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There is significant discussion online concerning the insecurity of Flock surveillance cameras.

<https://youtu.be/uB0gr7Fh6lY?si=3UvkUwkK-Dd26Bos>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FGYfYxn-8hI>

<https://github.com/GainSec/anti-crime-ecosystem-research>

In addition, Cambridge city council voted to halt use of Flock cameras in October, yet two new ones were installed by the company in contravention of the October decision. Cambridge has just decided to remove all Flock cameras and terminate their contract. <https://www.cambridgeday.com/2025/12/10/city-cancels-deal-license-plate-tech/>

Please, please do similarly for Somerville. Remove the Flock surveillance tech from Somerville, and be sure it's actually removed (since Flock apparently can't be trusted not to install more of it!).

Flock surveillance has been used to aid ICE agents kidnapping people. Flock technology has been used to surveil and stalk people seeking an abortion. Flock technology is now rolling out microphones to detect "distress" via AI interpretation, which does not have a good track record either. <https://www.eff.org/deeplinks/2025/10/flocks-gunshot-detection-microphones-will-start-listening-human-voices>

Best,

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