

Subject: RE: Romford deployment

Date: Fri, 8 Feb 2019 09:28:48 +0000

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

CC: [REDACTED]

Hello [REDACTED]

I obviously cannot comment on the actual incident you are describing. If you can give me dates and time etc. and further circs I will endeavour to find out more details for you. I am not aware of anyone being 'stopped' for a photo without an alert from the van being made first.

Our mobile tablets/smart phones are directly connected to our LFR control centre (van) through an App - they have the ability to take a photo... that can then be checked by the tech in the van by 'sending it back'.

Our LFR set up is standalone (from ANY other system) as explained before - so any such photo will only be checked against our unique watch list for that deployment. The tablets do not have LFR tech themselves and cannot live stream to the LFR control centre - however, a photo can be taken and checked in the van.

Scenario - an alert is made by the van, officer checks phone/tablet and cannot decide but thinks it maybe the person... engages the person and still is unsure but suspects ID and has some concerns/suspicion about what the person is saying... tech likeness result is 60-65%... the officer uses her/his discretion to take a photo so the control centre (van) can check it against the watch list.

These devices have been used for a while... they were at Stratford and Westminster... either way, it is part of the same system and is not more LFR cameras... it is basically a system that can have a 2 way communication re images... all fed from the same system.

Kind regards,

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 February 2019 10:04

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Re: Romford deployment

Hi [REDACTED]

I understood that of course the mobile devices are not the officers' personal phones.

The person I saw having his photo taken for facial recognition with a mobile device had not generated an alert. So please can you explain when and why you use mobile facial recognition? Could you also explain, please, what database the mobile device checks against? Is it the watch list, or a wider database?

I'd also be grateful to know since when this mobile facial recognition has been used.

Many thanks in advance

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Hello [REDACTED]

The mobile devices used on our deployment in Romford look very similar to a smart phone. The officers on the ground had use of these devices and were using them once people created an alert through the main facial recognition camera on the van.

No one was using their own personal phone to take photographs of any subjects that were stopped during this deployment.

Officers have always had tablets - this is how alerts are checked by a human eye as well as in the van.

I will share the date with you in plenty of time. I plan to do this on Monday... and the usual press release will follow.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 February 2019 16:00
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Romford deployment

Hi [REDACTED]

As you are likely aware, there were a number of aspects of the Romford AFR deployment that troubled us. I would appreciate an opportunity to discuss this in detail at some point.

However, one thing I want to raise urgently is your use of mobile facial recognition.

I witnessed a plain clothed police officer taking a photo with his smart phone of someone who was being stopped and ID'd (who was not wanted by police, nor subsequently arrested) whilst saying 'I'm taking a photo of you for facial recognition ok'.

The use of live facial recognition with mobile devices is not something the Met has told us about before. I have spoken to the Commissioners, who were also unaware of this.

I would appreciate your transparency about this issue.

I would also ask you to share the date of the next AFR deployment with us please.

Thanks in advance,

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