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Privacy advocate files lawsuit to stop Wichita's Flock cameras from warrantlessly tracking his every move

Kansas Justice Institute challenges Wichita's warrantless dragnet surveillance program

Wichita, Kansas – Wichita resident and privacy advocate Mason Grimmatt has filed a lawsuit challenging the City of Wichita's warrantless automated license plate reader (ALPR) program, alleging it violates the Kansas Constitution.

ALPRs are sophisticated cameras that capture photographs of every car, including its time and geographic location. Using artificial intelligence, the cameras choose the best photo and upload it into the cloud in as little as twenty seconds.

Through its vast and pervasive network of nearly 200 AI-powered ALPRs, Wichita is continuously tracking, surveilling, monitoring, and compiling a searchable database on every law-abiding Kansan driving in the city—without a warrant or any judicial oversight whatsoever. The ALPR surveillance database reveals where a person has gone and when. Wichita shares its surveillance database with hundreds of other law enforcement agencies. Those agencies could then provide Wichita's information to other law enforcement agencies.

Mr. Grimmatt teamed up with [Kansas Justice Institute](#) (KJI) to file the lawsuit. KJI is a free law firm dedicated to protecting constitutional rights and fighting government overreach. The lawsuit was filed in Sedgwick County District Court and argues Wichita's warrantless ALPR dragnet surveillance program violates the Kansas Constitution.

"Mason is a law-abiding citizen trapped in Wichita's warrantless ALPR dragnet surveillance program. He's done absolutely nothing wrong, but he's still being tracked, monitored, and databased. That's unconstitutional," says Sam MacRoberts, KJI litigation director. "If Wichita wants to track its citizens, it needs to go to a judge and get a warrant," MacRoberts continued.

Mr. Grimmatt testified against Wichita's warrantless ALPR dragnet surveillance program in June 2026: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xrL8Xvby0hU> (Mr. Grimmatt's testimony starts around 40:21 and concludes around 45:39).

"We must set the boundaries of how and when the police and private corporations can use this tech in their favor. We have caught this overreach early enough to where we can limit its oppression before it happens," said Mr. Grimmatt.

The lawsuit is available [here](#). Images related to the case are available for the media's use and may be accessed [here](#).

This case is part of KJI's campaign challenging warrantless searches. KJI [successfully sued](#) the State of Kansas over its surprise warrantless searches of licensed dog trainers. KJI has also fought back against warrantless searches and seizures in [asset forfeiture cases](#). And in 2020, KJI challenged the Kansas Department of Health and Environment's use of [mobile GPS data](#); and later that year, filed a federal lawsuit challenging Linn County's [warrantless tracking of its citizens](#).

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