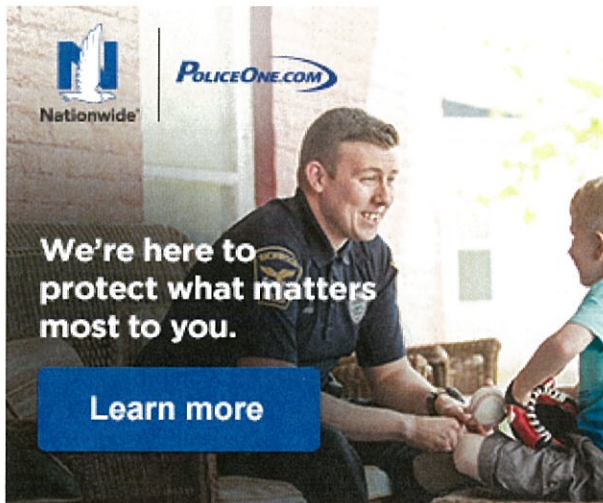
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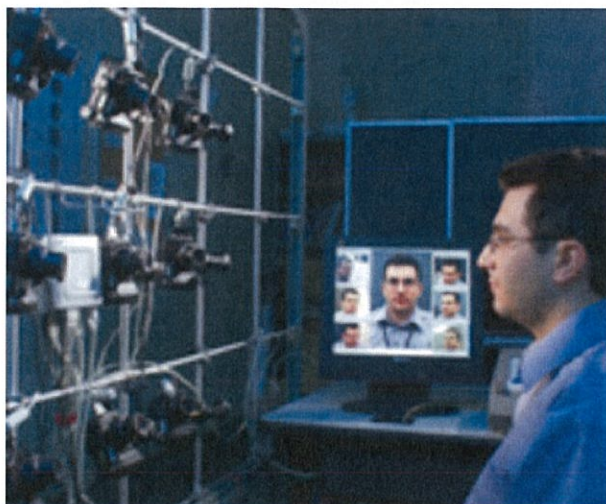
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By Val Van Brocklin, P1 Columnist
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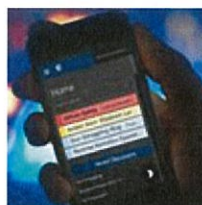
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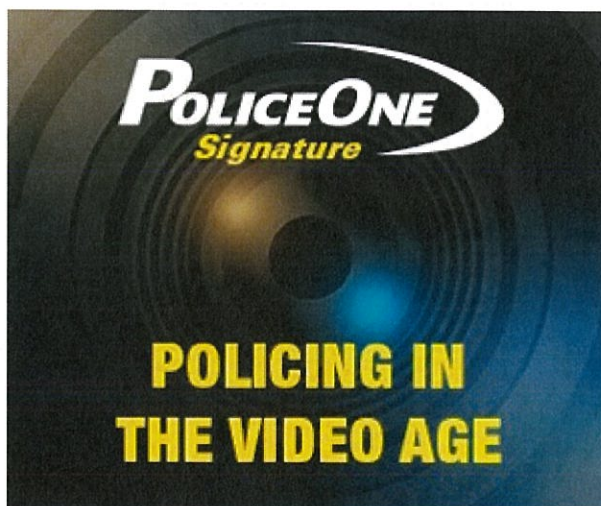
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In the conclusion to our yearlong coverage, we take a look into the future of video in law enforcement, including how the incorporation of artificial intelligence software, augmented reality and live scan facial recognition will transform policing; how FirstNet will aid police use of mobile video technologies; and how virtual reality could transform law enforcement operations and training.

Also be sure to check out our latest PoliceOne Digital Edition – [2018 Police Video Guide: The emerging tech, training and tactics shaping law enforcement](#) – in which we explore how departments can best utilize emerging video technologies to enhance police officer safety and improve operational efficiencies.

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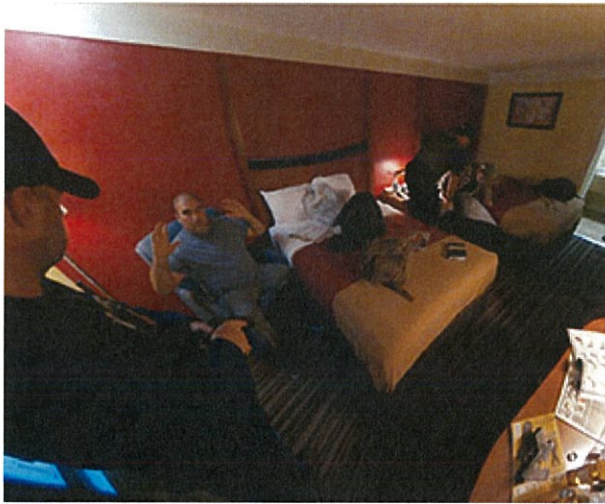
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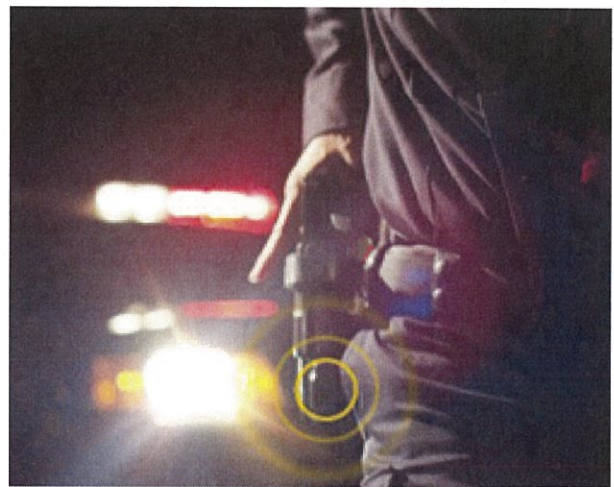


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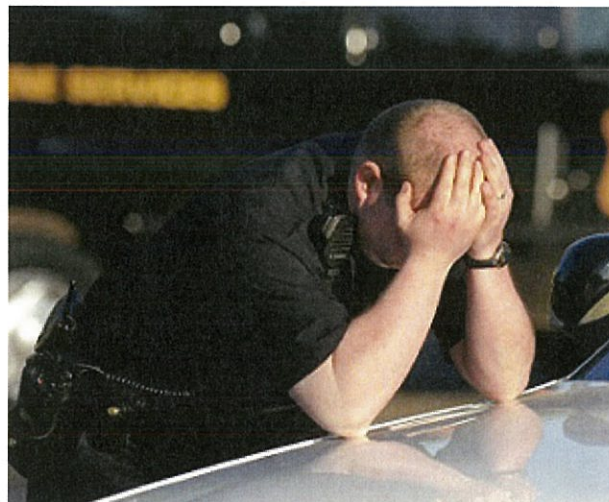
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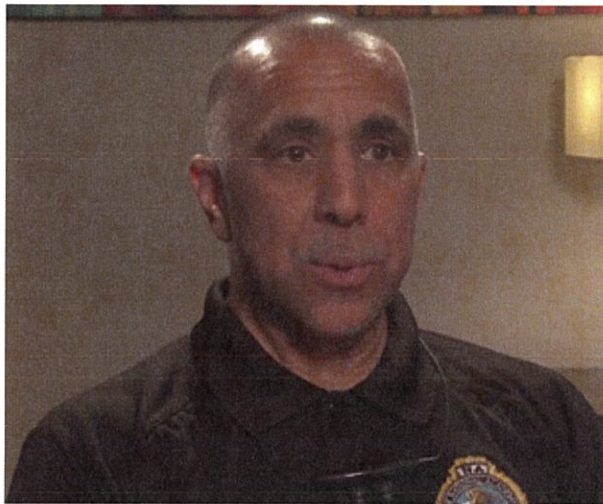
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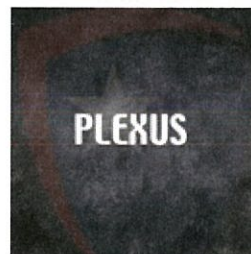


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In *In the Matter of the Search of a Residence in Oakland, California*, ___ F. Supp. 3d ___, 2018 WL 176937 (N.D. Cal. Jan. 10, 2019), a United States Magistrate Judge in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California issued a ruling that is contrary to most rulings across the United States. Unlike other judges, United States Magistrate Judge Kandis Westmore held that law enforcement officers cannot force people to unlock their smartphones using their face, eyes, or fingerprints because such an act is testimonial for purposes of the Fifth Amendment, and the Fifth Amendment prohibits law enforcement officials from compelling a person to testify against himself.

In this case, the Government was investigating two individuals believed to be involved in extortion in violation of 18 U.S.C. Â§ 875(d). According to the Government, the suspects allegedly used Facebook Messenger to communicate with a victim in which they threatened to distribute an embarrassing video of him if he did not pay them. The Government submitted an application for a search and seizure warrant to seize various items presumed to be located at a residence in Oakland, California ("Subject Premises") connected to the two named suspects. The application further requested the authority to seize various items, including electronic devices such as mobile telephones and computers ("digital devices"). Upon review, Magistrate Judge Westmore found that there were sufficient facts to support a finding of probable cause to conduct a search of the Subject Premises.

However, the Government also sought the authority to compel any individual present at the time of the search to press a finger (including a thumb) or utilize other biometric features, such as facial or iris recognition, for the purposes of unlocking the digital devices found in order to permit a search of the contents as authorized by the search warrant. Magistrate Judge Westmore found that the Government's request ran afoul of the Fourth Amendment and the Fifth Amendment and denied that portion of the search warrant application.

As for the Fourth Amendment, Magistrate Judge Westmore held that the request to search the Subject Premises was proper, but the request to search any and all electronic devices found during the search

and to use the phones' biometric features to retrieve data from the phones was overbroad. Magistrate Judge Westmore noted that the Fourth Amendment protects the right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against unreasonable searches and seizures. The basic purpose of this Amendment is to safeguard the privacy and security of individuals against arbitrary invasions by governmental officials. After reviewing the warrant application, Magistrate Judge Westmore concluded that there were sufficient facts in the affidavit to believe that evidence of the crime would be found at the Subject Premises, and so, the Government had probable cause to conduct a lawful search, so long as it comported with the Fourth Amendment.

On the other hand, Magistrate Judge Westmore concluded that the Government's request for an order that would allow agents executing the warrant to compel any individual, who is found at the Subject Premises and reasonably believed by law enforcement to be a user of the device, to unlock the device using biometric features was overbroad. Although there were two suspects identified in the affidavit, the request was not limited to a particular person or to a particular device. Therefore, Magistrate Judge Westmore found that the warrant application did not establish sufficient probable cause to compel any person who happened to be at the Subject Premises at the time of the search to provide a finger, thumb, or other biometric feature to potentially unlock any unspecified digital device that may be seized during the otherwise lawful search.

Furthermore, Magistrate Judge Westmore found that the Government's request to search and seize all digital devices at the Subject Premises was similarly overbroad. The Government cannot be permitted to search and seize a mobile phone or other device that is on a non-suspect's person simply because they are present during an otherwise lawful search because, to do so, would violate the Fourth Amendment's reasonableness requirement. In other words, Magistrate Judge Westmore determined that such a request was too broad to comport with the Fourth Amendment's requirements.

As for the Fifth Amendment, Magistrate Judge Westmore stated that, even if probable cause existed to seize devices located during a lawful search based on a reasonable belief that they belong to a suspect, probable cause does not permit the Government to compel a suspect to waive rights otherwise afforded by the Constitution, including the Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. The Fifth Amendment provides that no person shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself. The proper inquiry is whether an act would require the compulsion of a testimonial communication that is incriminating. Magistrate Judge Westmore opined that the issue is whether the use of a suspect's biometric feature to potentially unlock an electronic device is testimonial under the Fifth Amendment.

Unlike other federal judges across the country, Magistrate Judge Westmore held that use of a suspect's biometric features to unlock a smart phone was testimonial under the Fifth Amendment. In reaching this conclusion, Magistrate Judge Westmore noted that courts have an obligation to safeguard constitutional rights and cannot permit those rights to be diminished merely due to the advancement of technology. Citizens do not contemplate waiving their civil rights when using new technology, and the United States Supreme Court has concluded that, to find otherwise, would leave individuals at the mercy of advancing technology.

In addition, Magistrate Judge Westmore stated that users have had the ability to lock their electronic devices by using an alpha-numeric code for decades and that courts that have addressed the passcode issue have found that a passcode cannot be compelled under the Fifth Amendment because the act of communicating the passcode is testimonial. Testimony is not restricted to verbal or written communications. Acts that imply assertions of fact can constitute testimonial communication for the purposes of the Fifth Amendment. Specifically, a witness's act of production itself could qualify as testimonial if conceding the existence, possession and control, and authenticity of the documents tended to incriminate them.

Magistrate Judge Westmore acknowledged that certain acts, while incriminating, are not within the privilege, such as furnishing a blood sample, submitting to fingerprinting, providing a handwriting or voice exemplar, or standing in a lineup. But a distinction has emerged, often expressed in different ways, in that the privilege is a bar against compelling communications or testimony but that compulsion which makes a suspect or accused the source of real or physical evidence does not violate it.

Magistrate Judge Westmore found that utilizing a biometric feature to unlock an electronic device is not akin to submitting to fingerprinting or a DNA swab because it differed in two fundamental ways. First, the Government conceded that a finger, thumb, or other biometric feature may be used to unlock a device in lieu of a passcode. In this context, biometric features serve the same purpose of a

passcode, which is to secure the owner's content, pragmatically rendering them functionally equivalent. As the Government acknowledged, there are times when the device will not accept the biometric feature and require the user to type in the passcode to unlock the device.

For example, a passcode is generally required when a device has been restarted, inactive, or has not been unlocked for a certain period of time. This feature is, no doubt, a security feature to ensure that someone without the passcode cannot readily access the contents of the phone. In fact, the Government expressed some urgency with the need to compel the use of the biometric features to bypass the need to enter a passcode. This urgency appeared to be rooted in the Government's inability to compel the production of the passcode under the current jurisprudence. It followed, that if a person cannot be compelled to provide a passcode because it is a testimonial communication, a person cannot be compelled to provide one's finger, thumb, iris, face, or other biometric feature to unlock that same device.

Second, requiring someone to affix their finger or thumb to a digital device is fundamentally different than requiring a suspect to submit to fingerprinting. A finger or thumb scan used to unlock a device indicates that the device belongs to a particular individual. In other words, the act concedes that the phone was in the possession and control of the suspect and authenticates ownership or access to the phone and to all of its digital contents. Thus, the act of unlocking a phone with a finger or thumb scan far exceeds the "physical evidence" created when a suspect submits to fingerprinting to merely compare his fingerprints to existing physical evidence (another fingerprint) found at a crime scene because there is no comparison or witness corroboration required to confirm a positive match. Instead, a successful finger or thumb scan confirms ownership or control of the device, and unlike fingerprints, the authentication of its contents cannot be reasonably refuted.

Magistrate Judge Westmore also found it noteworthy that many smartphone applications provide access to personal, private information-including medical records and financial accounts-and allow users to utilize biometric features in lieu of passcodes to access those records. Therefore, Magistrate Judge Westmore determined that a phone's biometric feature is analogous to the nonverbal, physiological responses elicited during a polygraph test, which are used to determine guilt or innocence, and are considered testimonial.

Magistrate Judge Westmore sympathized with the Government's interest in accessing the contents of any electronic devices that it might lawfully seize. Nevertheless, Magistrate Judge Westmore asserted that there were other ways that the Government could access the contents of those devices that do not trample on the Fifth Amendment. For example, the Government could obtain any Facebook Messenger communications from Facebook under the Stored Communications Act or a warrant based on probable cause. While it may be more expedient to circumvent Facebook and to attempt to gain access by infringing on the Fifth Amendment's privilege against self-incrimination, Magistrate Judge Westmore held that it was both an abuse of power to do so and that it was unconstitutional to do so, and the fact that the Government may never be able to access the complete contents of a digital device otherwise did not affect the analysis.

Accordingly, Magistrate Judge Westmore denied the Government's warrant application and held that the Government may not compel or otherwise utilize fingers, thumbs, facial recognition, optical/iris, or any other biometric feature to unlock electronic devices. Instead, the Government could only seize those digital devices that law enforcement reasonably believed are owned and/or possessed by the two suspects named in the affidavit.

Note: Court holdings can vary significantly between jurisdictions. As such, it is advisable to seek the advice of a local prosecutor or legal adviser regarding questions on specific cases. This article is not intended to constitute legal advice on a specific case.

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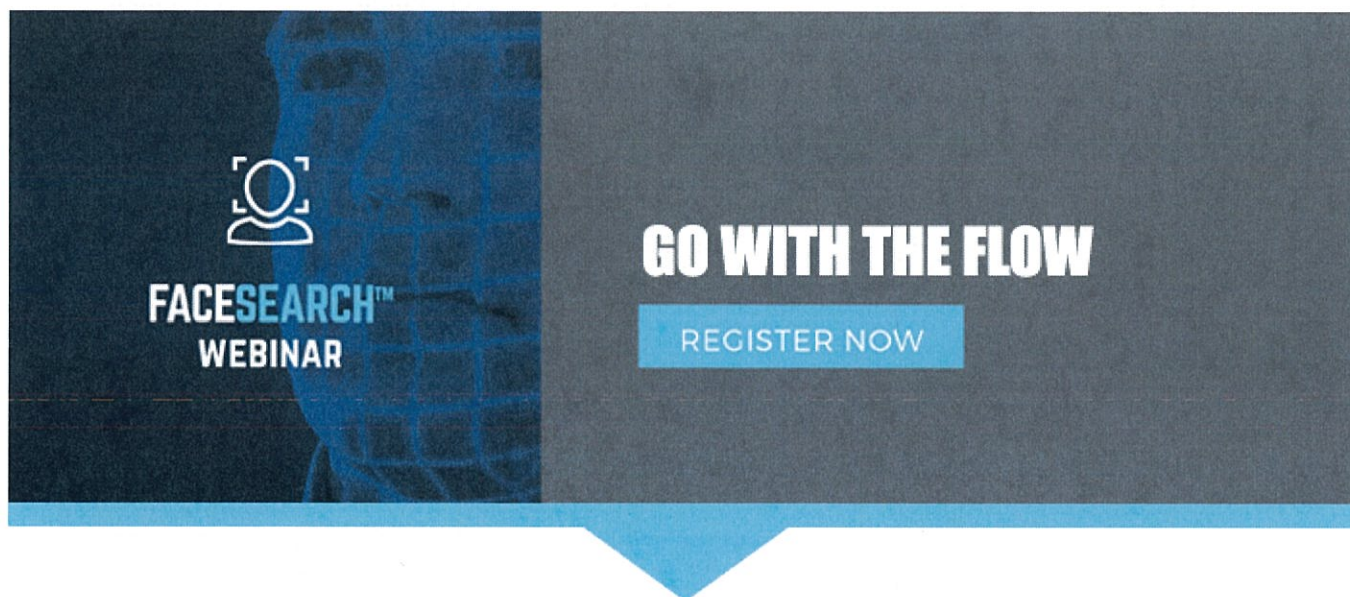
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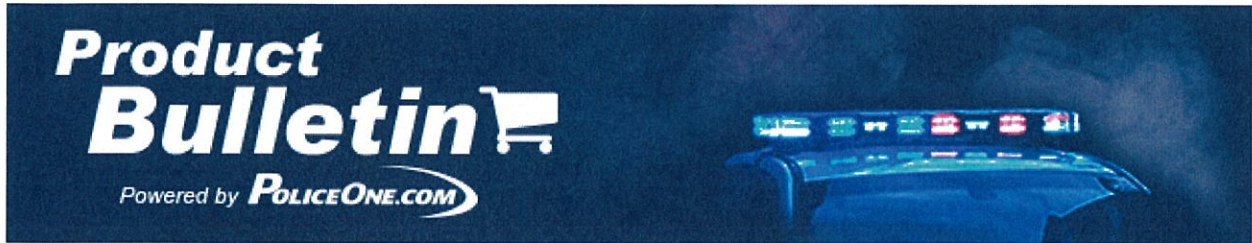
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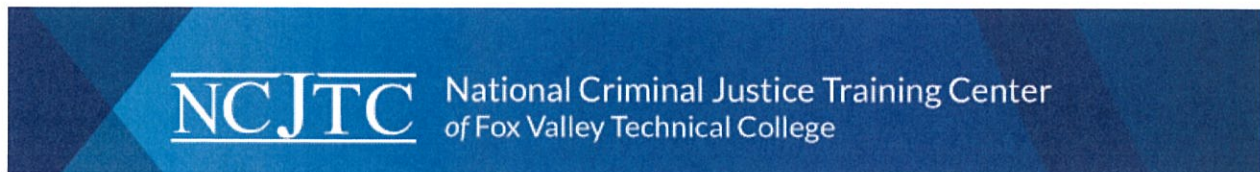
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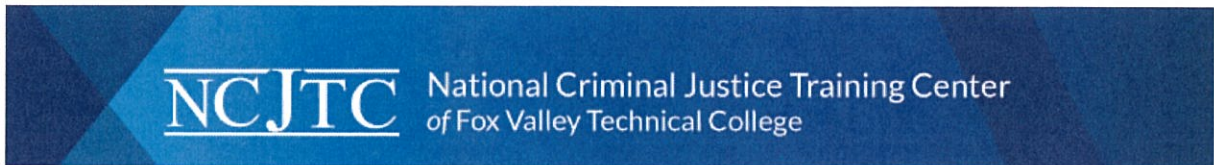
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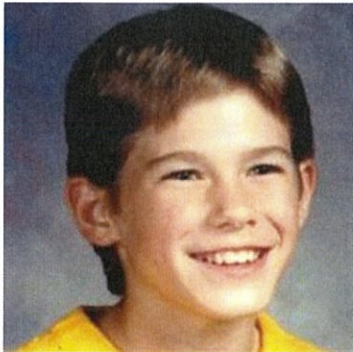


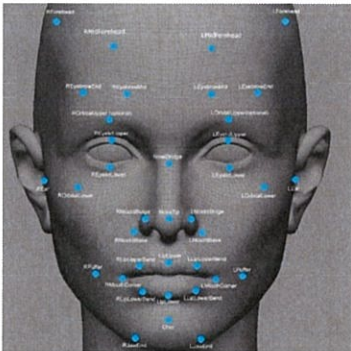


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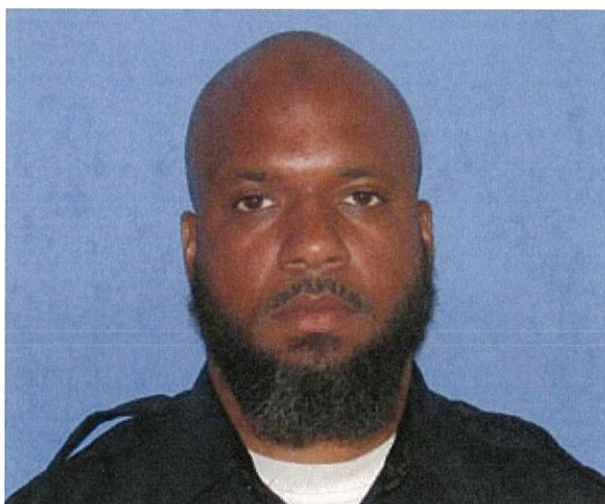
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- **Colo. deputy critically wounded in shootout:** Detective Daniel Brite was critically wounded after a suicidal suspect opened fired on officers



Officers threaten to boycott 49ers games, chief vows safety



Texas trooper critically injured by suspected drunk driver

- **As homicides rise, Chicago mayor looks to hire more cops**
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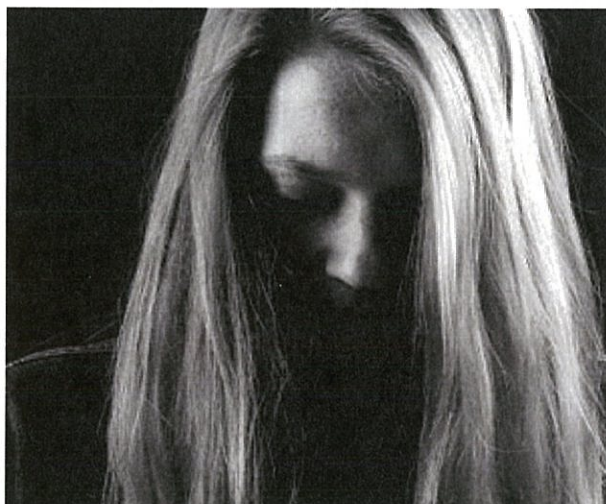
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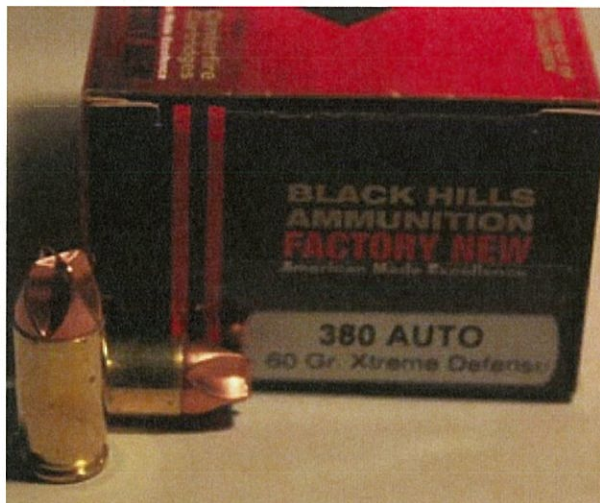


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By Richard Fairburn, PoliceOne Columnist
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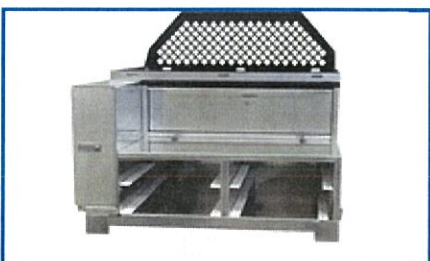
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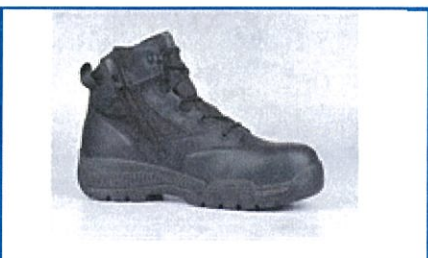
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Urban Force TRU Pant - Tru-Spec

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Phantom OPS Pants - Vertx

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Retracta-Cade - Visiontron

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Video: TX Motor Officer Dies After 'Valiant Fight'

The Austin, TX, police officer hurt in a motorcycle crash Thursday died as a result of his injuries Sunday. Officer Amir Abdul-Khaliq, 46, was struck by a car while escorting a funeral procession.



Video: CO Detective Critically Injured in Shooting, Showing 'Promising Progress'

Det. Dan Brite is making "promising progress" after a shooting with a suspect in Parker, CO, on Friday, the Douglas County (CO) Sheriff's Office said Sunday.



Video: CA Deputies Critically Wounded in Courthouse Shooting

The Fresno County Sheriff's Department has confirmed that two officers were shot Saturday morning during an attack by a convicted rapist at the Fresno County jail in Downtown Fresno.



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Austin Police Searching for Serial Bomber, Murderer

Interim Police Chief Brian Manley confirmed that evidence suggested that this bombing was related to two previous blasts from "box-type deliveries" that killed a teenager earlier in the day and a 39-year-old man 10 days ago.

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CA City Holds Vigil for Officer Killed On His Last Day of Training

More than 300 mourners gathered outside Pomona police headquarters Sunday night for a candlelight vigil, where officers wore black mourning bands with the number "16" "Casillas' badge number" over their badges.



Video: Colorado Department Releases Footage of Fatal OIS

Officers gave numerous commands to drop the weapon that the suspect ignored, and then the officers fired.

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Florida Court Hearing Appeal of Case Involving Facial Recognition Technology

The court battle, regarded by researchers as the first of its kind in the country to consider how the surveillance tool can be used in a criminal case, is being waged over a statewide biometric database of faces run out of the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office -- one that extends...



Video: NC Officer Becomes Department's First Female Sharpshooter

McFaul said it's an honor to be the first female to reach such a prestigious level within the force, and she hopes to inspire other women.

Pennsylvania Sheriff Hires Recent College Grad as Second in Command

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California Deputy Critically Wounded in Shootout, 2 Suspects in Custody

A San Bernardino County, CA, sheriff's deputy was in critical but stable condition after being wounded in a shootout early Thursday morning at an apartment complex in Adelanto, the agency said.

South Carolina Deputy Making Remarkable Recovery After Being Shot

According to WPDE-TV News, 24-year-old Florence County Deputy Arie Davis has made a remarkable recovery and is doing well.

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Oregon Man Started Fire in Attempt to Ambush First Responders

The man identified as 65-year-old Lance Taylor Jacobs reportedly set the fire in an attempt to lure police officers and firefighters in an ambush attempt.



Georgia Trooper Struck in Ballistic Vest in Gunfight at Traffic Stop

The trooper was reportedly struck in his ballistic vest. He was transported to a nearby hospital, where officials say he is expected to be OK.

Anonymous Amazon Employee Publishes Op-Ed Opposing Sale of Facial Recognition Tech to Police

An anonymous employee for tech giant Amazon recently posted an opinion article to Medium in which they argue that the sale of facial recognition software to police is wrong because "the product weâ€™re selling is a flawed technology that reinforces existing bias."



Illinois Officer Charged With Armed Robbery, Suspended Without Pay

Should Karas be exonerated of the criminal charges and the internal allegations of misconduct, he would be eligible to receive back pay.

New South Carolina Law Helps Criminals Erase Criminal History from Public Record

Lawmakers in South Carolina recently made it easier for the convicted to erase crimes from their publicly available records, expanding the list of convictions eligible for expungement.



Oregon Police Hold "Summit" to Build Community's Trust

"Building Bridges of Understanding in Our Communities came together in September 2016, at a time of heightened tensions in our country and polarizing political rhetoric," said the City of Portland on its website.

Connecticut Police Officer Fired Over "Trigger Happy" Comment

The department said in a Facebook post that Officer Stephen Barone was fired "after the completion of internal investigations and a formal hearing process regarding charges related to his interaction with a group of people in August 2018 and his supervision of a traffic incident..."

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Legislators in Washington state passed Senate Bill 6145, which changes the qualifications for police and firefighter jobs to include "legal permanent residents" with a clean criminal record.

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In a 5-4 vote, the United States Supreme Court ruled on Friday that police must first obtain a search warrant before examining location data — cell tower records that can show a person’s movement for long periods of time — stored on a subject’s mobile phone.

Amazon Employees Join ACLU, Investors in Protest of Amazon’s Sale of Tech to Police

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Officer John Barnes — who along with Officer Gary Forward rushed to end the threat of an active shooter at Santa Fe High School in May — walked out of a Houston-area hospital on Wednesday.

Video: Actor Dean Cain Sworn in as Idaho Reserve Deputy

Actor Dean Cain — whose acting roles include Superman — was recently sworn in as a reserve officer with the Saint Anthony Police Department in Idaho.



German Police Set Up Fake Traffic Collision to Test

Citizen Response

Police in Germany wanted to discover how many people would stop to help victims of a roadside crash, so they set up a fake accident scene complete with two victims made to appear to be badly injured.

FBI, DEA, Local California Agencies, Take Down Major Meth Ring

An eight-month operation by the Fresno County Sheriff's Office, Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) has resulted in the seizure of large quantities of methamphetamine and marijuana.



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The City of McKinney (TX) announced that it has settled a lawsuit filed on behalf of Dajerria Becton, the bikini-clad teenager who was seen on a viral video being taken to the ground by McKinney Police Officer Eric Casebolt.

DNA Left on Abandoned Bike Leads to Arrest in Florida Murder Case

Police in Miami Gardens (FL) say that DNA collected from a bicycle abandoned at a murder scene in March led to the arrest of 23-year-old David Jones.



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Video: Man Charged with Trooper's Murder in Fatal North Carolina Crash

Authorities had been looking for 22-year-old Dakota Kape Whitt after Trooper Samuel N. Bullard, 24, of Wilkes County, died late Monday night in a crash along Interstate 77 in Yadkin County during a chase.

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Video: Florida Officer Seriously Injured Crashing into Semi Truck

A Florida police officer was seriously injured Monday evening and had to be airlifted after crashing into the back of a semi truck that was already stopped for a previous accident.

Houston Chief in War of Words with NRA Over Gun Control

"@ArtAcevedo plays the part of a police chief ... he says he wants to go after criminals, but for him apparently the easiest way to do that is to make new criminals that are easy to catch - make criminals out of law-abiding gun owners," NRATV tweeted late Monday.

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Ohio Deputy Shot in Abdomen Released from Hospital

Deputy Jacob Heaberlin, 29, was escorted home by deputies with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office and officers with the Columbus Division of Police.

ACLU Demands Amazon Stop Providing Facial Recognition Tool to Law Enforcement

In Oregon, the Washington County Sheriff's Office is using the program to look for matches within its own database of booking mug shots, said Deputy Jeff Talbot. The department also confirms each match made through the Rekognition software by another method, he said.



Video: More Officers Dying From Suicide Than Duty Deaths in 2017

A study by the Newton-based Ruderman Family Foundation found police officers and firefighters experience PTSD and depression at rates five times higher than the average public.

Video: West Virginia Officer Shot in Burglary Recognized for Bravery

Patrolman E. Seth Johnson was responding to a burglary on Albert Street when the suspect shot him in the front upper torso which was protected by his Point Blank ballistic vest.



Dallas Officer Wounded in Fatal Shootout with Shoplifting Suspect Leaves Hospital

Almeida, 26, was released from a Dallas hospital Saturday. She and her partner, Rogelio Santander, 27, were shot April 24 outside a Dallas-area Home Depot as they were detaining shoplifting suspect Armando Luis Juarez, 29. Santander was killed in the shooting.

Video: FL Sheriff Orders Armed Officers to Schools After TX Shooting

In response to the shooting at Santa Fe High School in Texas, Polk County, FL, Sheriff Grady Judd has resolved to make sure every school in his county has an armed officer.

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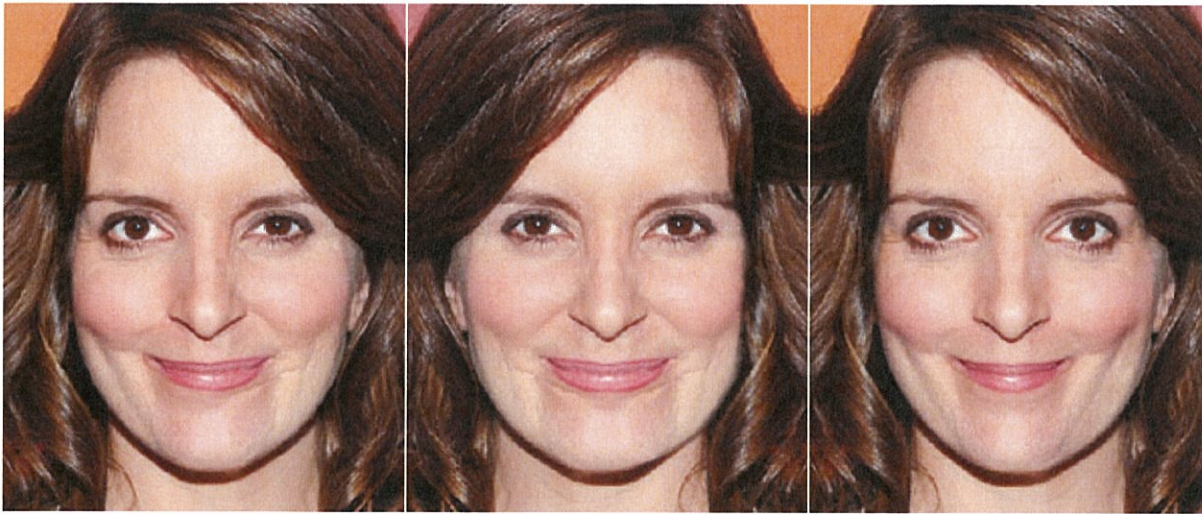
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On Feb 17, 2017, at 1:06 AM, Bienvenu-Bate, Timothy <tim.bate@police.vic.gov.au> wrote:

I don't think Google intended it to be forensic in application, and I agree that it would be very dangerous to use it in a forensic context, but the general idea is not one that should be excluded out of hand – just handled with care. Before you send an outraged reply, please remember I'm talking about the whole problem with hallucination, or more particularly, using training data to implement a probabilistic inference of a large output image from a small input image.

The comments on the limitation of a small training set (small in the sense of the size of the true data set of all possible faces/lighting/positions etc.) and the bias it introduces is very valid, but even if the training set included every possible input/output pair, this would *still* be a bad algorithm to use. The idea, as alluded to, is to choose either the most likely output for a given input, or the least surprising one (slightly different) using some metric. This means that given a reduced set of pixels, even if perfect in all other ways, the algorithm will choose the most generic face that matches that input. Bad news for John Smith, great news for Chad Kroeger (I googled weird looking celebrities). The interpretation of the evidence if presented as a picture is also a big problem; the prejudicial effect would far outweigh the evidential value, most likely.

But this approach may (or may not) have more merit if, for example, it was used to consider various possible original images and determine the relative likelihoods that they resulted in the smaller image, or if the algorithm was trained with a set of images taken from a closed set where a closed population was suspected (must be person A, B or C). For faces, this is still far-fetched. But I can think of (and I have played with) other forensic image applications where the training set can be generated and the population is much smaller, or a relevant closed data set is available and more relevant.

So this particular algorithm is best left to Photoshop, but I just wanted to chip in that we shouldn't be too adverse to probabilistic Bayesian methods. We should be skeptical – we should *always* be skeptical –

but at the same time, I see this article as something that demonstrates future possibilities as well as presenting a threat.

In any case, great and interesting post, and I think all the replies have been very valid.

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Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 6:53 AM

To: Forensic Video Analysis <fva-list@lists.umanitoba.ca>

Subject: Re: [FVA-List] Interesting read....

The big issue, as Martino points out, is that these kinds of algorithms use pieces of their training set to 'imagine' what the original image might have looked like. The result isn't a 'restored' image, its just a new one that may or may not look anything like the original.

If you had a training set which contained photos of one ethnic group, for example, all the output results would look like that ethnic group regardless of what the test original images were. (Actually doing an experiment like that would be a great way to demonstrate the danger of this kind of algorithm).

On Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 2:06 PM, Martino Jerian <martino.jerian@ampedsoftware.com> wrote:

I think this kind of stuff is very dangerous for our field (and of course the headlines are misleading).

We just published today a post on the topic:

<https://blog.ampedsoftware.com/2017/02/10/googles-csi-like-algorithm-is-not-enhancing-images-its-creating-them/>

... and some time ago another on similar techniques

<http://blog.ampedsoftware.com/2016/09/21/be-conscious-of-the-algorithms-you-use-in-a-forensic-setting/>

I was already on the phone today with a couple of persons who were claiming that as an investigative tool this could be valuable (as an identikit), but, as explained in the post, I don't think it's a good idea.

Comments welcome!

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On Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 2:58 PM, Smit, Jim <Jim.Smit@peelpolice.ca> wrote:

<https://thenextweb.com/insider/2017/02/08/google-figured-out-a-way-to-zoom-and-enhance-photos-just-like-in-the-movies/>

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Chris,

You make good points, but I think you misconstrue my post a little. I don't advocate using this approach in court, quite the opposite. I ask that if you read this, you do so with a generous frame of mind.

I characterise the problem of going from a low resolution image to a high resolution image as a problem of matching a point in a set L to a particular point in set H, where H is a far greater set than L. The issue is that there are many points in H that could all be selected with some reasonable justification and therefore additional constraints are needed in order to select one. These constraints are based on assumptions. I realise this is nothing new, just going into a bit more detail to explain my reasoning.

To briefly examine what I would characterise as the most common interpolation methods, bilinear, bicubic and the "windowed sinc" family through this lens, I would argue that the manner of selecting from the set H is based on very general signal processing ideas; pixels are likely to be a smooth transition from surrounding pixels, the derivative is often smooth as well, and that if we don't know the high frequencies, we should omit them. We know in many cases this is untrue; particularly with sharp edges (particularly bilinear and "sinc").

Filters like the Kuwahara (I've picked on one) of course resolve this by "knowing" that some images have sharp edges, and so it is designed to preserve them. But it models images as having blocky regions, and so the resulting selected image will get blocky artifacts. While we think of these filters being used to generate an output image from the provided low-resolution image, it can equivalently be thought of as selecting the image from the set H which best fits the model and data.

What all of these fail to do is incorporate what we know about the original image. Sure, we can select a method based on the content, and even tune parameters. Creating statistics of probabilities of a point in H given a point in L (or more likely, using image patches) is just another way of selecting the most "probable" point in H. This allows us to incorporate knowledge of our subject which we can't do with these other methods. This is what I mean by a statistical link.

I **don't** think Google's approach is appropriate for face enhancement, as I said.

- a) If we look at the case of a limited library, it will be biased towards faces (or face parts) which are in that library.
- b) If we look at the impossible case of an exhaustive library, it will select the most generic member of H that meets L (John Smith).
- c) There is no indication of uncertainty; if you gave it a single pixel, this approach (not Google's algorithm specifically) could extrapolate the "average" face, with no indication that while it is the "most likely", not "how much more likely".

I'm not advocating this "build up a library" approach for face enhancement, or necessarily for face anything, any more than any of the other posters. I am suggesting that we don't throw the baby out with the bathwater here though, particularly when I think that this only got thrown into the forensic limelight because of one reporter carelessly bandying about the CSI acronym. I think building up from a statistical database is likely to bear fruit in other ways. Given that

"Deep Learning" has shown so much power in video classification, it seems reasonable to think that other "training" approaches may demonstrate similar power in related video fields.

I certainly accept and also advocate that any use of these style of methods requires extreme caution. More perhaps than other methods, as what is really happening "under the hood" can become quite opaque. The old (apocryphal?) tank parable comes to mind (<https://neil.fraser.name/writing/tank/>). Even if it were a perfect world, we have already discussed that it is inappropriate for many purposes. Certainly we should tread carefully with enhancement, where humans may interpret "looking pretty" as "likely". While my own history was in what I would characterise as heuristic-based algorithms, as much as I resist, I think the future will see a lot more of these training-based approaches. Whether there is some good in them or not may be a point on which we cannot agree.

In any case, I really appreciate your considered responses Chris. You add a lot to these discussions and as always I hold your opinion in high regard, even if/when I don't entirely agree. I often feel that these discussions would work better in person, but for obvious reasons that doesn't seem likely.

Regards,
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P.S. I also accept that data learnt from a dataset is in common usage already; for example, the standard QTs and Huffman codes in JPEG and related compression techniques.

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Subject: Re: [FVA-List] Interesting read....

To answer address two of Chris' points...

(1) Yes - the use of bilateral symmetry for facial recognition is more of a problem than a benefit... Notre Dame (Pat Flynn or Kevin Bowyer would have been the PI) has done research that demonstrates this...
and

(2) I would need to look up the specific studies, but the various psychological tests that have been done over the years are - actually - all consistent in the finding that the more symmetrical the face, the LESS appealing it is. Tests using supermodels - or comparable - created mirrored faces versus the nominal asymmetric faces (and controlled for such issues as recognition of the individual models) show a statistically significant difference - people find asymmetric faces more aesthetically pleasing. In one or two papers I think the authors draw a potential correlation to "the uncanny valley" - the idea that the closer a computer-generated face gets to being real, the "creepier" it gets to the viewer. Computer generated faces are far more likely to be symmetrical than asymmetrical, so it makes sense...

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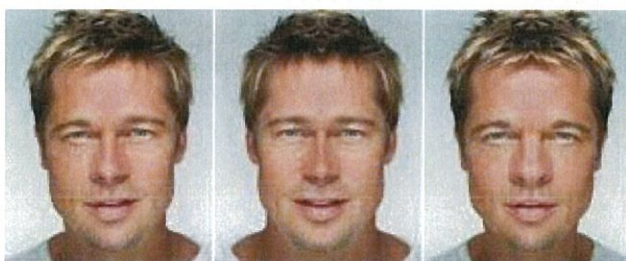
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On Feb 17, 2017, at 1:06 AM, Bienvenu-Bate, Timothy <tim.bate@police.vic.gov.au> wrote:

I don't think Google intended it to be forensic in application, and I agree that it would be very dangerous to use it in a forensic context, but the general idea is not one that should be excluded out of hand – just handled with care. Before you send an outraged reply, please remember I'm talking about the whole problem with hallucination, or more particularly, using training data to implement a probabilistic inference of a large output image from a small input image.

The comments on the limitation of a small training set (small in the sense of the size of the true data set of all possible faces/lighting/positions etc.) and the bias it introduces is very valid, but even if the training set included every possible input/output pair, this would *still* be a bad algorithm to use. The idea, as alluded to, is to choose either the most likely output for a given input, or the least surprising one (slightly different) using some metric. This means that given a reduced set of pixels, even if perfect in all other ways, the algorithm will choose the most generic face that matches that input. Bad news for John Smith, great news for Chad Kroeger (I googled weird looking celebrities). The interpretation of the evidence if presented as a picture is also a big problem; the prejudicial effect would far outweigh the evidential value, most likely.

But this approach may (or may not) have more merit if, for example, it was used to consider various possible original images and determine the relative likelihoods that they resulted in the smaller image, or if the algorithm was trained with a set of images taken from a closed set where a closed population was suspected (must be person A, B or C). For faces, this is still far-fetched. But I can think of (and I have played with) other forensic image applications where the training set can be generated and the population is much smaller, or a relevant closed data set is available and more relevant.

So this particular algorithm is best left to Photoshop, but I just wanted to chip in that we shouldn't be too adverse to probabilistic Bayesian methods. We should be skeptical – we should *always* be skeptical – but at the same time, I see this article as something that demonstrates future possibilities as well as presenting a threat.

In any case, great and interesting post, and I think all the replies have been very valid.

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Sent: Friday, February 10, 2017 6:53 AM
To: Forensic Video Analysis <fva-list@lists.umanitoba.ca>
Subject: Re: [FVA-List] Interesting read....

The big issue, as Martino points out, is that these kinds of algorithms use pieces of their training set to 'imagine' what the original image might have looked like. The result isn't a 'restored' image, its just a new one that may or may not look anything like the original.

If you had a training set which contained photos of one ethnic group, for example, all the output results would look like that ethnic group regardless of what the test original images were. (Actually doing an experiment like that would be a great way to demonstrate the danger of this kind of algorithm).

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<https://thenextweb.com/insider/2017/02/08/google-figured-out-a-way-to-zoom-and-enhance-photos-just-like-in-the-movies/>

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Subject: Re: [FVA-List] Interesting read....
Attachments: Untitled attachment 00194.txt

Definitely interesting read... scary too. I think you have to applaud their attempts!

I wonder if they used multiple frames processed independently then averaged them... before they compared them to their training set.

(Technically improving their results since it would be derived from a greater amount of information already present).

Would that add more weighted value to their foundation before comparing them with a known data base?

Like most facial recognition applications your setting parameters to a "x" number for how many results you get. It's still up to a human to pick from the herd a potential suspect. (I've seen FR techs enter searches based off of a drivers license that was photo copied with magnification added which was then faxed to them).

Having said all that I've also seen far worse images published on the 6 o'clock news asking the public's help in identifying a suspect which usually results in an anonymous call which police do act on. (emphasis on anonymous)

And... I can't tell you the number of time I've sat across the interview table with a "fva processed image" telling the bad guy that our CSI folks are going process it...only to watch as the blood drains out of their face and their head drops down right before they give a confession.

Last idea: what if the folks at Google could marry the video amplification algorithm from MIT to theirs? Again would it only be "amplified" junk science?

Link to the MIT info: <http://people.csail.mit.edu/mrub/evm/>

Great insight from everyone!

Enjoy the weekend!

Ed Baker

On Feb 10, 2017, at 7:42 AM, Mark P. Porter <MPPorter@tarrantcountytx.gov> wrote:

We would have much better success herding cats and pushing pancake batter uphill than trying to regulate the CCTV industry.. ☺

Happy Friday Ya'll!

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To: Forensic Video Analysis
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The only solution I can think of is some real regulation of the Camera/DVR industry. Then again, I've been saying that for years... :-)

On Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 3:31 PM, Chris Russ <jcr6@reindeergraphics.com> wrote:
It's not just faces. Tattoos, LICENSE PLATES, any fine detail.

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On Feb 10, 2017, at 10:28 AM, Mark Sugrue <mark@kinesensevca.com> wrote:

It would be very tough to detect - some kind of cart with faces would possible work if you had a live camera.

If you only had a recording, it wouldn't be possible to detect I think.

And of course then the question in court will always be "can you prove this is a real recording?" - and we won't be able to.

On Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 3:23 PM, Chris Russ <jcr6@reindeergraphics.com> wrote:

And now Mark has scared the crap out of me.

How would you detect that had occurred? Some kind of image standard in front of the camera that might precipitate detectable artifacts?

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On Feb 10, 2017, at 10:18 AM, Mark Sugrue <mark@kinesensevca.com> wrote:

The real danger is some unscrupulous CCTV camera or DVR manufacturer will build this in to claim higher resolution or better compression.

On Fri, Feb 10, 2017 at 3:14 PM, Crain, Kimber
<kimber.crain@kentcountymi.gov> wrote:

I saw this too... this is exactly what we've been fighting against for years now. I'm a little scared of what we'll be seeing produced by those who are only interested in quick results as opposed to scientific ones within law enforcement.

Kim Crain
Scientific Support Unit Specialist
Kent County Sheriff Department
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<dmpayne@riversidesheriff.org>
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 10:50 AM
To: Forensic Video Analysis
Subject: Re: [FVA-List] What is your Job Title?
Attachments: Untitled attachment 00219.txt

I know right?! When the department first started using it full time a few years back, I was extremely interested in it and have had a lot of success with it. They are looking to reclassify my position to make it official. The video class and emails from the list have really helped with looking at videos for the best quality stills to use for facial recognition.

Denell Payne, MPA

Fingerprint Technician II

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From: David Spreadborough [mailto:davidspreadborough@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 10:45 PM
To: Forensic Video Analysis <fva-list@lists.umanitoba.ca>
Subject: Re: [FVA-List] What is your Job Title?

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On Thu, 16 Aug 2018, 07:48 Payne, Denell, <dmpayne@riversidesheriff.org> wrote:

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From: Gonsales, Kevin [mailto:KGonsales@UMPD.UMD.EDU]
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 2:47 PM
To: 'Forensic Video Analysis' <fva-list@lists.umanitoba.ca>
Subject: Re: [FVA-List] What is your Job Title?

We retain our original job titles as listed through the University HR because no current titles exist for the role. We just add our certification levels in our email signatures to inform people of what we do.

Kevin Gonsales

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University of Maryland Police Department

From: Lewandowski, David <DLewandowski@RivCoDA.org>
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My agency should have spent more time on this.

I'm stuck with "Sr. Audio Video Technician"

This sounds like some guy that sets up projectors and mics for a press conference.

David Lewandowski

Riverside County District Attorney's Office

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In Oregon we keep it very general. At the state lab they are Forensic Scientists, in our municipal lab we are Forensic Analysts, this is regardless of specialty. Internally at our lab we used to be DME Analysts but are now the Video Imaging Technology Analysts (new ANAB standards) but the job titles with HR are all the same whether you do latent prints or video.

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To: Forensic Video Analysis <fva-list@lists.umanitoba.ca>
Subject: [FVA-List] What is your Job Title?

In our little corner of Forensic Evidence, we don't seem to have a standard for role profile or job title.

In a discussion with an industry reporter last week, they referenced this as being a cause to some of our problems when it comes to be being taken seriously (An FVA-List thread discussing this got quite interesting recently).

Anyways,...

What is your Official Job Title?

Please reply so I can collate this information and myself and Ed Baker will be looking at this during the LEVA Conf.

Thanks Spready

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Thank you, Richard, I appreciate your help very much!

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Tim,

If your agency uses an FR system or is linked to the FBI's Next Generation Identification system (through the Criminal Justice Information Services Wide Area Network - CJIS-WAN), you can get training in facial comparison and identification through our CJIS Division.

Follow this link to find out more:

<https://www.fbi.gov/services/cjis/fingerprints-and-other-biometrics/biometric-and-criminal-history-record-training>

There are private organizations offering training, too, but I am prevented from making recommendations (pro or con) based on professional ethics regulations.

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I'm looking for someone who can inform me about the best training courses in facial recognition and software. I would be very grateful for any assistance you can provide. Thanks!

Tim Appel, LCFVT | Media Specialist
LEVA Certified Forensic Video Technician



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If you are looking for Facial Comparison training (as opposed to Facial Recognition training), you might try Ideal Innovations <<https://www.idealinnovations.com>>. I haven't had their training yet, but keep wanting to attend. There has been some facial ID training at the last few IAI Conferences also.

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On Feb 15, 2019, at 11:16 AM, Appel Tim <Tim.Appel@rcgov.org> wrote:

I'm looking for someone who can inform me about the best training courses in facial recognition and software. I would be very grateful for any assistance you can provide. Thanks!

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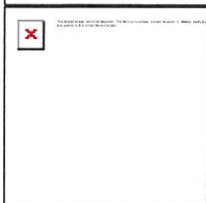
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Subject: Re: [FVA-List] Facial Recognition software
Attachments: Untitled attachment 00264.txt

Thanks Kate !!!

On Fri, Mar 18, 2016 at 1:15 AM, WOOLLEY, Kathryn <Kathryn.WOOLLEY@vpd.ca> wrote:

Hi Vishal!

I did a quick search online and came up with FACES 4.0 Criminal Investigation Software. I have no experience or knowledge of this program but you can read more about it on their website – www.facesid.com/products_faces_le.html

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Specs are attached herewith.

1. Facial Capturing form different media and Processing
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3. Generation of numeric code for every composite
4. Tone hair colour, side to side hair flip
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- 11.Runs on Window Based computer system
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- 15.Capable to store, retrieve and compose the facial features from the database and display matching score

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Thanks Sam

On 21 Jun 2016 6:40 am, "Sam Kai Yuan" <samkaiyuan@gmail.com> wrote:
The last benchmarking test for Face Recognition was performed in 2013 under Face Recognition Vendor Test (FRVT) 2013

See report at
http://biometrics.nist.gov/cs_links/face/frvt/frvt2013/NIST_8009.pdf

There were several outstanding facial recognition engines as quoted on page 25 of the report
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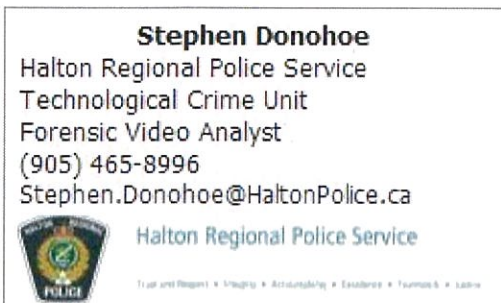
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I wrote something called X-Loupe for another company. (To my knowledge it hasn't been updated in several years - I'm not even sure if it is still for sale.)

It was used for side-by-side comparisons between two or more faces (or really any two things: prints, tool marks, etc). The workflow was to align the faces based upon eye positions and then compare the various relative distance metrics within each: eyes/frenulum, lips, etc. Then the examiner would further look for equivalent (or non-equivalent) minutia between the two. (Richard Vorder Bruegge was very involved.)

One of the things that struck me the most was some examiners' process of flipping the faces upside down when looking at minutia. This helped because you don't try to recognize faces when they're upside down and you can then concentrate on the minutia. (moles, scars, etc)

Now, the automatic DNN (Deep Neural Network) methods are really interesting, but to my mind there are a lot of problems, not the least of which is the susceptibility of a DNN to learn the wrong thing and not be able to explain why two things match or don't. Lighting, image quality, up-stream compression, color spaces, pose, size of the corpus, and amazingly BACKGROUND all seem to play a big role in a DNN's ability to match or find similar faces. I think that's why the promise from small datasets is large, but when applied to large ones they don't do so well.

All of this being said, I would push for the use of two different terms: one for side-by-side **analytical comparison** where you say why X is similar/same as Y (or isn't), and the other where the machine searches through haystacks doing needle **recognition**. (finding candidates for analytical comparison)

Didn't know about the study — Thanks Richard. Now I know what I'm reading during the Super Bowl.

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Now that I've got a little more time...

A key aspect of the study I showed you all was that the performance of the humans versus the algorithms was somewhat disjointed. By that I mean the two "groups" (humans vs machine) did not get the same answers on average, but fusing them gave a better result than either one alone.

This indicates that the algorithms are "seeing" something different from the humans. But what?

One of the critical issues with any AI process will be identifying what they are "seeing" to make their decisions. One of the JANUS developers (JANUS being the IARPA program that developed algorithms used in the paper) incorporated a heat map approach that showed for any given face those parts that the algorithm found to be most "discriminating" i.e., what made that face stand out from the crowd.

This sort of "flag" could help human examiners identify features worth a second look, so I've encouraged the research community to keep up this line of inquiry.

One last note on Chris' suggested terminology...when I teach facial comparison I start with that dichotomy - "recognition" refers to the computer algorithm, "identification" refers to the human/manual process.

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On Feb 1, 2019 4:48 PM, Chris Russ <jcr6@reindeergraphics.com> wrote:

I wrote something called X-Loupe for another company. (To my knowledge it hasn't been updated in several years - I'm not even sure if it is still for sale.)

It was used for side-by-side comparisons between two or more faces (or really any two things: prints, tool marks, etc). The workflow was to align the faces based upon eye positions and then compare the various relative distance metrics within each: eyes/frenulum, lips, etc. Then the examiner would further look for equivalent (or non-equivalent) minutia between the two. (Richard Vorder Bruegge was very involved.)

One of the things that struck me the most was some examiners' process of flipping the faces upside down when looking at minutia. This helped because you don't try to recognize faces when they're upside down and you can then concentrate on the minutia. (moles, scars, etc)

Now, the automatic DNN (Deep Neural Network) methods are really interesting, but to my mind there are a lot of problems, not the least of which is the susceptibility of a DNN to learn the wrong thing and not be able to explain why two things match or don't. Lighting, image quality, up-stream compression, color spaces, pose, size of the corpus, and amazingly BACKGROUND all seem to play a big role in a DNN's ability to match or find similar faces. I think that's why the promise from small datasets is large, but when applied to large ones they don't do so well.

All of this being said, I would push for the use of two different terms: one for side-by-side **analytical comparison** where you say why X is similar/same as Y (or isn't), and the other where the machine searches through haystacks doing needle **recognition**. (finding candidates for analytical comparison)

Didn't know about the study — Thanks Richard. Now I know what I'm reading during the Super Bowl.

-Chris

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With excellent "controlled situation" source images most decent facial recognition software will give you a starter for ten.... then the human element is still paramount to it's success. Most, even very high quality, common CCTV imagery due to the nature of camera placement isn't good enough for such AI technology to work alone.

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Attachments: ProHawk Executive Summary (2018).pdf; Untitled attachment 00053.txt

Hey all,

The top of my chain of command has asked me to look into the attached "instant visual clarity" software. Does anyone out there use ProHawk?

Any insight will be appreciated!

Thanks,

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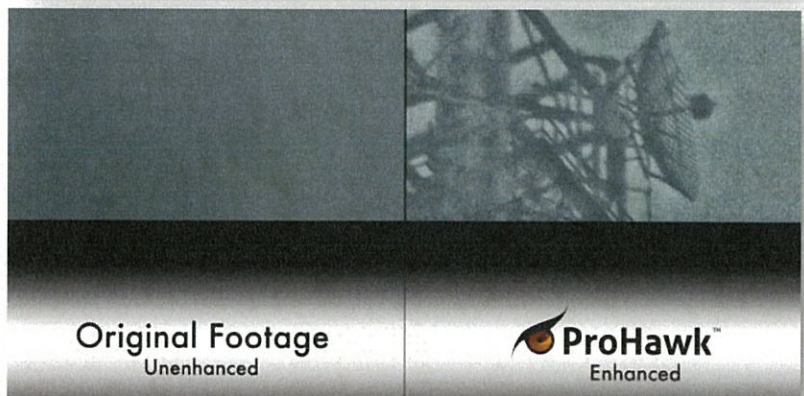
Overview

The problem facing many strategic, high growth markets that leverage real time video is no optical system or camera is optimized to deliver high-quality actionable video in every environmental condition. The targeted market that Prohawk Technology Group's Instant Visual Clarity™ technology is uniquely positioned to service grows from \$593 Billion in 2018 to \$3.7 Trillion by 2027, and includes: Security & Surveillance, Artificial Intelligence, Computer and Machine Vision, Autonomous Vehicles, Urban Traffic Monitoring, Smart Cities and Video Analytics. The quality of the video captured from all optical systems is compromised by a variety of factors. Even the most advanced wide-dynamic range, high-definition, thermal or infrared cameras are restricted by optical physics and environmental challenges. The following conditions have the most significant effects on capturing high quality, actionable video:

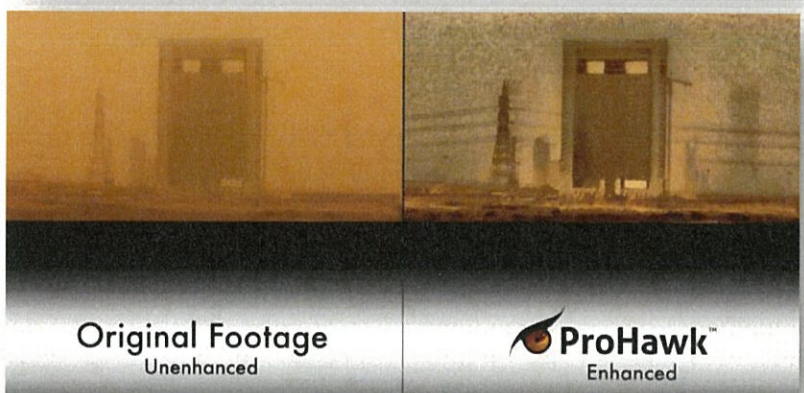
Adverse Lighting caused by night, low light, backlight and extreme contrast like sun glare, headlights and infrared imaging are challenging environments that distress the quality of video. These conditions significantly impact the image quality taken by all camera systems, rendering them ineffective and incapable of delivering meaningful and actionable video.



Extreme Weather conditions impact the visibility of all camera systems. The image quality from cameras operated outdoors can be severely compromised by the effects of severe rain, snow, dense fog, mist or haze removing any chance of capturing actionable data.



Airborne Particles in the environment can also negatively impact the quality of the imagery delivered by the camera. Representative challenges in this area include the impact of sandstorms, smoke, smog, dirt and dust, all of which degrade visibility and the camera's ability to capture quality video.



There is a need for ProHawk Instant Visual Clarity software solutions which can be easily integrated into systems throughout our identified markets.

Markets

The demand for high quality, actionable, real-time video is rapidly increasing throughout global markets. Real-time, actionable video requirements are expanding across all industries including: Government, Military, Law Enforcement, Healthcare, Maritime, Industrial, Transportation, Agriculture, Retail, Energy and Public Utilities. A variety of industry specific applications leveraging real time video range from Security & Surveillance, Artificial Intelligence, Computer Vision and Machine Vision to Autonomous Vehicles, Urban Traffic Monitoring, Smart Cities and Video Analytics.

Governments and industries are committing significant additional resources to Security & Surveillance. Governments across the world are investing in high quality Video Surveillance Systems as part of their border control, security and anti-terrorism infrastructure. All Security & Surveillance applications can instantly benefit from ProHawk technology and the instantaneous visual clarity it provides. This market was valued at \$30.37 Billion in 2016 and is forecasted to increase by a 15.4% Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR), through 2022, when it will be valued at over \$75.64 Billion.

The global autonomous vehicle market is expected to grow at a CAGR of 39.6% reaching \$126.8 Billion by 2027. Autonomous vehicles employ embedded software, sensors, and communications systems trending towards advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology. True level 5 autonomous driving, full autonomy in ***any and all conditions***, will not be achieved without ProHawk technology. Elon Musk, CEO of a leading autonomous vehicle company, Tesla, has said publicly, "Once you solve cameras for vision, autonomy is solved: if you don't solve vision, it's not solved...You can absolutely be superhuman with cameras."

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is intelligence demonstrated by machines: any device that perceives its environment and takes action that maximizes its chance of successfully attaining its goal. AI problems include reasoning, planning, learning, perception, and the ability to move and manipulate objects. For example, Artificial Intelligence enables autonomous planning or calculations for robotic systems to maneuver through an environment. Information about the environment is being provided by computer vision systems, acting as a vision sensor for the robot. Computer Vision addresses how computers can be utilized to derive a high-level understanding (from digital images or video) to automate tasks and enhance the performance of the organic, human visual system and analytical process.

Computer Vision is concerned with the theory behind artificial systems that extract information from images. Computer vision systems leveraging ProHawk can extract substantially better data for scene reconstruction, event detection, video tracking, object recognition, 3D pose estimation, learning, indexing and motion estimation. According to a new market survey by Markets and Markets, the Computer Vision Market is expected to be valued at USD \$11.94 Billion in 2018 and is likely to reach USD \$17.38 Billion by 2023, at a CAGR of 7.80% between 2018 and 2023. The growth of the market is mainly driven by the increasing adoption of computer vision in autonomous and semiautonomous vehicles, military, industrial and consumer drones; and the rising adoption of Industry 4.0 manufacturing automation and data exchange.

Machine Vision is the technology and methods used to provide imaging-based analysis for applications that include: automated inspection, process control, and robotic guidance, usually in industry. The global Machine Vision Market is expected to reach USD \$19.22 Billion by 2025, at a CAGR of 8.5%, according to a new report by Grand View Research, Inc. The increasing adoption of robots across industrial sectors is leading toward the application of vision-guided robotic systems. Industrial verticals, such as automotive, pharmaceutical, packaging, and food & beverage, are prominent sectors where robotic systems are used, eventually fueling the demand for machine vision systems.

Successful implementation of smart city projects heavily depends on technologies – data communications, cloud, mobility, and sensors that seamlessly tie together to form an IoT ecosystem. Typical smart city projects target traffic flow optimization, public safety violence eradication, efficient street light utilization, and parking. Smart cities are enabled by smart cameras that will make sense of what they see in real time. ProHawk provides the underlying technology that will put the Smart in cities. The smart cities market is expected to grow at a 23.1% CAGR from \$424.68 Billion in 2017 to 1.2 Trillion by 2022.

Governments, industries, commercial organizations all use advanced video analytics for security and to improve operational efficiency. High quality actionable video is essential to key, common video analytics uses including License Plate Recognition, Object Recognition and Facial Recognition. ProHawk algorithms provide a critical, foundational technology, which can enable exponential value recognition for applications in this rapidly developing market. The video analytics market is valued at \$2.61 Billion in 2016 and is expected to grow by 33.7% CAGR through 2022 to \$11.17 Billion.

Software, Embedded & Service Solutions

ProHawk provides real-time video enhancement technology that provides unparalleled Instant Visual Clarity in compromised video due to lighting, weather, particulate matter, and environmental conditions. ProHawk unlocks the highest quality enhancements with ultra-low latency, enabling users or Computer Vision enabled AI systems to analyze optimized, actionable video in real-time.

The most critical characteristic in a real-time video enhancement solution is the latency of the system. This is the time delay between a video frame entering the system, video enhancement(s) being applied to the video frame, and receiving the enhanced, clarified video frame. Since real-time video monitoring requires human observation or AI based analytics systems with computer vision, perceptible latency has a strong effect on user satisfaction and the usability of the system. This requirement demonstrates the distinct advantage that ProHawk solutions provide with a latency of less than 20 μ Secs. This level of performance enables high-speed mobile applications such as autonomous vehicles, autonomous aircraft, autonomous water craft, urban traffic monitoring, smart cities, and military use cases.

ProHawk's patented Detail Enhancement Filter (DEF) is the core enhancement algorithm that achieves high image sensitivity. DEF is the only real-time video enhancement platform that concurrently processes six distinct enhancements algorithms, improving visual clarity and reducing the need for expensive and sophisticated optical systems. The DEF enhancement algorithm is a suite of enhancement methodologies including algorithms

supporting dynamic range enhancement, contrast optimization, contextual color enhancement, edge sharpening, rapid movement minimization and visual noise reduction. The combination of these algorithms provides finer, sharper levels of detail and clarity, static visual noise reduction, improve color representation (natural to the human eye), remove objects obscuring visibility, defined and detailed edges, reduced blurriness, all without frame skipping & white clipping.

The ProHawk Instant Visual Clarity Software product line enables partners to tightly integrate into a variety of industrial market solutions with industry standard video formats and interfaces, such as SMTPE, HDMI, & VESA standard formats, and HDMI, USB-C, DisplayPort, and Ethernet TCP/IP physical interfaces. A robust offering of Video Management Systems (VMS) integration plug-ins provides server side Instant Visual Clarity enhancements with client side visual clarity controls for market leading VMS solutions, including: Milestone, Genetec, and Geutebrück.

ProHawk Instant Visual Clarity Software Developers Kit (SDK) is a set of software tools that enables ProHawk technology to be tightly integrated into a variety of applications for hardware, software, and services market solutions. An Application Programming Interface (API) enables software engineers to easily integrate ProHawk Instant Visual Clarity capabilities directly into their systems and solutions. A Web UI provides instant integration into applications.

ProHawk Instant Visual Clarity FPGA Developers Kit (FPGADK) is a set of tools that enables ProHawk Visual Clarity algorithms to be embedded into an M.2, PCIe 3.0, or cloud services based FPGA. Designed for applications that require the absolute lowest possible latency, the FPGADK empowers developers to integrate Instant Visual Clarity into their real-time mission critical systems.

ProHawk Instant Visual Clarity Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) targets the lucrative, rapidly growing and high margin SaaS market. The ProHawk Instant Visual Clarity SDK, and ProHawk Instant Visual Clarity FPGADK, will be leveraged to provide ProHawk Instant Visual Clarity Software Services. The SaaS capabilities will be delivered over time and are designed to run on all major cloud service providers. For examples: Amazon AWS EC2 F1; Microsoft Azure FPGA-based configurable cloud instance; Google Cloud CPU & GPU service. ProHawk integrates in key SaaS markets such as Video Surveillance as a Service (VSaaS), Artificial Intelligence as a Service (AIaaS), and Computer Vision as a Service (CVaaS).

ProHawk uniquely leads the market with five critical patented algorithms:

Comprehensive Low Latency Detailed Enhancement Filter Algorithm – The DEF algorithm is optimized to minimize latency introduced while processing video enhancement. The DEF algorithm takes less than 20 μ s to enhance a HD-SDI 1080p60 video stream. No other image enhancement technology delivers this level of performance for real-time application support.

Clear Tone Contrast Algorithm – This algorithm provides low contrast image enhancement clarity due to extremely dark or bright frames and/or areas within frames. It divides an image into blocks to leverage a tone brightness histogram to adjust brightness for every pixel.

Contextual Color Correction Algorithm – Very small/fast algorithm to identify color in over or under exposed areas delivering improved color representation more natural to the human eye.

Rapid Motion Detection Algorithm – Removes unwanted objects obscuring visibility with noise reduction that eliminates frame skipping & white clipping. A simple 2 step bright and dark pixel processing code structure that detects rapid motion for every pixel.

Adaptive Detailed Enhancement Filter Algorithm – Patent pending in-frame processing algorithm that does not require previous video frames or histograms. Designed for rapidly moving source demands that are challenged with directional and/or target acquisition visibility difficulties. Delivers unparalleled video clarity with the lowest possible latency for autonomous vehicles, subsonic to hypersonic moving autonomous aircraft and missiles.

Value Proposition

ProHawk provides instantaneous visual clarity in time sensitive critical situations:

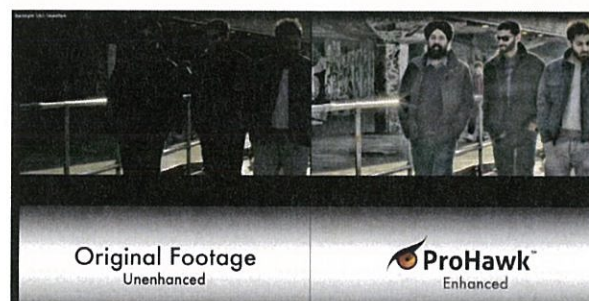
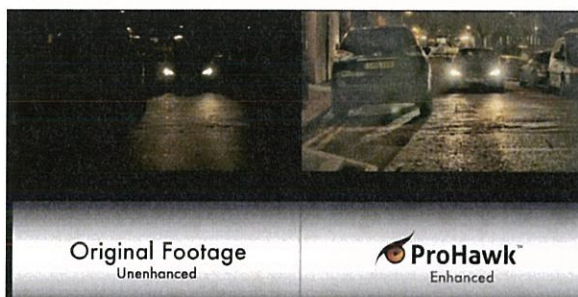
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Visibility in Degraded Visual Environments – ProHawk provides visibility in adverse lighting and challenging environments that can leave little to no actionable data with traditional video systems. ProHawk provides Instant Visual Clarity in these circumstances enables Computer Vision AI systems, IoT devices, and humans to receive the full benefit of their video systems allowing them to take proper action quickly.

Clarity in Challenging Weather Conditions – ProHawk allows AI systems, IoT devices, and end users to see clearly through extreme weather conditions that impact the visibility of camera systems. Severely compromised video quality is eliminated with ProHawks Instant Visual Clarity Technology providing users and AI Computer Vision systems with the actionable data they require.

Improve Recognition – ProHawk is a foundation technology which enables Video Analytics, IoT devices, Artificial Intelligence and Computer Vision systems to dramatically improve event detection, object recognition, 3D pose estimation, and motion estimation.

Potential Life Saving – When clear visibility is the difference between life and death, ProHawk provides the instantaneous visual clarity required to make life-saving decisions.



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Subject: Re: [FVA-List] Vintra, Veritone, Briefcam feedback - AI/facial and object recognition
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Good Afternoon:

We have Briefcam here in the unit and most recently looked at Vintra as we were expanding the units capabilities. We use Briefcam to work through large amounts of video. (the investigator module)

Listed specs and performance wise during our recent preliminary comparison, Vintra came out on top overall except that it required a hefty hardware spend for either its enterprise or cloud solution. Unlike Briefcam it serviced a wide array of codecs (Briefcam required mp4 files for its investigator module). Briefcam also seems to require almost perfect image quality to be useful for confined search parameters and obviously limited for IR video.

We have not had the opportunity to do a side by side actual comparison but will be sticking to Briefcam for now.

Regards,

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Chris not sure what you've gotten back, but I'd love to know what you learn. We had small license of Vintra, which worked ok. The issue is, because you upload the video to a server (which we had potential evidentiary issues) and because the issues with validation of Deep Learning software, we saw it as a good lead finding tool for Detectives more than a tool for analysis at this point. Maybe it'll get there, but I felt like we could be sure it found all the persons or vehicles, and some of the people it found were the leaves on a tree blowing.

One thing we have started using more for long videos is Griffeye Analyze DI. While the carver doesn't work for CCTV drives, the video tools are pretty handy. You can have it examine a section of video and in about 2 minutes (depending on the length of the video) it will spit out a time line with heat map showing when pixels change in that location. It can

also split the videos into segments and play them simultaneously meaning you can watch 6 sections of the video at the same time (hard when there is a lot of motion, but easy if you are just looking for anything in a parking garage.)

Briefcam we looked at a couple years ago, but it was at the time more for a dedicated camera and the license was a bit steep.



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Cc: LUM, Eugene <eugene.lum@vpd.ca>
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Hi friends,

Can anyone speak to the AI products Vintra FulcrumAI Investigator, Veritone aiWARE, or Briefcam?

I've already spoken to someone about Briefcam, and their review was positive.

I'm trying to solve two problems:

1. Video review: reviewing a DVR full of video takes foreveerrrrrrrr, and is a waste of human resources. I need a product/machine that reviews the video for me, and displays meaningful results that I can filter. Show me all the trucks, show me all the people, show me all the faces – etc.
2. Facial recognition: if the system finds people, I want it to compare those results with our arrest system photos. Passively, and actively – as in, show me bad people even if I'm not specifically looking for them AND show me every time "bad person A" shows up. (I choose "bad person A," and want to see every time he shows up in any video that has been processed by the system.

If you are using anything else that I may find interesting, please let me know.

I've already done extensive research and development using experimental and prototype software – and I know the above is possible because I did it. What I need, though, is a commercially available and supported application that is scalable, not in the cloud, and actually does what it says it does. On-prem is preferred for performance and Privacy Act limitations. (On-prem is waaaaaaay faster overall, if your infrastructure is speedy. Uploading to a cloud and waiting for processing is very time consuming.)

Thanks in advance to those who can share some feedback with me!

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Subject: Re: [FVA-List] Vintra, Veritone, Briefcam feedback - AI/facial and object recognition
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We have also done an in-depth demo of Vintra's Fulcrum AI. I agree that it's more of a lead development tool, however there is a time savings there over human viewing, even with the cloud-based disadvantages. There are three wait times involved with a Vintra project: the time to upload the video, the time it takes for Vintra to analyze the video you have uploaded for object identification and eventual attribute-based searches, and the time it takes to create a basic motion summary of any uploaded video.

Regarding #2 on your list, Vintra has a "known subject" function. You upload four different photos of a known subject's face and profile, and it searches for that subject in any of your project video files. In my testing, it found every instance of the subjects in the video clips. It even worked on 352x240 video where the known subject was positioned so that his face image only had a 12 pixel inter-eye distance. Finding that face in a one hour video is impressive from a face recognition perspective.

Vintra does indeed analyze a few proprietary video formats without conversion or pre-processing. I tested Click-it SmartCam XI videos from a 7-11 store along with the .264 video files generated by the current generation of NightOwl and Samsung branded DVR's. Both worked without a hitch.

A feature I actually used quite a bit was called "Video Contributor." It allows you to send an email to a person in possession of video files you need. The email contains a link for them to upload directly to your Vintra project. I used it to obtain copies of video files from our patrol deputies on the street. Vintra kindly implemented a "download original video file" function for me. Hopefully they've continued that capability.

Other vendors that incorporate face recognition with their video analytics systems that we've looked at (just demos so far) include AnyVision and Idemia.

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Chris not sure what you've gotten back, but I'd love to know what you learn. We had small license of Vintra, which worked ok. The issue is, because you upload the video to a server (which we had potential evidentiary issues) and because the issues with validation of Deep Learning software, we saw it as a good lead finding tool for Detectives more than a tool for analysis at this point. Maybe it'll get there, but I felt like we could be sure it found all the persons or vehicles, and some of the people it found were the leaves on a tree blowing.

One thing we have started using more for long videos is Griffeye Analyze DI. While the carver doesn't work for CCTV drives, the video tools are pretty handy. You can have it examine a section of video and in about 2 minutes (depending

on the length of the video) it will spit out a time line with heat map showing when pixels change in that location. It can also split the videos into segments and play them simultaneously meaning you can watch 6 sections of the video at the same time (hard when there is a lot of motion, but easy if you are just looking for anything in a parking garage.)

Briefcam we looked at a couple years ago, but it was at the time more for a dedicated camera and the license was a bit steep.



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Cc: LUM, Eugene <eugene.lum@vpd.ca>
Subject: [FVA-List] Vintra, Veritone, Briefcam feedback - AI/facial and object recognition

Hi friends,

Can anyone speak to the AI products Vintra FulcrumAI Investigator, Veritone aiWARE, or Briefcam?

I've already spoken to someone about Briefcam, and their review was positive.

I'm trying to solve two problems:

1. Video review: reviewing a DVR full of video takes foreverrrrrrr, and is a waste of human resources. I need a product/machine that reviews the video for me, and displays meaningful results that I can filter. Show me all the trucks, show me all the people, show me all the faces – etc.
2. Facial recognition: if the system finds people, I want it to compare those results with our arrest system photos. Passively, and actively – as in, show me bad people even if I'm not specifically looking for them AND show me every time "bad person A" shows up. (I choose "bad person A," and want to see every time he shows up in any video that has been processed by the system.

If you are using anything else that I may find interesting, please let me know.

I've already done extensive research and development using experimental and prototype software – and I know the above is possible because I did it. What I need, though, is a commercially available and supported application that is scalable, not in the cloud, and actually does what it says it does. On-prem is preferred for performance and Privacy Act limitations. (On-prem is waaaaaay faster overall, if your infrastructure is speedy. Uploading to a cloud and waiting for processing is very time consuming.)

Thanks in advance to those who can share some feedback with me!

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If you know of a company or individual that provides proven and competent training in either of these areas, facial recognition and voice ID, please let me know off-line. Thanks.

Jan Garvin, LEVA Executive Director, training@leva.org

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Sent: Friday, June 10, 2016 11:00 AM
To: fva-list@lists.umanitoba.ca
Subject: Re: [FVA-List] Surveillance Video: Recognition vs Identification

Let me put my head above the parapet here and say, "Ignore all the guidance"!

If you go down a CCTV Installers recommended route of:

Detection, Recognize and then Identify; you will put yourself in a corner when someone recognizes a person in a system that doesn't fit this category. Recognition quality footage of a known person is deemed as when a person fits 50% of the vertical pixels.

Recognition evidence is based on knowledge of that person. My Mother would know and recognize me on poor CCTV footage, even if it was not possible to make out facial features.

Being able to write the recognition evidence is the hardest part.

How do they know the person, for how long, latest interaction etc etc....

We all recognize people everyday, in our daily lives and on the the TV. You may see and actor in a film made 30 years ago and then certain features will enable to you to recognize that person to be the actor you saw in a recent film.

As a result of the recognition evidence, an arrest or further inquiries will be made. From that point the evidence is built up.

Identification Evidence from a person in CCTV can only be made by two people. Firstly, the person themselves, by saying, "that's me".

The second is a Judge or Jury. The weight of the evidence put before them enables them to form the opinion that beyond reasonable doubt the Person in the footage is the person stood before them.

Even when automated facial recognition systems are in use - They are not the identifiers.

To assist you further - systems where around 10% of the vertical pixels are a person should be suitable for detection of a person.

If the entire vertical pixels are taken up by 3/4 of a person (Upper legs, torso and head), then these should be suitable to identify an unknown person BUT it comes down to compression used!

The guidance I would give, rather than specifying pixel stuff, is that if an officer recognizes someone in CCTV then that viewing should be made by them self, and they should not discuss the recognition with another officer. They should document the recognition immediately and that they formed this recognition by themselves. They should then contact the requesting dept/agency.

Other guidance should be given on the presentation of images for recognition. There are a multitude of problems here and any daily google search of persons caught on camera will show you most!

Poorly created, no evidential chain or link to original! No original - the only image is a mobile phone grab of a screen!!

No Unique reference number. I have even seen images created from a merge of two people!!!! - Yes..Really!!!!

Hope that helps a little
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Sent: Fri, 10 Jun 2016 13:36
Subject: [FVA-List] Surveillance Video: Recognition vs Identification

Good Morning all,

My question is a result of an officer identifying a subject from a still photo that was of poor quality. I know I have read information somewhere about the levels of quality/resolution that would be recommended for different levels of subject recognition. I would like to have some supporting information before I approach our managers in order to provide better direction to our officers.

Is there anything official from case law or from one of our associations that spells out the different levels of surveillance video ranging from overall field of view "story telling" video down to a criteria that could provide close-up "identification" quality of a suspect in a video or still photo?

I've searched through the last few months of daily topics on the list and have not been able to find anything that has already covered the topic.

Thanks,

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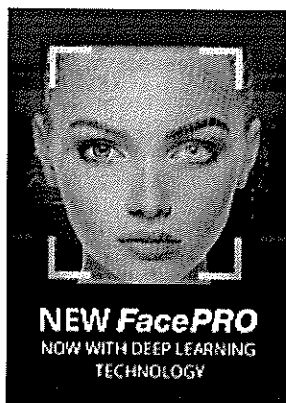
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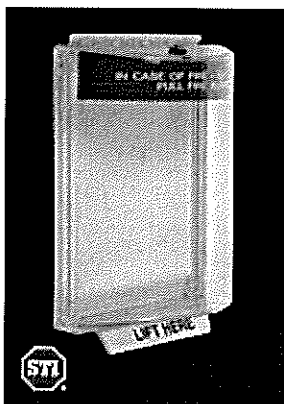
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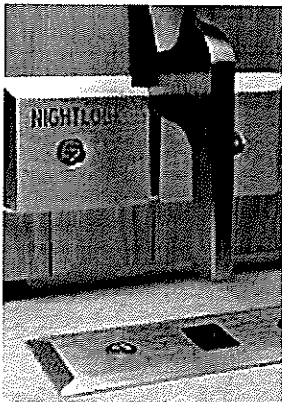
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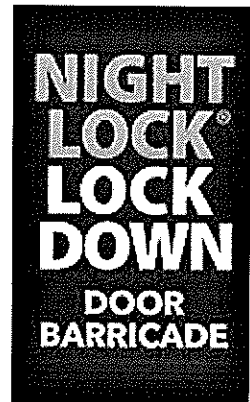
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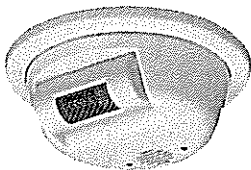
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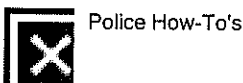


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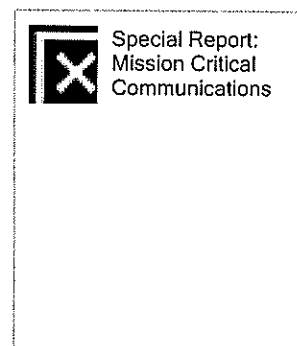
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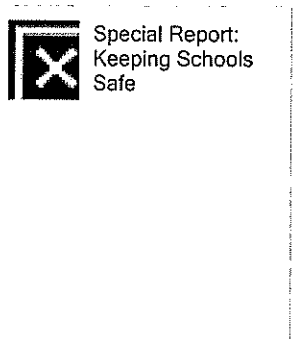
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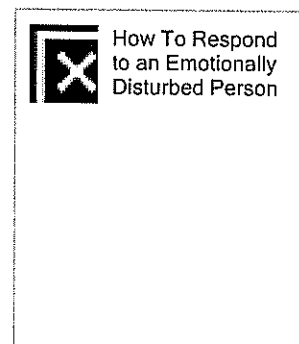
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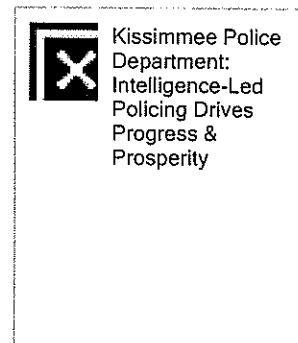
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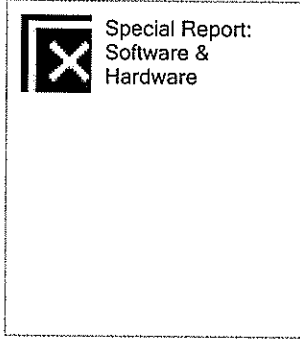
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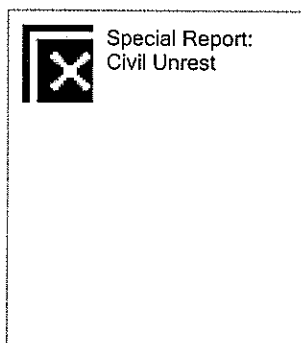
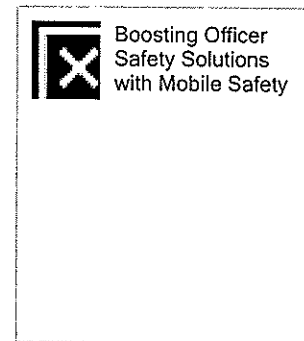
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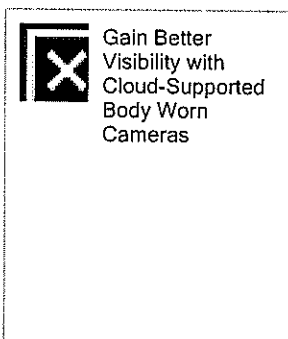
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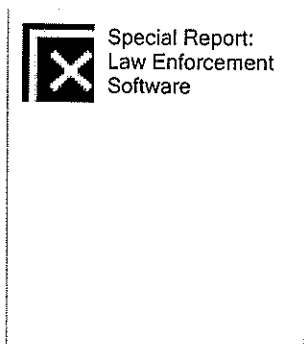
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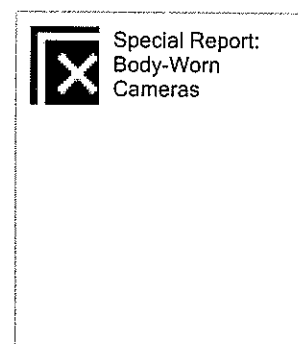
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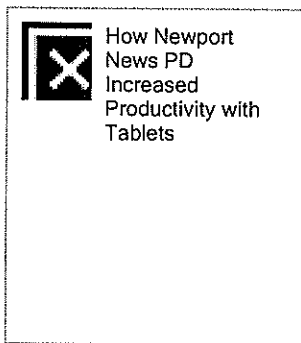
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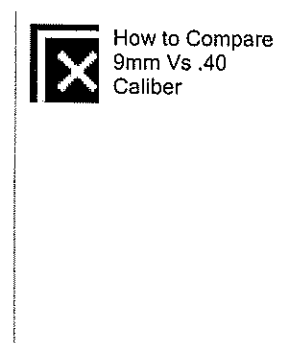
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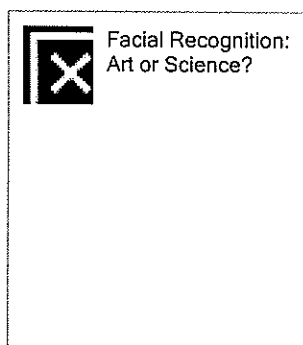
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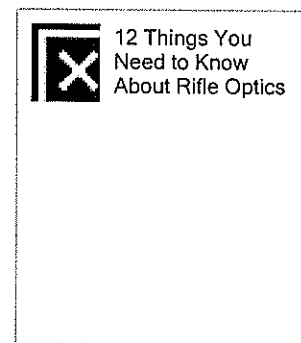
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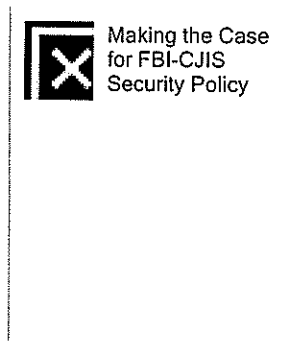
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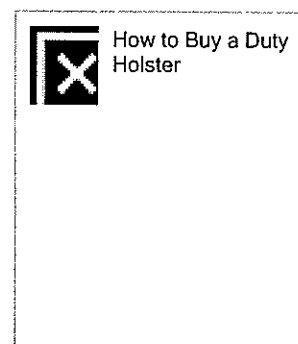
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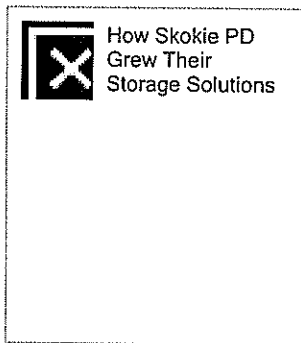


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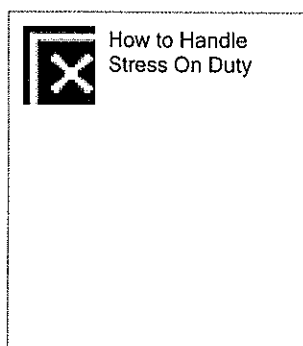
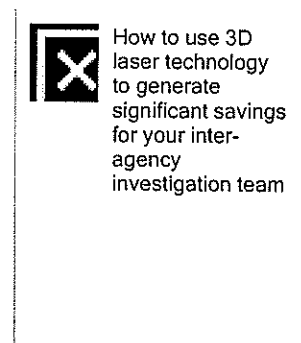
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