

Flock Reporting

The following is a collection of recent reporting, op-eds, videos, and public information on the nature of Flock as a company and the risks posed by St. Louis Park using their ALPR cameras. This list was compiled in August of 2026, and does not represent a comprehensive collection of the reporting and investigative work that has been done on Flock.

404 Media

- **From Flock to ICE, Here's a Breakdown of How You're Being Watched** — <https://www.404media.co/flock-ice-surveillance-technology-reddit-ama/>
- **Wildlife Conservation Police Are Searching Thousands of Flock Cameras for ICE** — <https://www.404media.co/floridas-wildlife-cops-are-searching-thousands-of-flock-cameras-for-ice/>
- **City Learns Flock Accessed Cameras in Children's Gymnastics Room as a Sales Pitch Demo, Renews Contract Anyway** — <https://www.404media.co/city-learns-flock-accessed-cameras-in-childrens-gymnastics-room-as-a-sales-pitch-demo-renews-contract-anyway/>
- **Flock 'Objects to Our Removing Their Equipment': Emails Reveal Why a Town Put Bags Over Its Flock Cameras** — <https://www.404media.co/flock-objects-to-our-removing-their-equipment-emails-reveal-why-a-town-put-bags-over-its-flock-cameras/>
- **Flock Leaked Cops' License Plate Searches via DuckDuckGo, Bing** — <https://www.404media.co/flock-leaked-cops-license-plate-searches-via-duckduckgo-bing/>
- **'Own the Narrative': Leaked Flock Guide Shows How It Teaches Cops to Promote Its Tech** — <https://www.404media.co/own-the-narrative-leaked-flock-guide-shows-how-it-teaches-cops-to-promote-its-tech/>
- **Cops Keep Getting Arrested for Using Flock to Stalk People** — <https://www.404media.co/cops-keep-getting-arrested-for-using-flock-to-stalk-people/>
- **LAPD Regularly Pulled Over Innocent People Because License Plate Readers Flagged Their Cars As Stolen** — <https://www.404media.co/lapd-regularly-pulled-over-innocent-people-because-license-plate-readers-flagged-their-cars-as-stolen/>
- **Cops Used Flock to Track a Man Across State Lines to Create Pretext to Search His Car for Weed** — <https://www.404media.co/cops-used-flock-to-track-a-man-across-state-lines-to-create-pretext-to-search-his-car-for-weed/>
- **Cities Are Ditching Flock, Immediately Replacing It With Axon License Plate Readers** — <https://www.404media.co/cities-are-ditching-flock-immediately-replacing-it-with-axon-license-plate-readers/>
- **The Government is Monitoring Anti-Flock TikTok and Instagram Accounts** — <https://www.404media.co/the-government-is-monitoring-anti-flock-tiktok-and-instagram-accounts/>
- **How Cops Use Flock to Track People, Not Cars** — <https://www.404media.co/how-cops-use-flock-to-track-people-not-cars/>

- **Flock's CEO Says its ALPRs Don't Do Video After Repeatedly Announcing They Can** — <https://www.404media.co/flocks-ceo-says-its-alprs-dont-do-video-after-repeatedly-announcing-they-can/>
- **Why a Flock Worker Quit: 'They Lied'** — <https://www.404media.co/why-a-flock-worker-quit-they-lied/>
- **'DO NOT MENTION ALPR USAGE': How Cops Are Trying to Hide Their Use of Flock** — <https://www.404media.co/do-not-mention-alpr-usage-how-cops-are-trying-to-hide-the-existence-of-flock/>

The Minnesota Star Tribune

- **Police searched Twin Cities license plate cameras for immigration enforcement during ICE surge** — https://www.startribune.com/police-search-immigration-twin-cities-flock-license-plate-cameras-ice-dhs-metro-surge/601807825?utm_source=gift
- **Twin Cities suburbs restrict license plate data after Star Tribune investigation** — https://www.startribune.com/twin-cities-suburbs-license-plate-cameras-immigration/601873543?utm_source=gift
 - *Steps to restrict data sharing taken by St. Louis Park are mentioned in this article. We were led to believe this type of queries wouldn't have been possible when we asked the city to do something about the danger posed by Flock in Jan/Feb/Mar/Apr. If the council hadn't been pushed on this issue, would we still be sharing data with law enforcement organizations with 287(g) agreements (Mile Lacs, County, Itasca County, etc.)*
- **Reports piling up of vandals hitting Flock cameras in Minnesota cities, 8 in Winona and 6 in Edina** — https://www.startribune.com/minnesota-man-charged-with-stealing-flock-license-plate-camera-as-similar-cases-surface-across-us/601874085?utm_source=gift
 - *An example of how distrust and fear caused by these cameras and this vendor can lead to escalating conflict and distrust between local government, police, and residents.*
- **Columbia Heights mayor: Why I said no to Flock cameras — for now** — <https://www.startribune.com/traffic-cams-mn-debate-privacy-surveillance-immigration/601858326>

MPR News

- **Winona police want to know who stole their Flock surveillance cameras** — <https://www.mprnews.org/story/2026/08/05/winona-police-stolen-flock-surveillance-cameras>

FinePrint — Independent Investigative Outlet

- **St. Louis Park's license plate cameras were pulled into nationwide immigration searches, and a Texas abortion case** — <https://www.fineprint.report/articles/st-louis-park-flock-immigration-searches>

Jalopnik

- **Flock Cameras Violate Highway Safety Standards As Well As The Fourth Amendment** — <https://www.jalopnik.com/2229647/flock-cameras-violate-highway-safety-standards/>
 - *Are our cameras installed safely?*

Gadget Review

- **Anoka County's Sheriff Signed a \$174,999 Flock Safety Contract – Exactly \$1 Under the Threshold Requiring Public Board Approval** — <https://www.gadgetreview.com/anoka-countys-sheriff-signed-a-174999-flock-safety-contract-exactly-1-under-the-threshold-requiring-public-board-approval>
 - *This is not necessarily anything we'd expect the SLPPD to do, but this story is an example of the lack of input the public often is allowed to have on the implementation of this type of technology. Extrapolate the idea to other technologies, like surveillance drones, experimental AI software, etc.*

Kare11

- **West St. Paul suspends contract with Flock Safety, starts taking down cameras** — <https://www.kare11.com/article/news/local/west-st-paul-suspends-contract-flock-safety/89-5f230761-b0ca-44fc-b829-9d5bedcc9eea>
 - *St. Louis Park is not a leader on this issue, but that also means the path forward has already been paved for us.*

ACLU

- **How to Fight Deployment of Flock and Other Mass Surveillance License Plate Readers in Your Community** — <https://www.aclu.org/news/privacy-technology/tracking-alpr-cameras/how-to-fight-deployment-of-flock-and-other-mass-surveillance-license-plate-readers-in-your-community>

Patch

- **Feds Checked These Suburbs' Flock Cameras For Immigration Cases: Report** — <https://patch.com/minnesota/woodbury/s/kj9ca/feds-checked-these-suburbs-flock-cameras-for-immigration-cases-report>

The Drive

- **How Flock Cameras Wrongly Tracked Me for Days Over 'Stolen' Plates and Sent Police After Me** — <https://www.thedrive.com/news/how-flock-cameras-wrongly-tracked-me-for-days-over-stolen-plates-and-sent-police-after-me>
 - *This took place in Plymouth, MN, a Police jurisdiction we share ALPR data with.*

Facebook

- **Statement by Burnsville City Council member Cara Schulz on why Burnsville did not move forward with Flock Cameras** — https://www.facebook.com/groups/437373810134078/permalink/2263587487512692/?mibextid=wwXIfr&rdid=Aghq7MHV5WzFjlaN&share_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fshare%2Fp%2F1CUysLMuWD%2F%3Fmibextid%3DwwXIfr#

Washington Post – Paywall

- **How Rogue Officers Turned a Nationwide Camera Network Into a Tool for Stalking** — <https://www.washingtonpost.com/technology/2026/08/02/how-police-officers-used-vast-network-cameras-spy-their-exes/>

CBS

- **Privacy groups raise red flags over police misuse of Flock cameras** —
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7eLwj5qD0M>

Benn Jordan – YouTuber

- **Benn Jordan, Musician, Scientist, and YouTuber on Flock Safety Cameras, Privacy & Surveillance** — <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vUbKQ7xiXus>
- **Breaking The Creepy AI in Police Cameras** —
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pp9MwZkHiMQ>
- **We Hacked Flock Safety Cameras in under 30 Seconds.** —
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uB0gr7Fh6lY>
- **This Flock Camera Leak is like Netflix For Stalkers** —
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vU1-uiUIHTo>
- **How exactly does remotely spying on kids practicing gymnastics make them safer?** —
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YwVBsFD7v84>

FlockOffMN.org

- **Map of Flock Cameras in the Metro Area** — <https://flockoffmn.org/>
 - *This provides insight into size and scope of the mass surveillance network that has been created with Flock ALPRs in the Twin Cities area. Even with current restrictions, our and other police departments have access to most, if not all, of this data.*