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Study finds ‘patchwork’ of rules for license plate readers



Traffic passes in front of a license plate reading camera at the intersection of Hickman Road and 86th Street in Urbandale on Dec. 10. ZACH BOYDEN-HOLMES/THE REGISTER

More cameras, but little regulation

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The rapid growth of automated license plate readers in Iowa is sparking calls for broader state regulations of the technology, with civil liberties advocates pointing to a new report claiming the technology infringes on privacy rights.

The ACLU of Iowa and the University of Iowa College of Law’s Technology Law Clinic released a report Wednesday, Dec. 10, sounding the alarm on law enforcement agencies’ growing use of ALPRs, the traffic cameras used along Iowa roadways that capture the license plates of passing vehicles.

The report looks at the use of this technology by 48 law enforcement agencies across Iowa, offering a snapshot of how a broad cross-section of Iowa communities deploy the devices and use the data they capture.

UI associate clinical professor Megan Graham, the director of the Technology

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Flock Safety license plate-reading cameras are set up to scan all vehicles passing on a road. PROVIDED BY FLOCK SAFETY



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Sex abuse claim, suit spotlight adoptions

Santee Sioux girl placed with convicted felon

A 20-year-old woman living in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, alleges in a lawsuit the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services negligently allowed her to be adopted out of foster care by a convicted felon who sexually abused her for years.

Santee Sioux tribal member Mikalla Winkel filed the suit in connection with childhood abuse she said she suffered in her adoptive home in Sioux City, a hub for Native families from surrounding reservations in Nebraska and South Dakota.

Winkel’s foster placement came during an era when the Department of Human Services was under fire for terminating the parental rights of Native American children in foster care at such a high rate that some Native families had come to refer to Sioux City as “Termination City.”

A 2003 Des Moines Register series showed the rate of American Indian children placed in foster care in Woodbury County, where Sioux City is located, was seven times greater than that for White children: 151 per 1,000 population for Native American children as compared to 21 per thousand for White kids, according to DHS statistics.

The civil case comes as the U.S. Department of Health and Human

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The lawsuit alleges Norman Winkel, 58, had five drug convictions at the time. Iowa court records show some possession charges were dismissed, but Winkel was convicted of both felony and misdemeanor charges of possession of methamphetamine.

U.S. warns ICC to change statute, not target Trump

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WASHINGTON – President Donald Trump’s administration wants the International Criminal Court to amend its founding document to ensure it does not investigate the president and his top officials, a Trump administration official said, threatening new U.S. sanctions on the court if it did not.

If the court does not act on this demand and two others – dropping investigations of Israeli leaders over the war

in the Middle East and formally ending an earlier probe of U.S. troops over their actions in Afghanistan – Washington may penalize more ICC officials and could sanction the court itself, the official said.

Sanctioning the court would significantly escalate the U.S. campaign against the ICC, which has long been criticized by U.S. officials including both Republicans and Democrats, who say the court infringes on U.S. sovereignty.

The Trump administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity,

said Washington has communicated its demands to ICC members, some of whom are U.S. allies, and has also made them known to the court. The United States is not a party to the Rome Statute that established the ICC in 2002 as a court of last resort, with the power to prosecute heads of state.

The demand and the threat to resume the U.S. sanctions campaign towards the court have not been previously reported.

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The Trump administration wants the International Criminal Court to ensure it does not investigate him, an official said. PETER DEJONG/POOL VIA REUTERS

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