



EAST PALO ALTO POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: Chief Liu
From: Investigator Peardon
Re: Monthly Flock audit
Date: February 1, 2026

I conducted the January 2026 audit of the Flock System per East Palo Alto Police Department Policy 428. The audit is from January 1st through January 31st. The Flock system captured 3,983,750 license plates during this month. During the audit period East Palo Alto Officers conducted 1,140 searches. All of these searches were made within policy with valid cases numbers and/or reasons for the search.

As of today's date, we have all 25 cameras live.

I audited the agencies that we share our data with and confirmed they are all California agencies and follow the California Values Act (SB 54.)

East Palo Alto Flock cameras notable activity:

- 1) January 6, 2026 – A traffic stop was attempted on a vehicle. The driver fled at a high rate of speed, and the officer discounted the pursuit. Flock was utilized to positively identify the vehicle. Officers conducted follow-up and learned the owner of the vehicle was wanted for felony domestic violence out of Foster City Police. On January 8, 2026, Flock alerted East Palo Alto Officers that the suspect vehicle was at the Home Depot. Officers contacted the driver and positively identified him as the suspect in the Foster City case. Foster City was contacted and arrested the driver.
- 2) January 9, 2026 – Flock alerted officers of a wanted vehicle enter the city. Officers located the vehicle and contacted the driver. The vehicle was impounded per the originating agency.
- 3) January 15, 2026 – A suspect shoplifted from Nordstrom Rack and fled in a vehicle. Flock was utilized to obtain the license plate number. The vehicle was located, the suspect arrested, and the property returned to Nordstrom.
- 4) January 16, 2026 – East Palo Alto Officers were dispatched to a hit and run, which had just occurred. Officers inputted the suspect vehicle license plate into Flock. Flock alerted that the vehicle was University Ave. Officers located the suspect vehicle and arrested the driver.



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- 5) January 22, 2026, East Palo Alto Officers were dispatched to a domestic violence / robbery incident. Officers learned that the suspect fled the scene prior to their arrival. Officers learned that the suspect had fled in a vehicle and knew the license plate number. A warrant was obtained for the suspects arrest, and a be on the look-out was sent out to surrounding agencies. The San Mateo County Sheriff's Office utilized Flock to locate the suspect vehicle and arrested the suspect.

Armed Robbery Spree

From December 26, 2025, through January 12, 2026, the East Palo Alto Police Department investigated (1) armed robbery, (2) armed car jackings, (2) stolen vehicles, and an attempted stolen vehicle. Flock was utilized as a critical tool that linked all the crimes to the same suspects, resulting in several arrests and the stolen vehicles returned to their owners.

On December 26, 2025, East Palo Alto Officers investigated a stolen vehicle report. Officers utilized Flock and immediately began monitoring the movements of the stolen vehicle. The stolen vehicle entered the City of San Bruno and police there were able to locate the vehicle unoccupied. San Bruno police surveilled the vehicle and later observed two suspects return and enter to the vehicle. San Bruno police then attempted to conduct an enforcement stop, however, the driver purposely rammed their patrol vehicle and fled from pursuing officers. The vehicle was eventually stopped in South San Francisco, and two suspects were arrested.

On December 28, 2025, East Palo Alto Officers were dispatched to a robbery that had just occurred on Fordham St. The victim provided a vehicle description, and within a few minutes later, Palo Alto Police reported an armed robbery involving the same suspect vehicle. A short time later, Palo Alto Police located the vehicle as it was entering back into the City of East Palo Alto resulting in a pursuit where the vehicle ultimately crashed. One suspect was taken into custody at the scene. In the subsequent investigation, Flock was utilized to place the suspect vehicle in East Palo Alto at the time of our robbery. Following the arrest, detectives from both the City of Palo Alto, and East Palo Alto, were able to identify two additional suspects in the robbery spree.



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On January 10, 2026, East Palo Alto Officers were dispatched to a stolen vehicle report, which was entered into the police data base. The stolen vehicle soon began hitting on Flock cameras throughout the greater Bay Area. The stolen vehicle then returned to Redwood City, alerting the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office, via Flock, of its recent location. A Deputy investigating the alert, subsequently located the vehicle, still occupied. When the deputy attempted an enforcement stop, the vehicle fled, and a pursuit was initiated. The suspect was eventually arrested after attempting to flee on foot.

On January 11, 2026, East Palo Alto Officers were dispatched to an attempted auto theft, and an in-progress carjacking. When the victim drove into the area, he observed two suspects attempting to steal a vehicle. When he confronted them, at least one of the suspects brandished a firearm and stole his vehicle instead.

East Palo Alto officers began canvassing the area, when they were dispatched to a second armed carjacking. The victim in the second case reported the same suspect descriptions and added that the suspects were armed with a handgun. Both vehicles were entered into the stolen vehicle system, and Flock was monitored for any activations on either vehicle.

On January 12, 2026, the second carjacked vehicle alerted on Flock in the Redwood City area. Both the Menlo Park Police Department, and the San Mateo County Sheriff's Office began looking for the vehicle, which was later located unoccupied. The Sheriff's Office located a person of interest near the scene and detained that person. East Palo Alto detectives then responded and took over the investigation.

East Palo Alto detectives used several investigation tools, including Flock, and were able to link all these violent crimes and suspects together. Several suspects have been arrested and the investigation continues.

Flock was a central and critical tool in tracking the stolen vehicles throughout the Bay Area, and subsequently alerting officers in real-time as to current locations of the wanted suspect(s) and vehicles. Further, without the use of Flock, it is doubtful these suspects would have been linked to an actual armed crime spree.