

EXTERNAL CONTEXT: INVESTIGATETV ON FLOCK OVERSIGHT

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Source: Brendan Keefe, "Flock Safety cameras help solve crimes. But who's watching the watchers?" InvestigateTV, published May 18, 2026.

Why this source matters

The report examines both the public-safety value of Flock Safety license-plate readers and concerns about oversight, access, auditability, and mistaken identification. It is useful here as **external context**, not as evidence of what Gulfport itself did.

Flock's own statement on local oversight

InvestigateTV interviewed Flock Safety Chief Communications Officer Josh Thomas about who should regulate and oversee the technology. Thomas said local officials who contract with Flock are responsible for those decisions and specifically identified city councils as having a role.

"The city owns the data. So city council would have the appropriate responsibility in that case."

The report also quotes Thomas saying that city councils are democratically elected to make these kinds of decisions and that cities should regulate parts of the system they do not want.

Other oversight points reported

Topic	What the article reports
Audit logging	Thomas said every Flock search is logged in an immutable audit record.
Community concerns	Thomas said residents were raising appropriate questions about who has access to which cameras.
Scale of external access	The article describes Dunwoody, Georgia, sharing data with more than 1,000 external agencies and the difficulty of reviewing very large audit logs.
Balance	The article also presents Flock's argument that the technology can help solve violent crimes and recover missing persons.

Relevance to Gulfport

This source supports the general proposition that elected local government oversight of Flock technology is appropriate, even though elected officials do not direct individual police investigations. It does not establish Gulfport's legal structure, purchasing authority, or whether Gulfport complied with any particular policy.

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