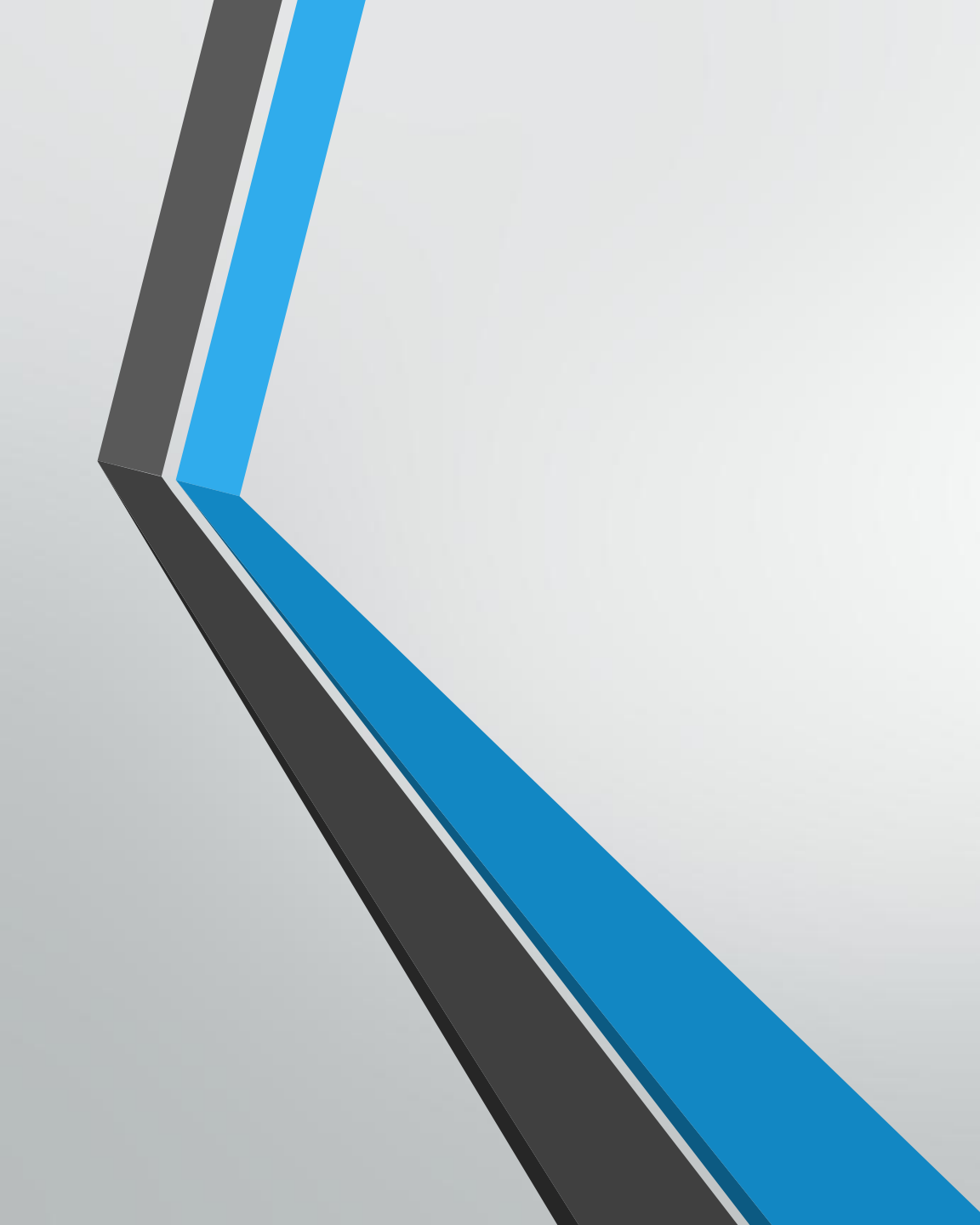




Flock Safety

Chief Robert Houghton

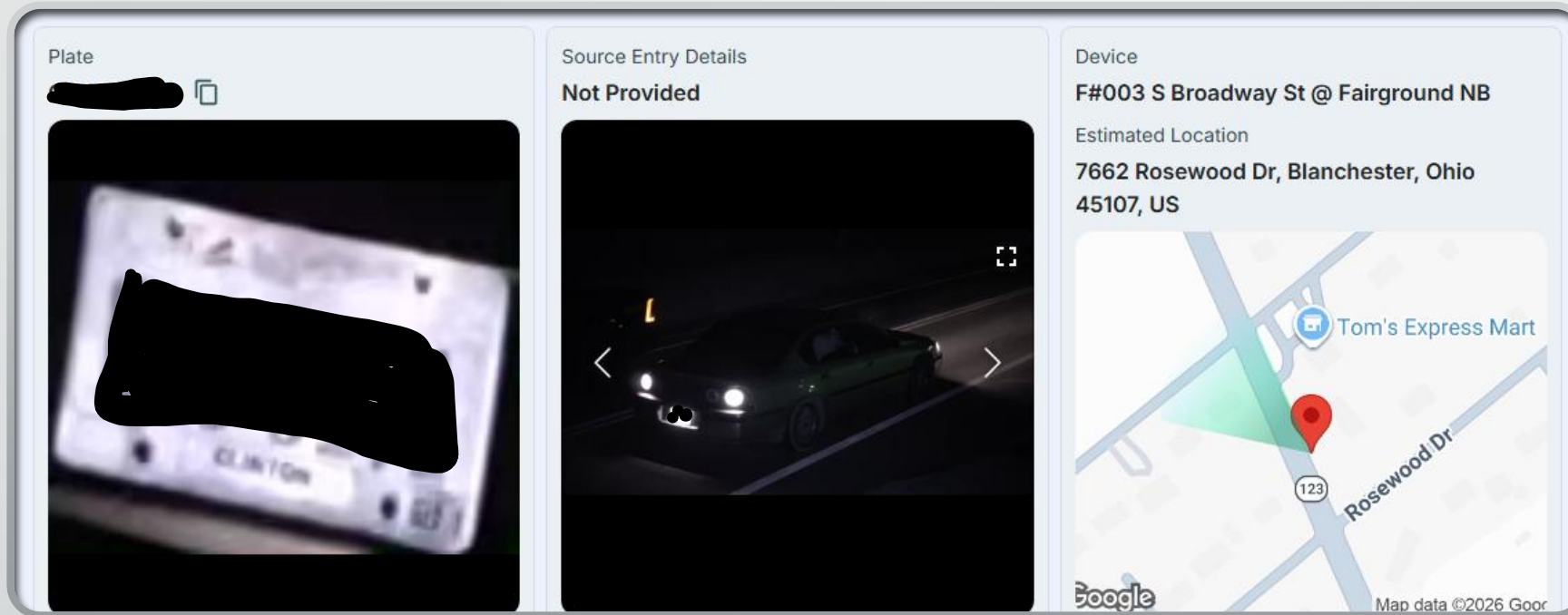


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Flock Cameras

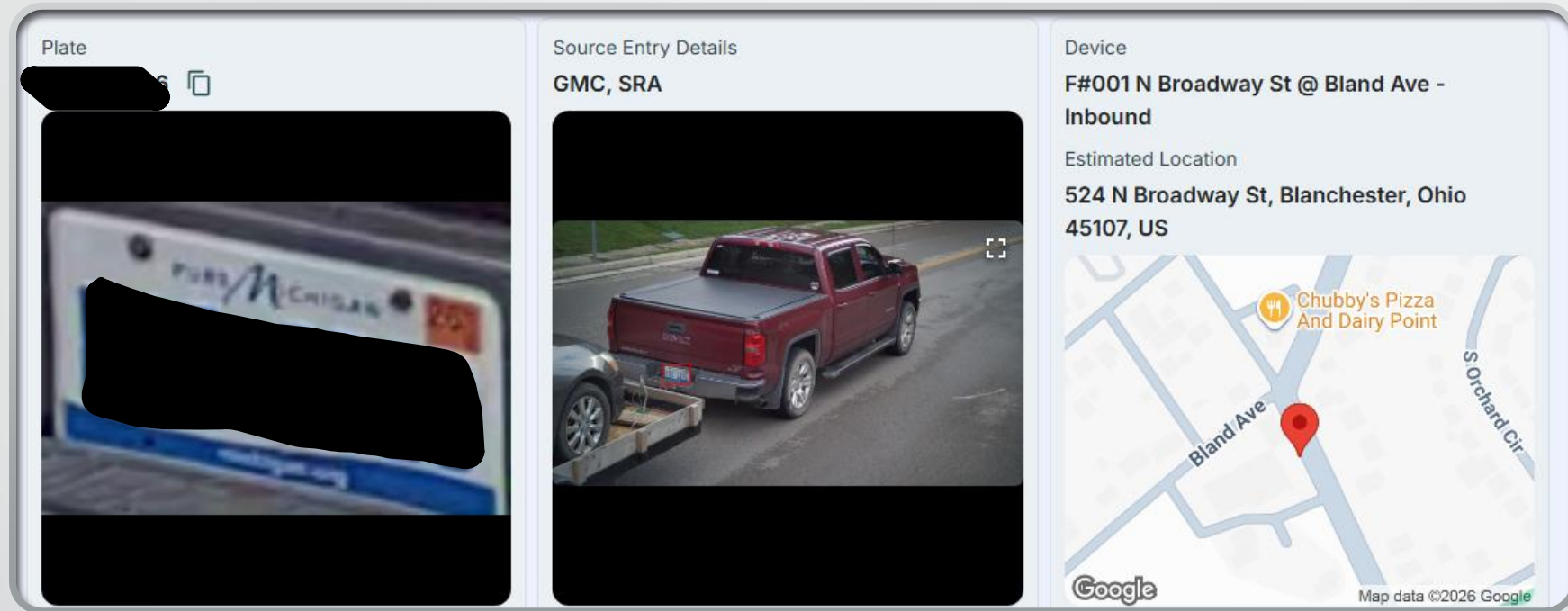
Flock camera LPRs (pictured) are an investigative tool to be used by Law enforcement for investigative purposes only. They do not video record, they do not look at people/have facial recognition, they cannot be viewed "live," and do not have any type of PTZ capabilities.

What Do Flock LPRs See?



Flock safety cameras take a still image of the vehicle as it passes, paying special attention to the license plate. This creates two images- one of the vehicle, and one up close photo of the license plate.

The above image is from an **alert** received because of a warrant. Had the owner not had a warrant, the only way an officer would see this information is if they conducted a search for this license plate or a vehicle matching this description (example: green sedan, Chevrolet sedan, etc). When conducting a search, an officer **must** put a reason, and a report # (when available).



What Do Flock Cameras See?

Flock cameras do not see inside your vehicle, they do not photograph the driver, or tell us anything about what is going on inside your vehicle. They show the officer the image pictured above IF and only if there is an alert placed on that vehicle (entered due to warrant, missing person, stolen vehicle, etc). Flock cameras see what an officer, or citizen, would see if driving behind a vehicle.

The above image is another warrant alert.

Flock LPRs



Our Flock LPRs **do not** have the capability to be viewed live, and you cannot pan, tilt, or zoom. They do not record video or audio, either.

You can “view latest images” at any LPR camera, which consists of only a few of the last vehicles to pass the camera. Screenshots showing what this looks like are above, and were taken when we knew Chief was standing within view of the camera. His photo was only taken because a vehicle passed by.

Flock Does Not Give Alerts on All Vehicles

Hotlist Name	Protection Order
Reason	Protection Order- Subject's Vehicle. Protected Party reported that he has been following her to work in this vehicle.
Notes	No notes
Hotlist Owner	Kristen Jeffers kjeffers@blanchesterpd.org

Flock only alerts to vehicles that are entered as stolen, associated with a missing person, or the owner as a warrant (examples on previous slides). All information from Flock must be verified by the officer prior to taking action.

Another way alerts are generated are from a local hot list when a vehicle isn't (or doesn't meet requirements to be) entered into LEADS. An example for an entry (viewable only by Blanchester officers) flagged in the system as seen above for a protection order violation, where an arrest warrant was pending.

You have 13 cameras-False!

- “The Picard is essentially the computer box or the “brain” of the camera. It’s not a second or separate camera-it’s simply a component of the camera system. That’s the easiest way to think about it & explain it”.
- “The main reason we have the Picard and camera separated in the system is for engineering and maintenance purposes. If a camera goes down or requires maintenance, separating the components allows our field technician teams & engineering teams to troubleshoot and perform maintenance more easily”.

Flock Products in Blanchester

- The Village of Blanchester has 5 LPR's (License Plate Reader).
- We also have one PTZ (Pan, Tilt, Zoom) camera mounted over the green space.
- There is one fixed camera with a general view of the front of the middle school, which shows the parking lot.
- With two cameras, one officer may sit in his cruiser at a location and monitor two other locations. Should we view an armed suspect heading toward the school, we get a head start on things.
- There are not 13 cameras- there are 7.

Fixed School Camera



This is what the officer sees, it does not move, it does not record sound, It does not zoom or rotate.

It is also not the best location and subject to being moved.

08/11/2026 14:56:41

This is a still shot from the fixed camera at the schools. Whether viewing live, or viewing recorded footage, you cannot zoom, tilt, or pan.



0:43 / 1:19



Flock Safety

08/11/2026 14:55:58



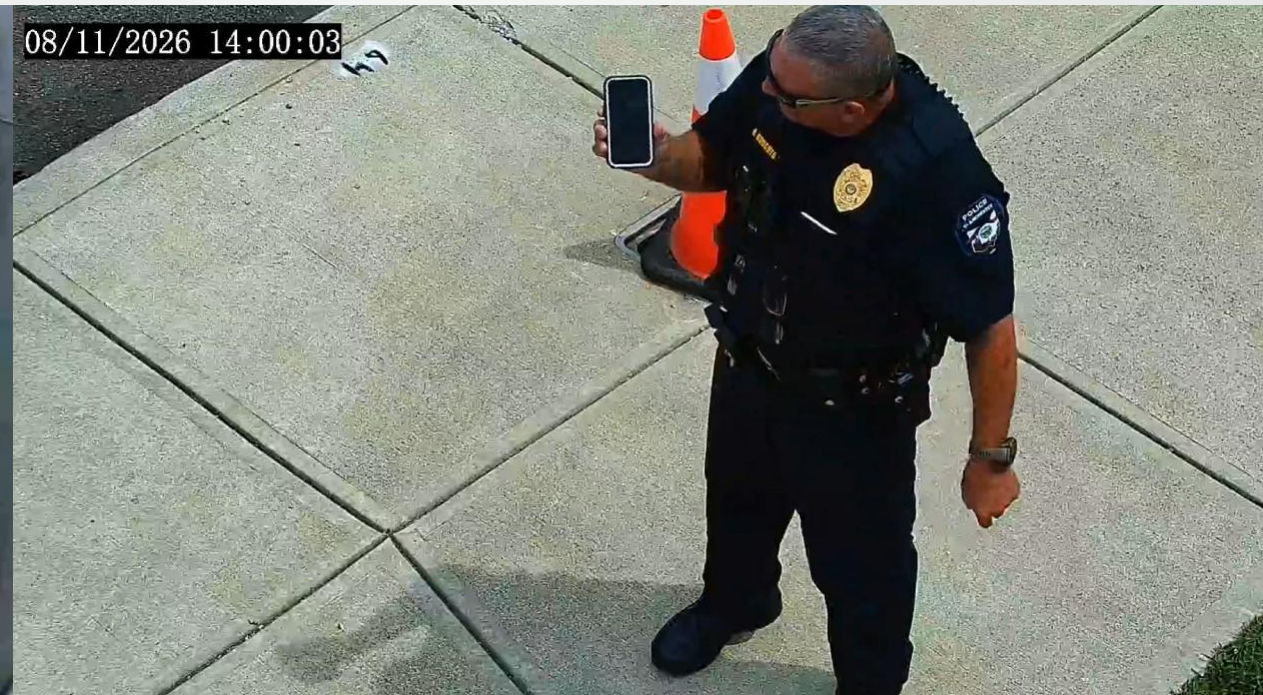
Downtown Camera



This camera is PTZ (it can pan, tilt, and zoom). It is not recording conversations or sound, and it is not reading your text messages. There is an auto setting that will rotate every 5 minutes (90 degrees), and goes from this view, North on Broadway, West on Main, and East on Main. It has been useful and helped ID a suspect on a stolen motorcycle.

The PTZ features are only available in “live” view, not while viewing recorded video after the fact.

The PTZ Camera Downtown



This camera can pan, tilt, and zoom, **but only in live view**. These screenshots are while watching live, which allowed the PTZ feature. Had this been viewed after the fact, we would not be able to pan, tilt, or zoom.

How has Flock Helped Locally?

AARON REUSS

Number

A857744

DOB

08/07/1975

Gender

Male

Race

White

Admission Date

05/13/2026

Institution

Noble Correctional Institution

Status

INCARCERATED



Victim Definition

Ohio Revised Code

Good Time & Earned Credit

Felony Sentencing Ranges

Decimal to Month Conversion

Offense Information

POSS. OF DRUGS

Counts: 1

ORC: 2925.11 5

Victim Info

Effective Sentence Date: 05/13/2026

Jail Time Credit: 0

SB201 Max Yrs: 3.00

SB201 Mand Min Yrs: 2.00

Committing County: Clinton

Docket Number: CRI20255223

Next Offense: Consecutive

Degree of Felony: Second

Judge Name: ANDREW T MCCOY

FAIL TO COMPLY

Counts: 1

ORC: 2921.331 5

Victim Info

On September 14, 2025, officers received a Flock alert for a warrant- Aaron Reuss had warrants related to drugs in a neighboring county. When officers tried to stop the vehicle, the driver (Reuss) fled. The pursuit ended when Reuss crashed– inside the truck was **182 grams** of methamphetamine that would have, otherwise, been sold in our community and surrounding communities.

How Flock is a Helpful Investigative Tool

- ▶ 25 suspects in 72 burglaries across 12 states since January 2024
- ▶ From Nov. 2025 - Feb. 2026, recovered 29 lbs. of pharmaceuticals

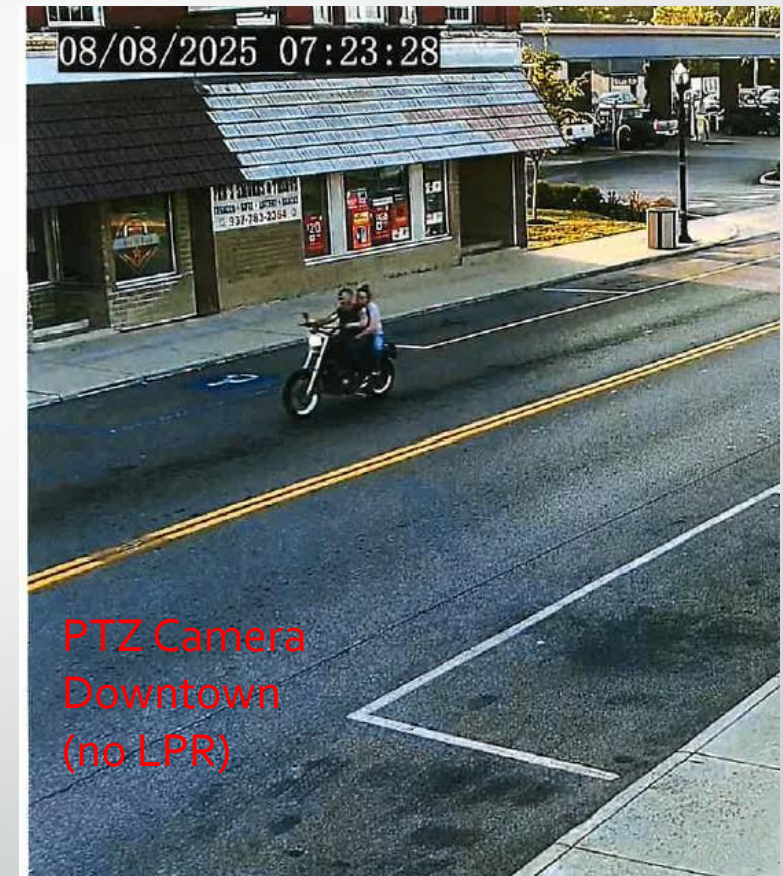
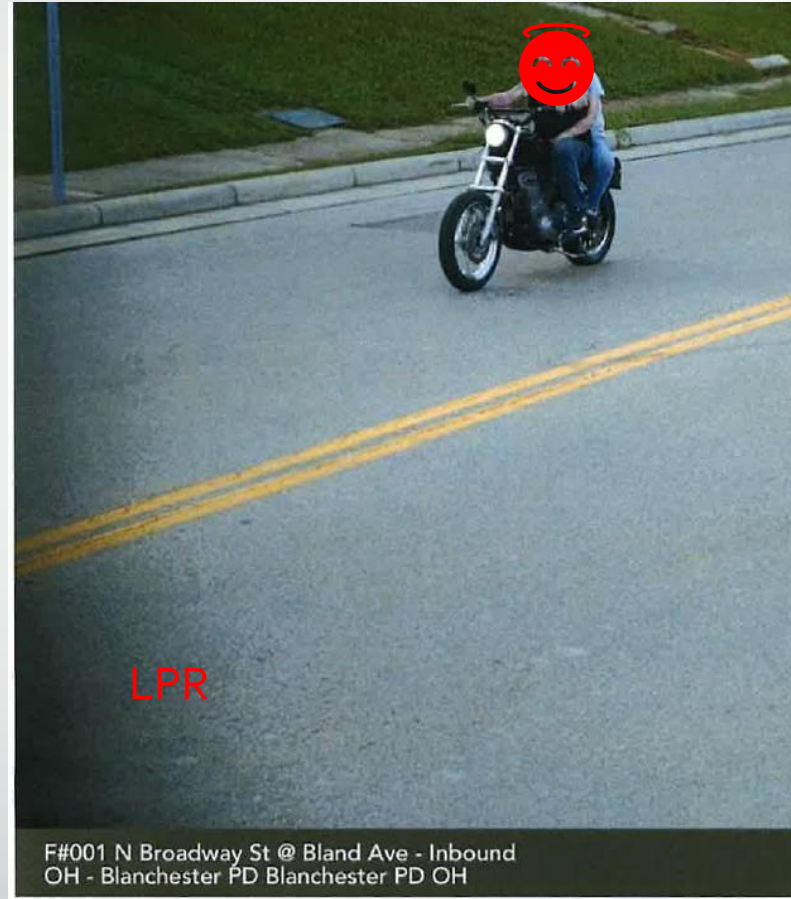
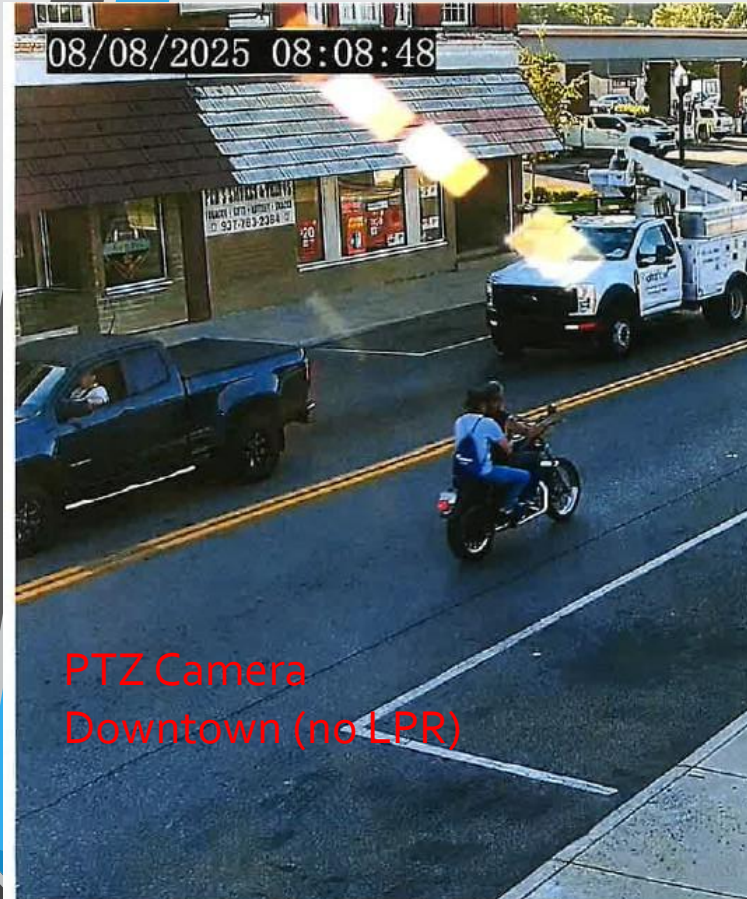


In July 2024, a Blanchester officer was dispatched to Barr's Pharmacy for a burglar alarm activation. Upon arrival, the back door was open with a busted window. Flock added in linking our local break-in with other break-ins, which led to a very large investigation involving several agencies, including the DEA.

Despite the suspects' vehicle having no plate on it during our break-ins, the vehicle (a rental) was able to be tracked via Flock (by searching Blue Toyota, and looking for the matching rims, etc), and ultimately the license plate being located. The license plate in this case helped lead to the suspects.

**we did not have Flock at this time, but other investigating agencies did. This investigation is still ongoing, with several more suspects with warrants.*

Flock and Stolen Vehicles



In this case, our Flock cameras not only helped us identify the person in possession of a stolen motorcycle, but also later identified the driver of the motorcycle after a pursuit with a Blanchester officer. The motorcycle drove down the railroad tracks while fleeing. Without Flock, the driver would not have been identified, and the stolen motorcycle would not have been recovered and returned to its owner.

Flock Used to Track/Locate Missing Endangered Person

Flock Safety

Report ID: 06a7a199-caff-7c74-8000-0fd0a226207a
Date Created: 8/10/2026, 3:02 PM EDT

Investigative Summary

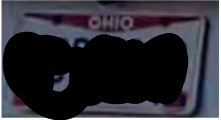
License Plate Detection

Organization name
OH - Blanchester PD

Created by
Kristen Jeffers

Date created
August 10, 2026

Offense type
Missing/Endangered Person/
Runaway



License Plate Detection Details

License plate	[REDACTED]
Body, make, color	SUV-Ford-White
Local date/time captured	August 10, 2026, 2:33:55 PM EDT
Organization name	OH - Blanchester PD
Search reason	missing person-endangered
Case number	
Device name	#02 N High @ Leininger SB
Device type	LPR
Device location	39.04408749086067, -83.92177312724657

missing/endangered

My List

Filter

Search by plate, topic, or case number

Plate	State	Topic	Case	Expires	Status
[REDACTED]	Ohio	Missing-Endangered	26-167	10/08/2026	Expired

Above is what an entry looks like under a hot list alert. What is pictured is for missing/endangered, with this case being the only one we've had to enter (must have a plate #). At this time, there are no active hot list entries, as they are generally used in the time from report until the vehicle is entered into LEADS/NCIC.

Entry: C [REDACTED] Expired

Overview

Media

Comments

Agency Name

OH - Blanchester PD

Hotlist Name

missing/endangered

Reason

Missing-Endangered

Notes

No notes

Hotlist Owner

Kristen Jeffers
kjeffers@blanchesterpd.org

Plate Created By

Kristen Jeffers
kjeffers@blanchesterpd.org

Case

26-167

Date Added

10/08/2026

Expires

10/08/2026

Renew

Edit

On August 10, 2026, officers received a 911 call for an elderly male with severe dementia that left in a vehicle while his wife was outside. While an officer responded, another officer created an alert on Flock for the license plate (info confirmed by the wife), as well as a search for the license plate. Since we can search other nearby agency's cameras (and vice versa), the other officer was able to see that the vehicle the male was driving was captured by a LPR in Mt. Orab 30 minutes prior to the report. Officers contacted Mt. Orab PD to check a nearby lake, as the male had been talking about wanting to go fishing. The vehicle was then captured coming back into the village, heading home. The male was located safe at home, and the alert was forced to expire.

When the search was completed, due to the urgency, a report number was not added. When the alert was created, a report was able to be created, and therefore, listed in the alert.

Why Did Flock Work For This Missing Person, But Not Others?

In this case with the endangered missing person (elderly male with dementia/altered mental state), we were provided with the license plate of the vehicle, and we were able to search Flock for the plate. We created an alert for the license plate, and when dispatch entered the license plate, if it passed a Flock LPR, we (officers as well as dispatch) would get an alert of the location.

If a missing person or runaway juvenile has a vehicle registered to them, or the vehicle information (license plate number) is known, that information would be entered into LEADS/NCIC, and therefore, if it passed a Flock LPR, the agency would receive an alert.

AMBER Alerts can only be issued if a license plate number is known– we (officers and dispatch) receive alerts from Flock for AMBER Alerts as well.

Preventing Misuse of the Flock System



Policy Violations = Discipline, up to and including termination

434.5 ACCOUNTABILITY AND SAFEGUARDS

All saved data will be closely safeguarded and protected by both procedural and technological means. The Blanchester Police Department will observe the following safeguards regarding access to and use of stored data:

All non-law enforcement requests for access to stored ALPR data shall be referred to the Police Clerk and processed in accordance with applicable law.

All ALPR data downloaded to the mobile workstation and server shall be accessible only through a login/password-protected system capable of documenting all access of information by name, date and time.

Persons approved to access ALPR data under these guidelines are permitted to access the data for legitimate law enforcement purposes only, such as when the data relate to a specific criminal investigation or department-related civil or administrative action.

Such ALPR data may be released to other authorized and verified law enforcement officials and agencies at any time for legitimate law enforcement purposes.

ALPR system audits should be conducted on a regular basis. Audits to be conducted by the Chief of Police or a Patrol Sergeant at least on a quarterly basis and regular inspection of records is encouraged. Flock camera administration also provides audits and will notify supervisors of frequently entered license plates to trigger an internal review of the use of Flock cameras by a particular officer.

The future of Flock?

- The answer for Blanchester is that Flock is very expensive. We had the funds to start it and did not receive the amount of federal grant monies that we had hoped for. We received almost \$10,000. Unless something drastically changes with Flock pricing I do not see continuing with this technology at this time. Our contract ends in April of 2027.