



## **Biometric Identification Newsletter**

### **FACIAL RECOGNITION IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

#### **COLLECTION OF BIOMETRICS:**

Biometrics are unique physical or behavioral characteristics (fingerprints, iris images, facial features, voice). The collection of biometrics within Los Angeles County takes place when a person is arrested and booked at a local police station or at a County jail as mandated by the State of California.

#### **KEY POINTS:**

- ◆ **Facial Recognition generates leads**– Facial Recognition is not identification, it assists in the identification process by providing candidates as possible matches to the searched image.
- ◆ **Facial Recognition searches use a criminal database of mugshots as defined by policy**– all searches start with a criminal probe image (suspect) that is searched against a database of previously arrested individuals.
- ◆ **LACRIS is governed by California State Law**– LACRIS adheres to laws and policies in place by Los Angeles County and the State of California when Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) is used.
- ◆ **All LACRIS Facial Recognition System users have been trained**– Prior to gaining access to the Facial Recognition System, all users must attend training on the use of the System and the laws and policy governing the use of Facial Recognition Systems.
- ◆ **Facial Recognition is not connected to surveillance systems**– All Facial Recognition searches are conducted with a still image against the database of criminal booking photos.
- ◆ **Facial Recognition does not have connectivity to DMV records, social media accounts, or any other open source platform.**
- ◆ **A criminal investigative search is the only form of facial recognition allowed on the LACRIS system.**
- ◆ **AB 1215 temporarily bans the use of facial recognition on any Body Worn Camera or any Body Worn Camera footage from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.**

*LACRIS is a State-funded program to provide biometric identification solutions to Los Angeles law enforcement agencies. Any use of a LACRIS system must adhere to LACRIS policy.*

