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RE: Report on Maryland Department of State Police Use or contracting for the use of Facial Recognition Technology MSAR#157773

In accordance with Criminal Procedure Article, Section 2-510 (SB182 of 2024), the Maryland Department of State Police (MDSP), submits to you the report on the Department's use or contracting for the use of facial recognition technology:

(1) The name of each facial recognition system and the names and a description of the databases searched.

By policy, the MDSP forwards requests for Facial Recognition to the Criminal Intelligence Section which is housed at the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center. Neither the MDSP or MCAC contract for the use of any Facial Recognition Technology. MDSP and MCAC use the COGENT Facial Recognition System provided by the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services. The system contains MVA photos, as well as photos of arrests in Maryland by federal, state and local agencies.

(2) For each facial recognition system, the total number of facial recognition searches performed by the MDSP and the type of crime or incident associated with each use.

The MDSP requested Facial Recognition a total of thirty-six (36) times during 2024. The breakdown is as follows:

Larceny	Assault	Fraud	Fraud
Larceny	Larceny	Assault	Fraud
Theft	Assault	Larceny	Homicide
Crim Trespass	Assault	Burglary	Fraud
Burglary	Burglary	Assault	Fraud
Larceny	Larceny	Larceny	Stolen Property
Fraud	Narcotics Vio	Weapons Vio	Fraud
Larceny	Narcotics Vio	Stolen Property	Dest of Prop
Fraud	Robbery	Felony Traffic	Fraud

(3) The total number of possible matches returned that led to further investigative action for each facial recognition system and for each database searched including the age, race, and gender of Individuals connected to the possible matches returned, if the information is available from the government records searched.

Of 36 searches for the MDSP, seven possible matches were returned that resulted in further investigation. The age, race and gender of individuals is as follows:

Type of Crime	Race	Gender	Age
Trespassing	U	M	23
Burglary	W	F	35
Burglary	W	M	31
Larceny	B	M	31
Narcotics Violation	W	M	48
Fraud	B	M	38
Larceny	B	M	27

(4) Any data breaches or unauthorized uses of facial recognition technology under the MDSP's control.

There were no unauthorized uses of facial recognition.

Respectfully:



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