

**Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff**  
**Live Trac PT-10 Plus GPS Tracking Devices**  
**Annual Surveillance Report: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

**1. Description of How the Technology was Used**

Sheriff's Detectives utilize GPS tracking devices (Live Trac PT-10 Plus GPS trackers) to gather evidence during the course of criminal investigations. All deployments of the GPS trackers only occur after legal authorization from the Court is first obtained (e.g., search warrant). Consistent with its intended use, these trackers served as a way to track the movements of vehicles, cargo, and/or individuals being investigated for criminal activities.

Sheriff's Detectives did not utilize GPS tracking devices during this reporting period due to diminished staffing in the units that primarily utilize this equipment and the fact that this equipment was not needed for the types of investigations conducted.

**2. Data Sharing with Outside Entities**

No data was obtained by the use of the GPS trackers and no data was shared with outside entities during this reporting period.

**3. Community Complaints or Concerns**

Any community complaints regarding the use of the GPS trackers are routed to the Internal Affairs Lieutenant for tracking and response. There were no community complaints or concerns expressed to the Office of the Sheriff regarding GPS trackers during this reporting period.

**4. Non-Privileged Internal Audits / Policy Violations**

All Office of the Sheriff staff are provided all Surveillance Use Policies via an internal web-based portal requiring annual review and attestation of acknowledgement completion. Specialized unit supervisors are required to monitor and periodically audit the data obtained by and the use of the GPS trackers to ensure compliance with the Surveillance Use Policy and other department policies. Audits confirmed there is no data saved to the GPS tracking system and there were no violations of policy during this reporting period as the technology was not deployed.

**5. Effectiveness in Achieving its Identified Purpose**

GPS trackers provide for more effective and efficient surveillance capabilities by reducing the amount of human-resource hours as compared to the reliance of physical surveillance only. The use of GPS trackers also greatly reduces the risk to undercover detectives in dangerous locations as well as minimizing human error (e.g., detectives losing sight of the surveillance target, risking

exposing undercover personnel, etc.). Although this technology was not deployed during this reporting period, it is the position of the Office of the Sheriff that this technology is still an effective tool in achieving its identified purpose and provided valuable evidence as part of criminal investigations.

## **6. Public Records Act Requests**

The Office of the Sheriff has a procedure to track California Public Records Act (CPRA) requests where designated staff are assigned to receive and respond to each request. The Office of the Sheriff did not receive any California Public Records Act requests for GPS tracker data during this reporting period.

## **7. Annual Costs**

The Sheriff's Office pays an annual service fee for the Live Trac PT-10 Plus GPS trackers. The annual cost to maintain the service is \$3,495.