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Gunshot detection tech stirs backlash

Some cities end use after their residents push back

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.



Detectors such as this Flock Safety device alert police to gunshots that would otherwise go unreported. NATHAN PAPES/USA TODAY NETWORK

The system – part of an arsenal of police surveillance technology advocates have warned about like license plate readers – 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. In San Jose, California, and Champaign, Illinois, officials stopped using the system after finding it was much worse at detecting gunshots than the company claimed. In Jackson, Mississippi, some of the devices were installed on private property without the owners' consent and left in place despite the city's request to remove them. And in Roanoke, Virginia, the city removed the detectors after a botched rollout unsettled residents. One of those devices was mistakenly installed in Kaitlyn Vaughn's yard, where her children play. "I feel like everyone should have a right to privacy in their own home, and it makes you feel really vulnerable when you don't know if someone's listening all the time or not," Vaughn said. "You don't have to be doing something wrong to want to have a private space."

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Patrons get a stunning view of the harbor from the grounds of the Old Lahaina Luau on Front Street in Lahaina, Maui, where it is among the businesses reopened after destructive 2023 wildfires. KATHLEEN WONG/USA TODAY

Hawaii rebuilding after fires and floods



Atlantis Submarines Maui, which was devastated in the 2023 fires, is taking tourists on underwater adventures again. PROVIDED BY KIMBERLY JEFFRIES

Community leaders say thoughtful tourism is now part of recovery

Kathleen Wong USA TODAY

HAWAII – To most travelers, Hawaii is paradise. This perennial destination draws visitors eager to experience its stunning beaches, cascading waterfalls, and rich culture, guided by the warmth of aloha. However, it's been a different reality for many of the islands' residents. "At the beginning, I was hoping that recovery would be a little quicker," said Ronald Williams, a Maui business owner who lost nearly everything in the 2023 wildfires that decimated the town of Lahaina overnight. "We tried everything possible. But unfortunately, everything ... started to take its toll on the company. ... It's been a hard journey; it's been a long time." The past three years have brought two historic disasters to the islands of Oahu and Maui. On Aug. 8, 2023, downed power lines sparked wildfires that burned homes, businesses and cultural sites to the ground in Lahaina. It marked the deadliest wildfire in modern U.S. history. This past March, a series of Kona low storms

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"We can dream again about ... kids having a great education, doing what they want to do, not worrying about paying your bills and stuff."

Ronald Williams Maui business owner

Antisemitism takes path toward mainstream in U.S.

Faces emerge on social media, campaign trail

Will Carless USA TODAY

TAMPA, FL – The students are lined up in the hundreds – across the student center mezzanine, down the stairs and out into the hot Florida Spring of the quadrangle. Many wear suits and ties. Most are men. Just about everybody is under 25. Several sport baseball caps with the distinctive "America First" logo, identifying them as "Groypers" – supporters of the anti-semitic Holocaust-denying internet

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troll Nick Fuentes. The crowds are here, at the University of South Florida in Tampa, on this balmy mid-April evening, to meet and listen to James Fishback, a longshot candidate

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Florida gubernatorial candidate James Fishback greets supporters following a campaign speech at the University of South Florida in Tampa in mid-April. JACK GRUBER/USA TODAY