

Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office

ALPR Overview and Success Stories

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ALPRs of the Bernalillo County Sheriff's Office

- **BCSO initiated the ALPR program with Axon and Flock Safety in October 2023.**
- **The ALPR program went live in October 2024 with select trained deputies on Flock.**
- **All BCSO deputies are required to attend training on Flock before use.**
 - **Training includes Case Law, Constitutional requirements, and SOP.**
- **BCSO has 5 ALPRs within Bernalillo County and currently has 184 Fleet 3 active licenses.**
 - **Data retention for Axon ALPR records is set at 90 days.**
 - **Flock only offers a 30 day retention.**
- **A case number with an official reason is required for any historical search with Flock data.**
- **Internal audits are conducted on a 30 day basis for compliance.**
- **BCSO has an extensive SOP on the use of ALPR to include disciplinary actions for improper use.**



ALPR Alerts in Bernalillo County for 2024/2025

Stolen Vehicle: 590

Stolen Plate: 585

Custom Hotlist Alert: 265

Sex Offender: 152

Warrants: 138

Missing Person: 131

Non-Owned Custom Hotlist Alert: 79

Protection Order: 26

Gang or Suspected Terrorist: 4

CPIC Data Records: 3

Violent Person: 2

Total Hotlist Alerts: 1,975



Recovery of Stolen Vehicles using ALPRs

- **ALPR has identified multiple stolen vehicles, where detectives and deputies have been able to locate and recover the stolen vehicles and arrest offenders.**
- **Auto Theft Detectives and deputies will receive an ALPR hit of the location and direction of travel of the stolen vehicle.**
- **Deputies will then attempt to locate the stolen vehicle in the area of the ALPR hit by saturating the area.**
- **If the stolen vehicle is located, deputies will use strategic planning and tactics to make an apprehension of the offender and recover the vehicle more safely.**



**SO24060007603, SO24060008712, SO240800010850,
SO24080011127, SO24090013180, SO25070008830**

Abducted five-year-old child, custodial interference

- **On June 5, 2025, deputies were dispatched to an abduction of a five-year-old child.**
- **The child was abducted by the biological father, where the courts had given full custody of the child to the mother, and the father had not returned the child to the mother.**
- **Court documents had not been served to the father due to the father purposefully evading law enforcement serving him.**
- **The court gave direction to deputies to locate and take into custody the child to place the child in the mother's care.**
- **The father of the child had moved the child and himself into an unknown location.**
- **With the assistance of ALPR and other resources, the location of the father and the child was identified.**
- **The father of the child was arrested, and the child was placed into the mother's custody.**



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Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, abduction of a child

- **On October 29, 2024, deputies were dispatched to an aggravated assault call involving a suspect who had pointed a firearm at two victims.**
- **The suspect and one of the victims were separating from their relationship. The suspect and that victim had a four-year-old child together.**
- **The suspect had picked up the child at the daycare before the incident with the intent to take custody of the child without the mother's knowledge and to deprive the mother of the child.**
- **After the aggravated assault occurred, with the suspect pointing his firearm at the two victims, the suspect instructed both victims that they would never see the child again.**
- **The suspect fled in a blue Ford pickup truck bearing a license plate that was given to deputies.**
- **Deputies entered the license plate into Flock with the truck's information.**
- **Flock located the vehicle by giving deputies an area and a direction of travel.**
- **Deputies saturated the area of the Flock hit and located the suspect vehicle.**
- **Deputies located the suspect and the child within thirty minutes of being dispatched to the call.**
- **The suspect was arrested and the child was returned to the mother custody.**



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