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PRESS STATEMENT

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ACLU of Utah Statement on Facial Recognition Searches of Utah's Driver's License Database by Law Enforcement

"Reports that state agencies allowed federal immigration and local law enforcement agents to run thousands of facial recognition searches using Utah's driver's license database is concerning to us and should be alarming to anyone who values privacy and due process.

Without knowledge or consent, everyone with a Utah driver's license or driving privilege card may have had their photo analyzed thousands of times by facial recognition software that is known to be inaccurate. These reports confirm that a massive, hidden surveillance infrastructure isn't just science fiction, it's already happening.

We plan to investigate how this breach of trust occurred and the steps Utah lawmakers need to take to protect the privacy of all Utahns from this widespread, open-ended surveillance program."

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