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Sumpter Township PD: records and analysis, as of November 25, 2026

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Summary of the department's audit exports

Figures computed by Michigan Plate Readers from the exports listed under D. Entries in the case-number field are counted and not shown.

A. Other organizations' searches of the department's cameras (network audit)

No network audit is among the exports listed under D.

B. The department's own searches beside other organizations'

Without a network audit, the department's own searches cannot be set beside other organizations' searches of its cameras.

C. Searches by the department's own users (search audit)

The search audit lists 523 searches by the department's own users between April 9 and September 29, 2026.

Reason, in our groups	Searches	Share
Obstructing the Police (Fleeing/Eluding)	71	13.6%
Disorderly Conduct/Disturbance	59	11.3%
Larceny/Theft Offenses	56	10.7%
Destruction/Damage/Vandalism of Property	52	9.9%
Assault/Battery Offenses	39	7.5%
Stolen Property Offenses	34	6.5%
Missing/Endangered Person/Runaway	29	5.5%
Motor Vehicle Theft/Stolen	27	5.2%
All other groups (15)	156	29.8%

Our groups: each reason's text before its first " - " (a dash with a space on each side) is kept in the export's words, as Flock's reason menu, when every part of it, split at each ", " (a comma and a space), appears in at least 50 searches by at least 5 organizations in another department's network audit we hold and contains no digit or @ sign; any other text is counted in one group, "Treated as free text". The exports listed under D include no network audit, so the groups cannot be re-run from them.

Of the 523 searches, 439 (83.9 percent) have an entry in the case-number field. The entries are not shown.

Searches per day by the department's own users

A change recorded in the event log, numbered as in the list below

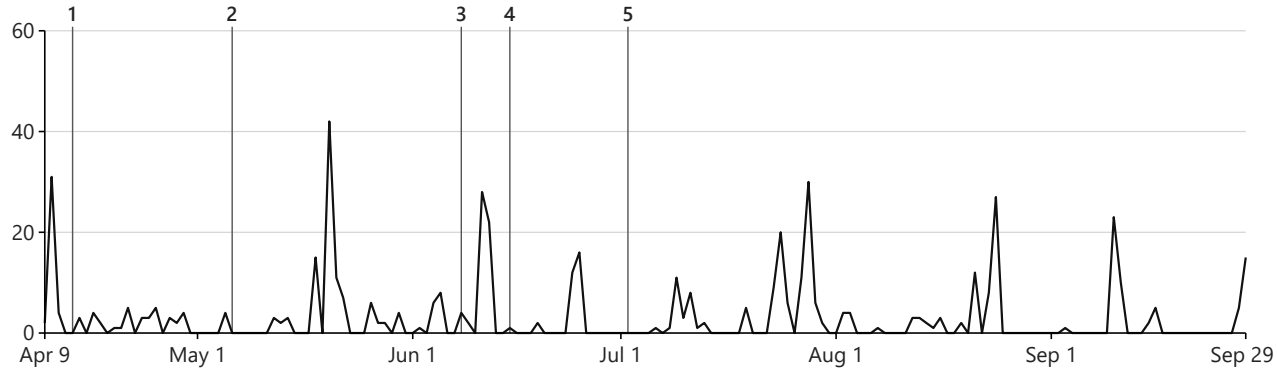


Figure 1. Searches by the department's own users, per day, with the dates of changes recorded in the account's event log, April 9 to September 29, 2026. Each numbered rule marks a day on which the log records a change to the account's settings, or ten or more shares of the department's network created or deleted; the list gives the settings and sharing events the log records that day, the settings in its own words. The rules show when each change was recorded; the figure does not show that a change caused what follows. Searches: counted from the search audit files listed under D; days are Michigan dates. No network audit is among the exports listed under D, so other organizations' searches of the department's cameras are not drawn. Changes: from the event log listed under D. On 34 other days the log records fewer than ten shares created or deleted (76 created and 3 deleted in all); those days are not marked. The event log runs from February 5 to September 23, 2026; 26 of its settings and sharing events fall outside the figure's window and are not marked. Events of other kinds in the log are not marked.

1. **April 13, 2026:** 33 shares of the department's network created (29 with organizations in other states and territories, 3 with Michigan organizations and 1 with a federal organization); 2 deleted, both with organizations in other states and territories.
2. **May 6, 2026:** 11 shares of the department's network created (10 with organizations in other states and territories and 1 with a Michigan organization).
3. **June 8, 2026:** 23 shares of the department's network created, all with organizations in other states and territories.
4. **June 15, 2026:** 2 shares of the department's network created, both with organizations in other states and territories; 1,444 deleted (1,427 with organizations in other states and territories, 5 with federal organizations and 12 with organizations with no state in their names); network sharing settings recorded (values after the update; the log holds no earlier values).
5. **July 2, 2026:** Immigration Enforcement: Enabled search policy for 1 networks; Reproductive Health: Enabled search policy for 1 networks; Federal Sharing: Enabled to Disabled; Audit Assistance: Disabled to Enabled; Proactive Sharing Opt-Out: Disabled to Enabled.

D. Sources

File, as the department sent it	What it is	Searches dated	Rows
4_1_2026-5_1_2026-Sumpter Twp MI PD-Audit.csv	search audit	Apr 9, 2026 to Apr 29, 2026	73
5_1_2026-5_31_2026-Sumpter Twp MI PD-Audit.csv	search audit	May 5, 2026 to May 30, 2026	101
6_1_2026-6_30_2026-Sumpter Twp MI PD-Audit.csv	search audit	Jun 2, 2026 to Jun 25, 2026	102
7_1_2026-7_31_2026-Sumpter Twp MI PD-Audit.csv	search audit	Jul 6, 2026 to Jul 30, 2026	116
8_1_2026-8_31_2026-Sumpter Twp MI PD-Audit.csv	search audit	Aug 2, 2026 to Aug 24, 2026	70
9_1_2026-9_30_2026-Sumpter Twp MI PD-Audit.csv	search audit	Sep 3, 2026 to Sep 29, 2026	61
event-logs.csv	event log; events dated Feb 5, 2026 to Sep 23, 2026		1,871

The files were received October 2, 2026, in response to request STP-2026-09-29-B. Tallied November 25, 2026. The exports give Search Time in UTC; dates here are Michigan dates. Every figure on this page except the reason groups can be re-run from these files.

Sumpter Township Police Department

Wayne County, Michigan

Published The agency answered both requests on Oct 2, 2026 (business day 2, no extension): granted, at no charge. The records and our analysis are published. The agency's reply is under Right of reply.

> **How to read this page**
>
> RECORD The statement repeats what a document or an agency's data export says. The source is linked from the page. Documents we publish are listed on the Records and Letters pages.
>
> GAP The agency did not produce something the request asked for. We note what the agency said about it, if anything.
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> QUESTION The records leave a point unanswered. We send each question to the agency in writing: with the draft of its records and our analysis, or in a later letter when the question is added afterward. Its answer is published on the page.
>
> REPORTED The statement comes from a named, linked source outside our document library, such as a news report, a published council agenda or another project's data. Where the agency's own records later arrive, they replace it.
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> Each agency gets a draft of its records and our analysis before they are published, and its reply is published in full (Methods).

The Department's Flock account has four cameras, on two private properties and paid for by the property owner. Six monthly audit files record 523 searches by 17 of the Department's own users between Apr 9, 2026 and Sep 29, 2026. As of September 30, 2026 the Department shares its network with 196 organizations, 195 of them in Michigan. The event log records the deletion on June 15, 2026 of 1,444 shares of that network, none with an organization named as a Michigan agency.

STATUS

Account active as of September 30, 2026

CAMERAS

Four, on two private properties, paid for by the property owner

RETENTION

30 days

ANNUAL COST

$6,000 a year on each of two order forms

SEARCHES BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

no network audit in the records

SEARCHES FROM OUTSIDE MICHIGAN

no network audit in the records

SEARCHES RECORDED AS IMMIGRATION

no network audit in the records

AUDITS UNDER ITS OWN POLICY

0 audit memos in the records

ORGANIZATIONS IT SHARES WITH

196 organizations, 195 of them in Michigan

OWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Yes

RECORDS REQUESTS

STP-2026-09-29-A (text): answered 2026-10-02; records produced; closed
STP-2026-09-29-B (text): answered 2026-10-02; records produced; closed

TRANSPARENCY PORTAL

transparency.flocksafety.com/sumpter-twp-mi-pd

Timeline

Date	Event	Source
Jun 9, 2023	The Director of Public Safety signs a Flock Order Form: 2 Falcon cameras, $6,000 a year, 24-month initial term, $12,300 contract total, 30-day retention. The Chief wrote on October 23, 2026 that its two cameras have been in place since summer 2023, on a private property, paid for by the property owner.	Order Form, 2023
Jan 29, 2024	Directive 415, Automated License Plate Reader and Vehicle Recognition System, takes effect.	Directive 415
Jan 10, 2025	A second Order Form, "This additional services Agreement", is signed: 2 Falcon cameras on the same terms. The Chief wrote on October 23, 2026 that its two cameras have been in place since January 2025, on a private property, paid for by the property owner.	Order Form, 2025
Feb 5, 2026	Earliest entry in the event log the Township produced.	Share events
Apr 9, 2026	Earliest search in the audit export the Township produced; the file covers April 1 to May 1.	Searches
Apr 13, 2026	33 shares of the Department's network are created in one day, one of them to the FBI.	Share events

Date	Event	Source
Jun 15, 2026	1,444 shares of the Department's network are deleted within 3 seconds, none of them with an organization named as a Michigan agency. In the following minutes the network's sharing settings are set to discoverable within the state only.	Share events, Settings changes
Jun 17, 2026	Directive 415 is revised: training, documentation, audit and misuse sections are added.	Directive 415, revised
Jul 2, 2026	The account's "Federal Sharing" setting changes from Enabled to Disabled; "Proactive Sharing Opt-Out" and "Audit Assistance" change from Disabled to Enabled.	Settings changes
Aug 4, 2026	Flock's account executive writes to a colleague, copying the Chief, that the Chief "has been directed by his council to pause all LPR installs until further notice". The Township's millage vote is held the same day; the Chief's later email records that it "did not pass".	Emails
Aug 17, 2026	The Chief writes to Flock that the Township has decided "not to move forward and to cancel the 60-day trial project".	Emails
Sep 13, 2026	Earliest archived copy of the Township's Flock transparency page, dated by the page itself. It counts 4 cameras, as does every later copy through October 16, 2026.	Transparency page, Archive
Sep 30, 2026	Date of the user and sharing exports the Township produced.	Response email

What the program is

> RECORD The Township produced two Flock Order Forms, each for 2 Falcon cameras at $6,000 a year with a 24-month initial term and a $12,300 contract total, both naming "MI - Sumpter Twp PD" as the customer and setting a 30-day retention period. The first was signed on June 9, 2023 and binds the customer to Flock's terms of service at a web address. The second, signed January 10, 2025, calls itself "This additional services Agreement" and "incorporates and includes the terms of the previously executed agreement". Neither form names a camera site or any party other than Flock and the Department.
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> RECORD The Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police wrote on October 23, 2026 that the Department's Flock account has four cameras, which "are on two separate private properties and paid for entirely by the property owner", two at each, in place since summer 2023 and January 2025. The Chief confirmed the same day that the two order forms, for 2 Falcon cameras each, are those four cameras, with the Township as the Flock account holder and the property owner paying, and that none of the cameras of the cancelled trial agreement was installed. The Township's Flock transparency page counts 4 cameras.

RECORD On August 4, 2026 Flock's account executive wrote to a Flock colleague, copying the Chief, that "Chief Luke with Sumpter Twp PD has been directed by his council to pause all LPR installs until further notice." On August 17 the Chief replied: "Unfortunately, our millage did not pass on Aug 4, so we are all hands on deck in the effort to get it passed on the November ballot. That, coupled with the onslaught of public negativity toward the ALPRs, has led us to decide not to move forward and to cancel the 60-day trial project."

GAP The request asked for the trial or pilot agreement approved in or about April 2026, and for any statement from Flock of the date service ends and the date data will be deleted. The emails were produced; no agreement, order form or statement of dates was, and the response does not mention them.

REPORTED Fox 2 Detroit reported on August 17, 2026 (https://www.fox2detroit.com/news/flock-camera-agreement-canceled-sumpter-township-police) that in April the Department "began a 60-day free trial of 11 Flock Falcon Automated License Plate Reader cameras" and that "No cameras have been installed, police say, so no removal is necessary." The same report says "The cameras were placed along the 36-square mile township's borders as a means to alert the department about stolen vehicles, Amber Alerts or other criminal activity." It attributes the cancellation to a Department social media post and says that on August 4 "a ballot proposal for a police millage did not pass, with 57 percent voting no."

RECORD The Township publishes a Flock transparency page (https://transparency.flocksafety.com/sumpter-twp-mi-pd) for the Department, and a public archive kept by Cantica Systems (https://github.com/Cantica-Systems/mi-flock-transparency) copies the page about once a day. On every archived copy dated September 13 through October 16, 2026, 35 in all, the page counted 4 cameras and between 10,940 and 11,313 "unique plate reads over the last 30 days". The page counts cameras and does not list them or their locations.

GAP The request asked for the device list export as of the date the export was run. None was produced, and the response does not mention it. The event log holds no camera or device event.

QUESTION How many cameras are connected to the Department's Flock account today, where is each one, who owns it, and when was it installed? The Township's transparency page has counted 4 cameras on every archived copy dated September 13 through October 16, 2026: which cameras does that count include? Request B asked for the device list export as of the date the export is run; can the Township run that export now and produce it? *Added or revised October 26, 2026, after the agency's review.*

We sent this question to the Department on October 23, 2026, and the Director of Public Safety and Chief of Police answered the same day: "If I recall correctly, the information requested concerned the canceled 11-camera agreement from earlier this year. The four cameras are on two separate private properties and paid for entirely by the property owner. Two cameras are at each and have been in place since Summer 2023 and January 2025, respectively." In reply to an email the same day that stated that none of the cameras of the cancelled trial agreement was installed and asked whether the two Flock order forms the Township produced, for 2 Falcon cameras each, are those four cameras, with the Township as the Flock account holder and the property owner paying, the Chief wrote: "All of the information in your last email up to question #2 is correct."

What it does

RECORD The six monthly audit files record 523 searches run by 17 of the Department's own users between Apr 9, 2026 and Sep 29, 2026. Every row names the Department as the searching organization. Flock's export labels each row a lookup, a query by plate number, or a search, a query by other details, with no plate: 285 rows are lookups and 238 are searches. Across all rows the median query covered 958 networks and the largest 6,149; 94 covered 1,000 networks or more and 164 covered one. The two types differ: the median lookup covered 971 networks and the median search 3.

RECORD Request B asked for the search audit "for April 1, 2026 through the date the export is run". The six audit files the Township produced are named for consecutive windows, "4_1_2026-5_1_2026" through "9_1_2026-9_30_2026", and together cover April 1 through September 30, 2026.

RECORD 84 of the 523 rows have an empty case-number field. The directive requires a case or CAD number, or "BOL" and a reason for a dispatch broadcast (section F.4 of the 2024 version, G.4 of the 2026 revision). The reason field is filled on every row; we have not published its text, which can carry names.

QUESTION Of the 84 rows without a case number, how many were dispatch broadcasts under the directive's BOL rule?

RECORD As of September 30, 2026, 843 organizations in 21 states share a camera network with the Department, 666 of them identified by their names as organizations in other states or federal agencies, 4 of those federal. The Department shares its own network with 196 organizations: 195 in Michigan and 1 outside it, and none federal. 168 organizations appear in both directions. The Department owns one network, with Search, Alerts and four VMS features enabled.

RECORD The event log records 168 shares of the Department's network created and 1,452 deleted between Feb 5, 2026 and Sep 23, 2026. On June 15, 2026 one administrator account deleted 1,444 shares of the network, all of them stamped within the same minute (15:21:47 to 15:21:50), and in the following minutes set the network to be discoverable and auto-approved within the state only, with the radius and nationwide options disabled. One of the deleted shares, with an Indiana sheriff's office, was re-created two minutes after the deletions. None of the deleted shares was with an organization named as a Michigan agency; 5 were with federal agencies, the FBI and the Postal Inspection Service among them, and the rest with organizations in other states or with no state in their names.

RECORD On Jul 2, 2026 an administrator changed the account's "Federal Sharing" setting from Enabled to Disabled, "Proactive Sharing Opt-Out" from Disabled to Enabled, and "Audit Assistance" from Disabled to Enabled; the same update records "Enabled search policy for 1 networks" beside the settings named "Immigration Enforcement" and "Reproductive Health". The shares created on April 13, 2026, 33 in one day, included one to the FBI with Search, Alerts, Analytics and three VMS permissions; it was among those deleted on June 15.

QUESTION Were the removal of 1,444 shares on June 15, 2026 and the change to the "Federal Sharing" setting on July 2 directed by the Board of Trustees, decided within the Department, or made by Flock? Is either recorded in a Board agenda, minutes or a written directive?

RECORD The user export lists 20 accounts, 18 of them active and 3 with the administrator role; 18 have search enabled. The titles are officers, sergeants, a corporal, a captain, the Chief and an operations coordinator. The export carries each user's name, work email and phone; we publish counts by title, role and status only.

Oversight

RECORD Directive 415 took effect on January 29, 2024 and was revised on June 17, 2026. Both versions require that searches include a case or CAD number and the type of incident, or "BOL" and the reason for a dispatch broadcast; limit the system to "public safety-related missions"; forbid use of the systems "solely because of" a protected classification, or for personal purposes; allow outside law enforcement agencies on the Flock network "search access for legitimate law enforcement purposes" with "Command approval for each agency"; and allow businesses and homeowner associations to install cameras and give the Department access. The 2024 version says data "is stored for a maximum of 30 days"; the 2026 version says it "is stored by Flock and is searchable by officers for a maximum of 30 days from the date the image was obtained". The 2026 version adds sections on training, documentation of hits and investigative use in the records system, an annual audit by a designated account administrator, random and complaint-driven audits, and discipline for misuse.

GAP The request asked for any audit, review or report by the Department of searches of its cameras by other organizations, and of its own users' searches, since January 1, 2024. None was produced, and the response does not say whether one exists. The June 2026 revision calls for an annual audit.

QUESTION Has an audit under section L of the revised directive been scheduled or completed, and will its results be a record the Township can produce?

How the agency answered

RECORD The Deputy Clerk answered both requests in one email on October 2, 2026, 2 business days after receipt, with sixteen attachments, one of them an invoice for $0.00 that reads "This FOIA took 15 minutes to complete therefore no charge" and "This response satisfies your FOIA request." The response consists of the email, the invoice and the files; it includes no determination letter and no certificate for the items with nothing produced.

RECORD Item 3 of Request A asked for the Department's written policy or general order on automated license plate readers, "current and any prior version in effect since January 1, 2024"; the Township produced Directive 415 as it took effect on January 29, 2024 and as revised on June 17, 2026. Item 2 of Request B asked for the sharing configuration export, "the organizations that share camera data with the Department and the organizations the Department shares its camera data with"; the Township produced both lists, and the export of the network it owns.

What the Township produced

Sixteen files by email: the invoice, and fifteen records. Two versions of Directive 415 and the 2025 order form are native PDFs; the 2023 order form is a scan with the Chief's handwritten signature; the Flock emails came as a message file; and ten files are CSV exports from the Flock account: six monthly search audits, the shared and owned network lists, the user list and the event log. The exports arrived as Flock produces them, with user names, license plates, case numbers, work emails and phone numbers. Our public copies remove Flock's account contacts and their details from the order forms, and Flock employees' names, addresses and tracking links from the emails; the signatures of both parties on the forms, the Chief's among them, stay as the signers' acts. The exports are published as derived tables that carry no name, plate, case number or reason text.

Documents

Public copies of the records this page relies on. Each file lists the request it came from, the date received, and the first 16 characters of its SHA-256 hash; the full hash is on the All files page.

Document	Request	Received	Pages	Redaction
Response email from the Deputy Clerk, October 2, 2026: a "No Charge" invoice and the "requested materials" attached (16 files); one response to requests A and B `a00fb1ac5d49ac1d…`	STP-2026-09-29-A and -B	2026-10-02	1	the Deputy Clerk's name and credential and the desk extension left out; message text as received, rendered to PDF; the Township's email disclaimer and our quoted request are left out; our note at the top; document properties cleared
Invoice no. 46067, dated October 1, 2026: $0.00, "No Charge"; "This FOIA took 15 minutes to complete therefore no charge" `250ddc465b1fd37f…`	STP-2026-09-29-A and -B	2026-10-02	1	requester's street address, city, ZIP code, email address and phone number blacked out; name retained; the Deputy Clerk's name and direct number blacked out; document properties cleared
Directive 415, Automated License Plate Reader and Vehicle Recognition System, effective January 29, 2024 (7 pages) `98d8a8020bddece4…`	STP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-02	7	none (document metadata removed)
Directive 415, Automated License Plate Reader and Vehicle Recognition System, revised June 17, 2026 (10 pages; adds training, documentation, audit and misuse sections) `99024beca94ef8b8…`	STP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-02	10	none (document metadata removed)

Document	Request	Received	Pages	Redaction
Flock Order Form signed June 9, 2023: two Falcon cameras, $6,000 a year, 24-month initial term, $12,300 contract total (file name as produced: Flock Agreement (order form), June 2023) 6ce99ebff09c57e4…	STP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-02	5	vendor contact's name, email address and phone number and the accounts-payable email address blacked out; Flock's General Counsel, who signed for Flock, named with the signature (an officer of the company); the pages are new images of the Township's scan; document properties cleared
Flock Order Form signed January 10, 2025: two Falcon cameras, $6,000 a year, 24-month initial term, $12,300 contract total (file name as produced: Flock Agreement (order form), January 2025) 5fe772dd68d9bbce…	STP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-02	28	vendor contact's name, email address and phone number and the accounts-payable email address blacked out; Flock's General Counsel, who signed for Flock, named with the signature (an officer of the company); link addresses that carry a query string or a long token removed; the tag tree, form fields and signature store (they repeat the signers' names and mailboxes) removed; document properties cleared
Email thread with Flock Safety, August 4 to 25, 2026: a pause on camera installs, the cancellation of the 60-day trial project, and Flock's acknowledgment 99f5d6dceef826e4…	STP-2026-09-29-A	2026-10-02	2	Flock Safety employees' names, email addresses and phone numbers removed; link addresses and image placeholders removed; the email address and office phone number in the Chief's messages removed, the messages otherwise as received; our note at the top; document properties cleared

What we sent

Our requests, as filed, with contact details omitted. Where a request was filed through a NextRequest portal, its number links to its page there. Some portals show that page only to the requester and the agency.

Document	Request	Sent	Pages
Our request STP-2026-09-29-A, Part A (documents), as filed	STP-2026-09-29-A	2026-09-29	1
Our request STP-2026-09-29-B, Part B (system exports), as filed	STP-2026-09-29-B	2026-09-29	1

Requests and responses

The record of each request: dates, fees and the agency's determination, as on the Requests page. "Agency's determination" is the agency's own answer. "Where it stands" is our coding of the request's status. Once we have checked the records produced against the request, it says whether they covered every item requested or some of them; while questions that could close the gaps are with the agency, it waits for the answers.

Request	STP-2026-09-29-A · text as sent
Sent	2026-09-29; counted as received 2026-09-30
Response due	2026-10-07
Answered	2026-10-02, 2 business days after receipt
Agency's determination	Granted
Fee	None charged
Fee waiver	No fee charged
Paid	$0.00
Where it stands	Records produced. Our file is closed (`produced` in the codebook)

Request	STP-2026-09-29-B · text as sent
Sent	2026-09-29; counted as received 2026-09-30
Response due	2026-10-07
Answered	2026-10-02, 2 business days after receipt
Agency's determination	Granted
Fee	None charged
Fee waiver	No fee charged
Paid	$0.00
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Right of reply

A draft of the records and analysis was sent to the agency (FOIA coordinator; chief) on 2026-10-05. The agency has replied 3 times. Each reply, in full and in order:

Reply of 2026-10-08

> We have no objections.
>
> Eric B. Luke
> Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police
> Sumpter Township
>
> [The Department's motto line, office address, phone, website links, signature images and confidentiality notice are left out.]

Reply of 2026-10-23

> Chance,
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> If I recall correctly, the information requested concerned the canceled 11-camera agreement from earlier this year.
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> The four cameras are on two separate private properties and paid for entirely by the property owner. Two cameras are at each and have been in place since Summer 2023 and January 2025, respectively.
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> Eric B. Luke
> Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police
> Sumpter Township
>
> [Answering the question sent with our notice of October 23, 2026, which is the camera Question on this page. The Department's motto line, office address, phone, website links, signature images and confidentiality notice are left out.]

Reply of 2026-10-23

> Chance,
>
> All of the information in your last email up to question #2 is correct. As for question #2, I don't have the authority to speak on behalf of the property owner regarding naming them.
>
> Eric B. Luke
> Director of Public Safety/Chief of Police
> Sumpter Township
>
> [Answering our email of 11:51 am the same day, which stated that none of the cameras of the cancelled trial agreement was installed and asked two questions: whether the two Flock order forms the Township produced, signed June 9, 2023 and January 10, 2025 for two Falcon cameras each, are the four cameras, with the Township as the Flock account holder and the property owner paying; and whether the owner may be named on the page as the one paying. The Department's motto line, office address, phone, website links, signature images and confidentiality notice are left out.]