



Automated License Plate Reader Successes

Automated license plate reader technology is one of many investigative tools used by the Naperville Police Department to help locate missing and endangered people, identify vehicles associated with criminal activity, recover stolen property, apprehend wanted individuals, and develop leads in complex investigations.

The following is a selection, not a complete list, of successful uses of this technology by the Naperville Police Department.

Distraction Theft Investigation

After a victim reported a distraction theft involving the loss of valuable jewelry, investigators used license plate reader technology to locate a vehicle associated with the incident. Information about the vehicle was shared with regional law enforcement partners. Approximately 10 days later, another police agency located and stopped the vehicle, allowing investigators to identify the individuals associated with it and seize the vehicle as part of the ongoing investigation.

Endangered Missing Person Located

License plate reader technology assisted officers searching for an endangered missing person. The individual was located, helping bring the search to a safe conclusion.

At-Risk Missing Adult Located

License plate reader technology provided information that assisted officers searching for an at-risk missing adult. The technology helped officers locate the individual and safely resolve the incident.

Jewelry Theft Suspects Arrested

Investigators were investigating a series of jewelry thefts totaling approximately \$50,000. License plate reader technology helped investigators identify a common vehicle near the crime scenes. Officers in another community subsequently located the vehicle and arrested two individuals associated with the thefts.

Three Suspects Linked to Multiple Residential Burglaries

Detectives were investigating a residential burglary in Naperville where little identifying evidence was initially available. About a week later, surveillance video from a similar burglary in another community captured a possible suspect vehicle. Investigators used license plate reader technology to identify the vehicle and determined that it had also been near the Naperville victim's home at the time of the earlier burglary. That information supported additional investigative steps and ultimately led to the identification and arrest of three individuals believed to be responsible for more than 10 residential burglaries.

\$1,300+ Retail Theft Investigation

Following the theft of more than \$1,000 in merchandise from a Naperville retailer, investigators combined license plate reader information with city-owned cameras to identify the vehicle

associated with the offense. The investigation ultimately resulted in two suspects being charged with felony retail theft, and the vehicle associated with the offense was seized.

Stolen Vehicle Arrest

A license plate reader alert helped officers locate a stolen motor vehicle. The investigation resulted in an arrest for possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

Criminal Damage Suspect Identified

After a vehicle was damaged with a landscaping brick, privately owned video captured an image of a possible suspect vehicle. Investigators used license plate reader technology to identify the vehicle and its registered owner. That information ultimately helped investigators identify the person responsible and resolve the case.

Construction-Site Burglaries Solved (

Investigators working a commercial burglary at a construction site used license plate reader information showing a suspect vehicle entering and leaving Naperville during the timeframe of a previous burglary at the same location. When confronted with the investigative evidence, the suspect admitted involvement in the case as well as an additional previously unsolved burglary.

Work Equipment Stolen; Felony Arrest

Investigators working a burglary to a motor vehicle in which approximately \$10,500 in work equipment was stolen developed information about a possible suspect vehicle. License plate reader data confirmed that the vehicle was in the area at the time of the offense. That information supported additional investigative work and ultimately contributed to a felony arrest.

Serious Offender Located and Arrested

License plate reader technology helped officers locate an individual wanted in connection with serious criminal offenses. The investigation resulted in an arrest on charges that included home invasion, residential burglary and weapons offenses.

Report of Firearm Display Leads to Recovery of Two Guns

After receiving a report that a person had pointed a firearm from a moving vehicle, investigators used license plate reader technology to identify the vehicle and establish its direction of travel. The investigation led to a search warrant, the recovery of two illegally possessed firearms and an arrest on multiple weapons and aggravated assault charges.

Missing At-Risk Adult Located

License plate reader technology assisted officers searching for a missing woman with dementia and helped bring the search to a safe conclusion.

Domestic Violence Suspect Arrested

A license plate reader alert helped officers locate a domestic violence suspect who was also accused of violating an order of protection. Officers located and arrested the individual.

Fleeing Vehicle and Felony Arrest

License plate reader technology assisted officers in locating a vehicle that had fled from law enforcement and was later involved in a dangerous encounter with police. Officers ultimately apprehended the driver, who was charged with multiple felony offenses.

Stolen Vehicle and Firearm Arrest

A license plate reader alert helped officers locate a stolen vehicle. The subsequent investigation resulted in stolen-vehicle and weapons-related felony charges.

Fleeing Vehicle Located

Investigators used license plate reader technology to identify a vehicle that had fled from police. Officers later located the vehicle and arrested the suspect.

Armed Assault Investigation Advanced

License plate reader technology helped investigators identify a suspect vehicle associated with an aggravated battery involving a firearm.

Stolen Vehicle and Illegal Firearm Arrest

A license plate reader alert helped officers locate a stolen vehicle. The resulting investigation led to an arrest for possession of a stolen vehicle and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon.

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