

facial recognition use by law enforcement

False arrests and privacy concerns getting attention of state lawmakers

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In January 2020, Farmington Hills, Mich., resident Robert Williams spent 30 hours in police custody after an algorithm listed him as a potential match for a suspect in a robbery committed a year and a half earlier.

The city's police department had sent imag-

es from the security footage at the Detroit watch store to Michigan State Police to run through its facial recognition technology (FRT).

An expired driver's license photo of Williams in the state police database was a possible match, the technology said.

But Williams wasn't anywhere near the store on the day of the robbery.

Williams' case, now a settled lawsuit which was filed in 2021 by the American Civil Liberties Union and Michigan Law School's Civil Rights Litigation Initiative, was

So when police are relying on facial recognition technology as their primary investigative tool, instead of following older law enforcement practices, it's "particularly insidious" when it goes wrong.

Nate Wessler, deputy directors of the Speech, Privacy and Technology Project at the national ACLU

the first public case of wrongful arrest due to misuse of facial recognition technology (FRT) in policing.

But the case does not stand alone. Several more documented cases of false arrests due to FRT have come out of Detroit in the years following Williams' arrest, and across the country, at least seven people have been falsely

arrested after police found a potential match in the depths of FRT databases.

Williams' lawsuit was the catalyst to changing the way the Detroit Police Department may use the technology, and other wrongful arrest suits and cases are being cited in proposed legislation surrounding the technology. Though it can be hard to legislate technology that

gains popularity quickly, privacy advocates say unfettered use is a danger to everyone.

"When police rely on it, people's lives can be turned upside down," said Nate Wessler, one of the deputy directors of the Speech, Privacy and Technology Project at the national ACLU.

How are police using FRT?

Facial recognition technology has become pervasive in Americans' lives, and can be used for small, personal tasks like unlocking a phone, or in larger endeavors, like

moving thousands of people through airport security checks.

The technology is built to assess a photo, often called a probe image, against a database of public photos. It uses biometric data like eye scans, facial geometry, or distance between features to assess potential matches.

FRT software converts the data into a unique string of numbers, called a faceprint, and will present a set of ranked potential matches from its database of images.

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Suicide deaths by sex offenders leave survivors feeling they are denied justice

Maya Smith
The Kansas Reflector

LAWRENCE - A child sex abuse survivor and advocate thinks it's "more than a coincidence" that three men accused of child sex crimes died by suicide in December.

Survivors of the three men are now left without the possibility of seeing their alleged abusers held accountable for their crimes, said Kim Bergman, a survivor of

child sex abuse who has advocated for changes in state policy at the Statehouse in Topeka.

"Survivors are coming forward sooner. Perpetrators are actually having to deal with the ramifications of what they do," Bergman said. "Child sex crimes are all about power. When they've been arrested, they've lost the power, and I think sometimes their way of taking that back is putting their destiny in their own hands."

Roger Golubski, Matthew McCarthy and Brian Black killed themselves before they could stand trial for crimes including aggravated sexual abuse, rape and aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

Golubski was a former Kansas City, Ks., detective accused of underage human trafficking and civil rights violations. He was found dead at his home after failing to show up for the first day of his trial.

McCarthy attempted suicide at the Shawnee County Jail and died after being hospitalized. He was being held on crimes that included rape and aggravated indecent liberties with a child.

Black died by suicide at his Arkansas City home while out on bond after being arrested in the rape of a 16-year old, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation said in a news release.

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USD 466 Board of Education Agenda Monday, Feb. 10 • 9:00 a.m. Administration Bldg. • 704 College St.

•Comments from the public

•Recognition of persons/delegations present
1) Board representative reports
2) Administrative reports

•Financials
1) Bills payable
2) Transfers, if needed

•Consent agenda
1) Approve previous minutes

•Consider items pulled from consent agenda

New business
1) Approve 2025-26 school calendar
2) Approve investment of idle funds
3) Board work session

•Executive session
1) Non-elected personnel

•Resignations and hires

•Approve principal contracts

•Executive session
1) Negotiations

•Open discussion by board

•Adjournment

Public Notice

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Results of the Market Study Analysis Scott County Assessment Year 2025

Pursuant to K.S.A. 79-1460a

Effective Date of Market Study: January 1, 2025

Residential Property:

A study of the residential real estate market indicated that there is an overall inflationary trend of 4.5% to 7.6%.

Commercial/Industrial:

A study of the commercial/industrial real estate market indicated that there is an overall inflationary trend of 3.75% to 6.6%.

Vacant:

A study of the real estate market for vacant lots did not have enough sales to indicate a general upward or downward trend.

Values may not follow indicated trends due to current sales of similar properties, changes in the property, or correction of data. All analyses are on file in the Scott County Appraiser's Office. Real property owners will be notified of the county appraiser's estimate of value in March and the appeal period extends thirty days from the mailing date.

Kim Frodin, RMA
Scott County Appraiser

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Scott Co. LEC Report

Week of January 27-February 2 Police Department

Jan. 27: A burglary was reported at 312 Myrtle Street.

Jan. 28: A juvenile problem was reported at 103 Church Street.

Jan. 29: Officer responded to report of child in need of care (CINC).

Jan. 30: A non-injury vehicle accident occurred at 300 W. 5th Street.

Jan. 30: Jay Jeffrey Weston, 33, was arrested on a local warrant.

Feb. 1: Dylan Michael Gibson, 21, Lakin, was cited and released for driving on a license that was suspended, cancelled or revoked.

Sheriff's Department

Jan. 29: An injury vehicle accident occurred on west K96 Highway (mile marker 55).

Jan. 31: Officer responded to a juvenile problem. Investigation is ongoing.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF SCOTT COUNTY, KANSAS

Fernanda Gonzalez Aragon, plaintiff
and
Kansas Department of Revenue,
and
Trenton Cantrell

Case No. SC24CV15

Pursuant to Chapter 60 of
Kansas Statutes Annotated
NOTICE OF SUIT

To Trenton Cantrell and all other concerned persons:

You are notified that a Petition has been filed in the District Court of Scott County by Fernanada Gonzalez Aragon, Plaintiff, praying that title to property stated in the Petition be awarded to the Plaintiff and you are hereby required to plead to the Petition on or before March 19, 2025. If you fail to plead, judgment will be entered upon the Petition.

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