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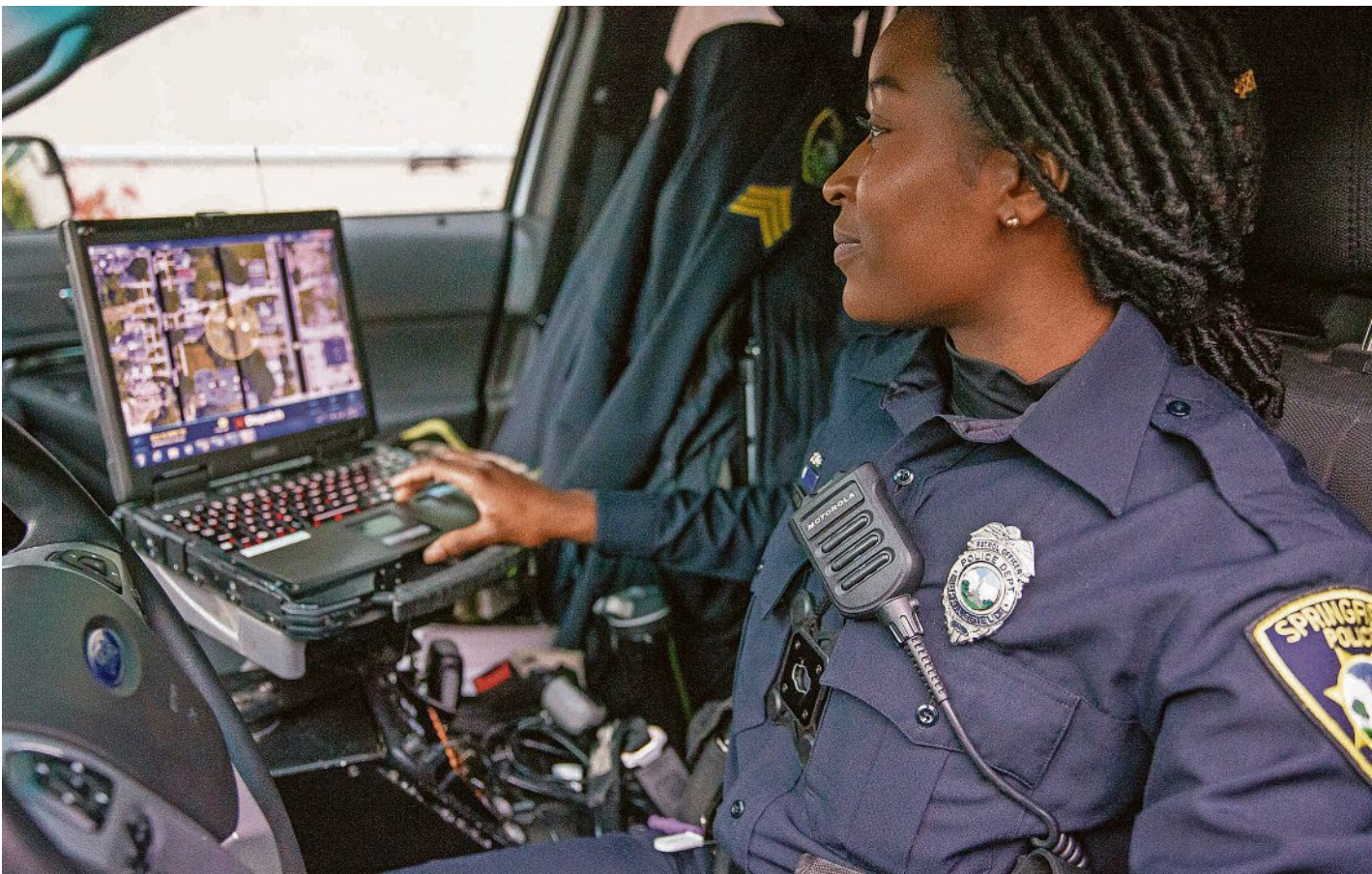
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Gunshot detection tech ignites controversy



Springfield, Illinois, Police Officer Timara Pflug demonstrates in 2021 how officers can see a notification of gunfire on a map from Shotspotter, now called SoundThinking, in their squad cars. JUSTIN L. FOWLER/SPRINGFIELD STATE JOURNAL-REGISTER

Critics cite concerns about privacy, accuracy

N'dea Yancey-Bragg USA TODAY

When gunshots ring out on America's streets, bystanders face an instant, high-stakes dilemma. • *Do I call the cops? Were those even gunshots? Maybe it was just fireworks.* • Every moment of hesitation risks a delay in medical treatment or gives a suspect extra time to escape. But a high-tech solution to the problem has ignited a fresh round of controversy in cities across the nation.

Law enforcement officials in states including New York, Georgia, California, Michigan and Virginia have credited one system with helping them make arrests and alerting them to gunshots that would have otherwise gone unreported.

The system – part of an arsenal of police surveillance technology that advocates have warned about – is a network of audio sensors designed to record the sound of gunshots and tell authorities where the shots were fired.

That's where the problems start.

The technology has faced a host of controversies: concerns over privacy and eavesdropping; complaints about accuracy; and even reports of many devices being installed in the wrong places.

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The Springfield, Missouri, Police Department has installed gunshot detection devices through Flock's gunshot detection system, Raven. NATHAN PAPES/SPRINGFIELD NEWS-LEADER

LENAWEЕ COUNTY POLLS

Most millage requests pass

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Lenawee County voters overwhelmingly approved local millage requests Aug. 4, backing a wide range of road, fire, emergency services and school funding proposals.

According to unofficial results, a total of 20,756 of the region's 82,031 registered voters cast ballots, for a turnout of 25.3%.

The lone proposal to fail was a 2-mill sinking fund request from Britton-Deerfield Schools. The measure, which would've generated an estimated \$539,102 annually for building improvements, security upgrades, technology and transportation equipment, was defeated 445-301.

Every other ballot proposal won voter approval.

Morenci Area Schools voters renewed an 18-mill operating levy for 2027-31 (394-145). Hudson Area Schools voters approved an operating levy renewal of 17.8412 mills, along with an additional 0.5 mills to protect against rollbacks under the Headlee Amendment (448-238).

In Blissfield Township, voters approved five separate proposals, including a 1.4737-mill road millage for 2027-30; a 0.9825-mill fire operations renewal for 2027-30; a 0.0175-mill fire operations renewal for 2027-30; a 0.50-mill fire equipment renewal for

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Services activity stays strong in July

Lucia Mutikani
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – The U.S. services sector maintained a strong pace of growth in July, but strong demand is colliding with supply constraints, driving up input costs for businesses and potentially keeping inflation elevated for a while.

The survey from the Institute for Supply Management on Aug. 5 added to manufacturing data this week in suggesting that the economy started

the third quarter on a solid note, despite headwinds from the Iran war, now in its sixth month. Most economists viewed the data as supportive of expectations that the Federal Reserve would raise interest rates this year.

"The latest ISM Services report underscored that the U.S. economy remained on solid footing entering the second half of the year," said Priscilla Thiagamoorthy, a senior economist at BMO Capital Markets. "But, the combination of stirring price pressures and a still-robust demand backdrop is likely

to reinforce a higher-for-longer policy stance at the Fed."

The ISM's nonmanufacturing purchasing managers index inched up to 54.1 in July from 54.0 in June. A reading above 50 indicates growth in the services sector, which accounts for more than two-thirds of U.S. economic activity.

Steve Miller, chair of the ISM Services Business Survey Committee, noted that "tariff impacts and the Middle

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