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Flock cameras stir concerns

Opponents worry about privacy and police misuse

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USA TODAY

License plate readers have been shot at in Tennessee, hit with a truck in California, beaten with a baseball bat in Virginia, cut down with a saw in Texas and splattered with paint in New York. And they've been regularly blocked by a protester in Florida.

There also has been bipartisan criticism of a coast-to-coast network of cameras that continues trying to track the movements of vehicles.

People are raising privacy concerns as well as others about misuse, mistakes and road safety in city council meetings, lawsuits and a planned national week of action in late August.

Chad Marlow, senior policy counsel at the American Civil Liberties Union who focuses on privacy, surveillance and technology issues, said the technology triggers concerns about government overreach on the right and worries about who is being targeted on the left.

"For people in the center or the nonpolitically engaged are even like, 'I don't want to be tracked everywhere I go,'" he said. "And so there's different reasons, but everyone is arriving at the same position, which is mass government surveillance in this country has gotten

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Flock cameras like this one on a utility pole in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, collect vehicles' license plate, make, model and color, information that is searchable by law enforcement agencies.

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13-year-old boy hit by school bus Aug. 19, in Crestview

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Panama City News Herald
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OKALOOSA COUNTY – A 13-year-old boy riding a bicycle was hit by a school bus the morning of Aug. 19. According to an FHP press release, here's what we know:

When did the crash happen?

About 6:42 a.m. Aug. 19.

Where did the crash happen?

State Road 85 (North Ferdon Boulevard) and Ninth Avenue in Crestview

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Inside the new 'Crispy Cones' dessert craze in Destin

Tina Harbuck
The Destin Log
USA TODAY NETWORK

Not only is it unique, different, and tasty, but worthy of a photograph – at least that's what was happening at the VIP Party for the new Crispy Cones in Destin.

Crispy Cones, located at 16055 Emerald Coast Parkway in Unit 104 in the strip next to Walmart, held a VIP Party on Aug. 13. The community turned out in droves and waited inside and outside for a taste of the new sweet treat in town.

Kevin Schmidt is the owner-operator of the new business in Destin and hasn't slept more than four or five hours a night since they opened their door on Aug. 14.

"So far, it's been wild," Schmidt said on a recent day in between taking orders. "I slept for three hours on Sunday,

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