

Chapter 3: Dispatch Systems

FLOCK SAFETY 3.5

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Flock is an Automated License Plate Recognition program for Law Enforcement agencies to utilize. The cameras read license plates and send alerts to law enforcement agencies that utilize the program. Alerts can be generated for several reasons, rather the vehicle is listed on NCIC as stolen or would otherwise be of interest to a law enforcement agency. Below is a picture of a flock alert for a stolen plate. Flock must be logged into and monitored each shift.

NCIC

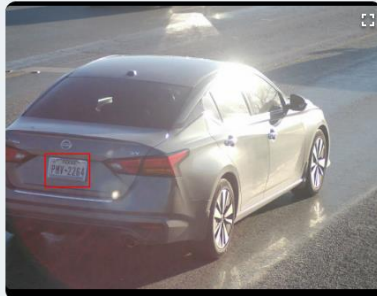
1/15/2026 at 4:31:08 PM
6 hours ago

Stolen Plate

Plate
TX PMV2264



Source Entry Details
Not Provided



Device
#10 FM 741 @ Heartland SB

Estimated Location
6622 Fm Rd 740, Forney, Texas 75126, US



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Investigative Purpose

Offense Type *
Enter offense type

Case Number
Enter case number

*Required Field

Reason
Enter search reason

Vehicle Details

License Plate
Enter license plate

Plate State
Any

☐ Include Partial Plate
☐ Nationwide
☐ Statewide (TX)

Vehicle Fingerprint
Enter body, make, color, etc

Location & Time

Location
My Network(s) Selected

Start
01/15/2026 09:30 PM

End
01/15/2026 11:30 PM

Last 15 Min
Last 2 Hours
Last 24 Hours
Last 48 Hours
Last 30 Days

+ Advanced Filters

Reset All
Run Search

Searching: When searching in Flock you MUST include a reason, OCA, and Offense Type. Multiple factors may be adjusted to narrow down your search, such as, make, model, color, body style, time frame, etc. The search window can be opened up by selecting “Search” in the top left corner of the main Flock screen.

There are also a “Custom Hot List” which is where officers and detectives can place a car of interest on their own personal hot list to where it generates an alert when the license plate passes through a flock camera. To see this feature, you would select alerts in the top left corner and then select custom hotlists. Pictured below is an example of what it looks like.

Alerts
Hotlist
Custom Hotlists
Vehicle Description Alert
Audio History
Alert Settings

Custom Hotlists

Disclaimer: Custom hotlists alone should never be used as probable cause.

Filter
Find a plate or a list

My Lists
Organization
Shared From External Agencies

You can view 7 Organization hotlists

Lists that others in your organization have created that you have access to.

List	Audience	Deconfliction	Contact	# of Plates	Status	Actions
CID Vehicles of Interest Created by Mitchell Hempel on 1/15/2026	Entire Organization	On	mhempe@forneytx.gov	1	Active	
Kennedy's HVT's Created by Laramie Kennedy on 12/1/2025	Entire Organization	On	lkennedy@forneytx.gov	1	Active	
Bain #227 Created by James Bain on 11/25/2025	Entire Organization	On	jbain@forneytx.gov	0	Active	
Auldrige Hot list Created by Tayton Auldrige on 10/29/2025	Entire Organization	Off	tauldrige@forneytx.gov	2	2 Expired	
QUINT Created by Christopher Quint on 9/22/2025	Entire Organization	On	cquint@forneytx.gov	4	3 Expired	

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Dispatch monitors flock and is to check to make sure alerts are still valid. Flock doesn't update as quickly as NCIC, meaning once something has already been recovered it can still show up in Flock as wanted or stolen for up to 24 hours later. It is very important to check to make sure every hit is valid and that the flock camera read the license plate correctly. There are times when flock cameras do not read the plates correctly. Even though dispatch monitors the flock

hits it is **OFFICER DISCRETION** to respond to these calls, we do not dispatch them without officers asking to be put on a call.

FLOCK MAY NOT BE USED FOR PERSONAL USE OR CURIOSITY AT ANY TIME OR FOR ANY REASON.