



DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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TO: Marc R. Yamada, Chief
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VIA: Nicholas Augustine, Assistant Chief
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FROM: Captain Ian Clark, Director
Special Investigations Division

SUBJECT: Compliance with Criminal Procedure Article Section 2-508

As Director of the Special Investigations Division, I am designated as the department employee responsible for overseeing and administering the use of Facial Recognition Technology, as required by 2-505 of the Maryland Criminal Procedure Article. Section 2-508 requires the department to disclose, via the department website, the name of any nongovernmental facial recognition system[s] contracted for use and a description of any databases searched. The department currently utilizes the following nongovernmental facial recognition system(s):

Thorn Spotlight: A no-cost facial recognition system and AI tool, supported by a non-profit organization, that compares photographs of possible victims of human/sex trafficking with online ads, particularly advertisements associated with sexual services, in an attempt to locate victims and identify human traffickers.

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