

Annual Surveillance Report: August 14, 2018-August 31, 2019

Santa Clara County Office of the Sheriff

Surveillance Use Policy for the Trail Cameras Bushnell Trophy Cameras Model 119466

1. Description of How the Technology Was Used

The primary objective of the Trail Cameras is to monitor illegal or suspected illegal activity on private or public lands for investigative cases of the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office.

During this period, the Marijuana Eradication Team utilized the Trail Cameras to monitor illegal activity in Santa Clara County.

2. Data Sharing with Outside Entities

During this period data was not shared with outside entities. Data will be shared with the DA once investigations are complete.

3. Community Complaints or Concerns

During the period for this annual report, there were no community complaints or concerns expressed to the Sheriff's Office regarding the Trail Cameras.

4. Non-Privileged Internal Audits / Policy Violations

When in use, the Trail Cameras were monitored by supervisors to ensure the Surveillance Use Policy and other Sheriff's policies were being followed. Trail Cameras were utilized to video illegal activities and no policy violations were discovered regarding this equipment during this reporting period.

5. Effectiveness in Achieving its Identified Purpose

The Trail Cameras were utilized in one criminal investigation involving an illicit marijuana grow. The investigation is still ongoing and the cameras have been effective in capturing images of illicit activity occurring at that location. The investigation is still on-going.

6. Public Records Act Requests

During this reporting period, the Sheriff's Office did not receive any California Public Records Act requests for the data from the Trail Cameras.

Considered: 10/22/2019

7. Annual Costs

The purchase of the Trail Cameras was a one-time purchase before this reporting period. There were no additional costs during this reporting period.