

**Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff**  
**Court Security Video Cameras**  
**Annual Surveillance Report: July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

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

The Court Security Video Camera System was used in designated areas of the court facilities in Santa Clara County to monitor public workspaces, courtrooms, public hallways, stairwell landings, the perimeter of courthouses, and inmate holding areas. There is conspicuous signage at or near the entrance of each of its Courthouses where the Court Security Video Camera System is utilized.

**2. Data Sharing with Outside Entities**

Consistent with the Board-approved Surveillance Use Policy video footage was only shared with investigating officer(s), the District Attorney's Office, Court Administration, Other law enforcement agencies as part of a specific criminal or administrative investigation; Parties in a civil litigation involving the County, in response to a subpoena or civil discovery; County Personnel Board, arbitrator, or Court regarding a county administrative action or litigation; and other third parties, pursuant to a Court Order.

The Sheriff's Office understands that the District Attorney's Office shares results with the Public Defender's Office or criminal defense attorney(s) in criminal cases in accordance with applicable California discovery law but that is not tracked by the Sheriff's Office.

**3. Community Complaints or Concerns**

Any community complaint regarding the use of the Court Security Video Camera System are routed to the Internal Affairs Lieutenant for tracking and response. During the period for this annual report, there were no community complaints or concerns expressed to the Sheriff's Court Security Division related to Court Security Video Cameras.

**4. Audits and Policy Violations**

All Sheriff's Office staff are provided all Surveillance Use Policies via an internal web-based portal requiring annual review and a completed attestation of acknowledgement. Consistent with the Surveillance Use Policy, Court Security Video Cameras were used in designated areas of the court facilities in Santa Clara County to monitor public workspaces, courtrooms, public hallways, stairwell landings, the perimeter of courthouses, and

inmate holding areas. Use of the equipment is supervised by Sheriff's personnel assigned to the Courthouses and no policy violations were observed during this reporting period. There is no evidence to suggest that this technology was used disproportionately affecting lower-income community members or community members of color.

## **5. Effectiveness at Achieving Identified Purposes**

The Court Security Video Cameras were utilized pursuant to the Board-approved Surveillance Use Policy in designated areas of the court facilities in Santa Clara County to monitor public workspaces, courtrooms, public hallways, stairwell landings, the perimeter of courthouses, and inmate holding areas. The equipment functioned as designed by providing non-invasive video surveillance of public areas. This equipment was effective in achieving its identified purpose.

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

The Court Security Video Cameras are owned by Court Administration. Between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, any California Public Records Act requests regarding Court Security Video Cameras were forwarded or directed to Court Administration. No requests were received during the reporting period.

## **7. Annual Costs**

The Court Security and Safety Surveillance Equipment is owned by the State of California. There are no associated costs for the County of Santa Clara.