

AUTOMATIC LICENSE PLATE READER PROGRAM

Riverside Police Department

Community Police Review Commission January 25, 2023

OVERVIEW

- 1. History of the Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) program.
- 2. Basic background on how the ALPR technology works.
- 3. Stories on the usage of the ALPR technology.
- 4. Questions.



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BACKGROUND

- 1. ALPR program began in 2011
 - Purpose was to assist with issues of Grand Theft Auto (GTA)
 - GTAs in 2010 was approximately 1,461 (121 / month)*
 - Through analysis, patrol vehicles outfitted with the ALPR system would drive high GTA activity areas.
- 2. Since then, the ALPR program has expanded to include information gathering on two fronts: Proactive and Reactive.
 - Proactive sex offender hot list, repeat DUI offenders, terrorisms, hot plates.
 - Reactive any cases where a license plate is available (i.e. The Boston Marathon Bombing, San Bernardino Shooting).







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FELON ARRESTED IN SHOOTING INVESTIGATION

On Friday, August 7, 2020, at approximately 9:49 a.m., officers responded to a call of a shooting from a vehicle that just occurred in the 3200 block of Fairmount Boulevard. A witness identified the vehicle used as a newer blue Honda SUV driven by a male suspect and was able to provide a license plate. Officers ran the license plate which returned to a 2019 Honda Pilot registered in Riverside, and also able to obtain a secondary address with the assistance of the Crime Analysis unit. Our Air Support Unit was above the secondary location within minutes and located the blue Honda Pilot parked in front of a residence on the 5500 block of Ensenada way. As officers were arriving, the aircrew saw a male leave the house and get into the suspect vehicle and drive away. Officers stopped him a short distance away and he was safely detained.

This driver was positively identified as the shooter. He was also discovered to be on active probation, Post Release Community Supervision, and residing at a sober living house at this location. During a search of the house, officers found a semi-automatic handgun, high capacity magazine, and numerous ammunition.

Anthony Brooks, 35-years-old of Riverside, was arrested and later booked into jail for negligent discharge of a firearm, felon in possession of a firearm and high capacity magazine, and violations of both probation and Post Release Community Supervision.





- 1. Victim was carjacked at gunpoint.
- 2. Officer got the plate and ran it through ALPR systems.
- 3. Officers saw that the vehicle was scanned traveling eastbound.
- 4. Vehicle was eventually located in another jurisdiction via the ALPR system.
- 5. Information was shared with the other agency, and they took over the search for the vehicle and made an arrest and recovered vehicle.



QUESTIONS





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