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Ohio Department of Public Safety Unveils New Forensic Video Analysis Unit

COLUMBUS—The Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS) announced today it is expanding its services to include forensic video analysis free of charge to law enforcement agencies across the state.

“Not only will this unit serve as a critical tool for ODPS, but it will help forward justice, safety, and homeland security throughout Ohio – and across the country,” said ODPS Director John Born.

Currently, the unit has the ability to: correctly extract video files from computer, laptops, DVR systems, dash-cam systems and websites; analyze video for a variety of uses, including single-frame grab; write official, technician-level reports and provide testimony on video analyzed by the unit; and retrieve DVR footage onsite.

Forensic video analysis is the examination, comparison and evaluation of video. ODPS repurposed positions to perform the new services. The ODPS Forensic Video Analysis Unit employs specially-trained staff, certified through the Law Enforcement and Emergency Services Video Association International, Inc., and uses legal-reviewed standard operating procedures.

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