

Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff
Mobile Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology
Annual Surveillance Report
July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

1. DESCRIPTION OF TECHNOLOGY

Automated license plate readers (ALPRs) use high speed cameras to photograph vehicle license plates. The Sheriff’s mobile ALPR was supplied by PIPS Technology, with only one camera placed in one law enforcement vehicle for authorized law enforcement and public safety purposes as set forth in the Surveillance Use Policy. The mobile ALPR was capable of collecting license plate information from vehicles on public roadways, property accessible to the public, or private property in instances when the patrol car equipped with the technology was thereupon for lawful purpose.

2. NOTICE OF DECOMMISSIONED TECHNOLOGY

This report is meant only for documentation, to formally note that this surveillance technology, the mobile automated license plate reader, is no longer in use by the Santa Clara County Sheriff’s Office. The technology was officially decommissioned in January of 2023, but prior to that, was not in use.

As such, for the reporting period occurring between July 1, 2022 and June 30, 2023, there was no data collected nor shared by the once previously utilized technology, nor any related complaints, concerns, audits, policy violations, public records requests, or costs.