New laws target flock cameras amid 'security breach'

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Connecticut State Police were warned of a security breach impacting Flock Safety devices after a new law limiting the use of the cameras went into effect this month.

The law, which went into effect on Oct. 1 along with over 90 other state laws, restricts how automated license plate readers in Connecticut handle their data. Flock Safety is one of the top sellers of devices used by local governments as automated license plate readers, according to CT Public.

The law requires most data to be deleted within 21 days and bans the use of the data for immigration enforcement and investigating people accessing abortion or transgender care.

Flock Safety's website said the laws allow Connecticut law agencies to use license plate readers to support active criminal investigations, locate vehicles associated with outstanding warrants, find missing people and recover stolen vehicles.

The law came after license plate readers received scrutiny for privacy concerns and CT Insider reported that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement searched for Connecticut Flock camera records thousands of times.

Flock said on its website that it would help Connecticut comply with these laws, but some towns in Connecticut have recently cut ties with the company even with the new guidelines in place.

When the laws went into effect, Flock Safety warned police in Connecticut towns with Flock cameras that there was a security breach, according to WFSB. The breach came when cybersecurity researcher Joshua Michael launched a website called Flock Surveillance Map, which documents the locations of Flock devices across the country. In a research paper attached to the website, Michael said he previously alerted the company of its cameras' vulnerability.

Now towns like East Lyme and Ledyard have halted work with Flock Safety in response to recent concerns raised about their security and effectiveness.

Data found in the Flock Surveillance Map was obtained through device records around December 2025. There were no Flock cameras listed near Storrs, a few near Stamford and a few around Avery Point. Most Flock cameras in the state were in Hartford.



A Flock camera is set up for surveillance. A new law targeting the usage of these cameras went into effect this week.

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Connecticut's capitol building is the meeting place for the Connecticut General Assembly. A new law passed by the CGA targeted the usage of Flock cameras went into effect this week.

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