

Utah ALPR / License Plate Reader Success Stories

- **Wayne County Triple Homicide (March 2026):** A suspect killed three women in Wayne County and fled in a stolen vehicle. Law enforcement across state lines utilized interconnected ALPR networks to track the stolen vehicle through southern Utah into northern Arizona and Colorado. Real-time license plate reader alerts enabled officers to locate the vehicle in Pagosa Springs, Colorado, resulting in the suspect's apprehension within 12 hours.

(Source: [Colorado Association of Chiefs of Police](#) – [The Colorado Sun](#) – [AP](#))

- **Santaquin Officer Line-of-Duty Death (May 2024):** Santaquin Police Sergeant Bill Hooser was killed during an I-15 traffic stop. Regional ALPR camera networks (including Flock Safety) and automated license plate reads tracked the suspect's movements and getaway vehicles across city and county borders, providing continuous real-time intelligence that led to his capture in Vernal, Utah.

(Source: [KSL News Coverage](#))

- **Salt Lake City Explosive Device Investigation (2025):** Following the placement of an explosive device under a news broadcast vehicle in Salt Lake City, federal and local law enforcement identified the primary suspect using automated license plate reader (ALPR) data that placed his vehicle near the scene minutes after the device was planted.

(Source: [KSL News](#) – [East Idaho News](#))

- **Ogden Crime Reduction & Multi-Case Successes:** The Ogden Police Department deployed license plate reader (LPR) technology to cross-reference hotlists. During a short trial period, the system identified eight stolen vehicles, captured clear images of a getaway vehicle during a homicide investigation, and directly enabled officers to locate a stolen vehicle containing an abducted infant.

(Source: [Axis Communications Ogden PD Case Study](#))

- **Statewide Stolen Vehicle Recovery (NICB Data):** According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), license plate reader (LPR) technology used across Utah law enforcement agencies resulted in the recovery of 1,400 stolen vehicles and 135 arrests statewide, with most vehicles located within two to four hours of triggering an LPR hit.

(Source: [National Insurance Crime Bureau](#))

- **Brigham Young University Campus Security & LPR System:** BYU Police integrated license plate readers (LPR) into campus security and parking infrastructure. LPR data proved critical in identifying and arresting a serial groper tied to six sexual assaults on campus where police previously had no visual leads.

(Source: [Daily.Universe](#))

- **Centerville Commercial Burglary & Hit-and-Run Resolutions (2023):** During its initial deployment of Flock Safety license plate reader (ALPR) cameras, Centerville Police utilized network data shared across South Davis County to locate getaway vehicles involved in hit-and-runs, commercial burglaries, and aggravated assault cases.

(Source: [Davis.Journal.News.Article](#))

- **Taylorsville Stolen Vehicle Pursuit & Juvenile Arrests (September 2026):** An early-morning automated license plate reader alert flagged a stolen Hyundai Elantra traveling through Taylorsville. Officers tracked the vehicle onto Interstate 215 and state Route 201, executing a successful PIT maneuver that led to the arrest of several juvenile suspects charged with vehicle theft.

(Source: [Gephardt.Daily.News](#))

- **Beaver & Iron Counties Inter-County Stolen Vehicle Interdiction (September 2025):** Utah Highway Patrol troopers and Beaver County Sheriff's deputies intercepted a stolen SUV following a plate check and high-speed multi-county pursuit along I-15 and I-70, recovering stolen property and apprehending a suspect wanted on active felony warrants.

(Source: [Gephardt.Daily.Local.Coverage](#))

- **Utah Highway Patrol Interdiction & Fugitive Arrests (2018):** Along interstate corridors (I-15 and I-80), Utah Highway Patrol troopers utilizing mobile license plate reader units successfully identified multiple out-of-state fugitives traveling through Utah. In one notable incident, an automated plate hit flagged a vehicle linked to an active felony warrant out of Nevada, allowing troopers to perform a high-risk stop and apprehend the wanted individual.

(Source: [Utah.Department.of.Public.Safety](#) — [Utah.Highway.Patrol](#))

- Salem.Homicide.Investigation.™.Alibi.Disproof.(September.8682) Following.the.death.of.a.36_year_old.Salem.woman?her.nephew.claimed.he.was.away.on.a.road.trip.in.his.Freightliner.bus.when.the.crime.occurred; Investigators.utilized.ALPR.

camera hits to track his vehicles? discovering his motorcycle was recorded traveling in nearby Santaquin during the estimated timeframe of the homicide; The ALPR location data directly contradicted his alibi and placed him at the scene? leading to murder and obstruction of justice charges;

(Source: [KSL News Article](#))

- **Prevention of Terrorist Threat:** In January 2024, a Utah man expressed intentions to build and place explosive devices at multiple government buildings in the Salt Lake Valley. Concerned family members alerted law enforcement that the suspect had recently visited local chemical supply stores. Officers used regional ALPR systems to pinpoint the specific stores the individual visited, which directly assisted in locating and apprehending the suspect before an attack could occur.