

# EXHIBIT 1

**From:** [Bevlyn Sagon](#)  
**To:** [CommissionComments](#)  
**Subject:** Grave concerns regarding RES 2020-125- the adoption of facial recognition MOU by coconut creek police  
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Distinguished Commissioners,

We ( Bevlyn Sagon / Paul Sagon) have been residents in coconut creek for over 10 years.

We and our children have always felt safe in this diverse community. However, as persons of Caribbean and African American heritage, we have grave concerns regarding the decision to implement the BSO's facial recognition program in our city. As far as we know, our city is not crime -ridden to the point of that we would need this technology to solve crimes. Furthermore, we are not sure if the commission and city leaders are aware that this program is being examined nationally because of the numerous problems with misidentification of dark-skinned individuals. Many tech companies such as Apple and Google are suspending their involvement in this program. Additionally, the BBC news has reported problems with the use of this technology within the UK. It is unfortunate that we were not aware that the city's police department was considering the implementation of this technology until this late date. Even so, we implore the city to revisit this decision to avoid any future issues of misidentification of its residents. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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**From:** [Bevlyn Sagon](#)  
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**Subject:** AI Responsible For Wrongful Arrest In First Known U.S. Case | HuffPost  
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Please receive addendum to my earlier email regarding MOU for facial recognition software.

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Sincerely,

Bevlyn Sagon

# AI Responsible For Wrongful Arrest In First Known U.S. Case

A man was wrongfully arrested after facial recognition software mismatched his driver's license photo to surveillance video of someone shoplifting, according to an ACLU complaint.



Paresh Dave



DAMIR SAGOLJ / REUTERS Visitors check their phones behind the screen advertising facial recognition software during Global Mobile Internet Conference (GMIC) at the National Convention in Beijing, China April 27, 2018. REUTERS/Damir Sagolj

OAKLAND, Calif. (Reuters) - An incorrect facial recognition match led to the first known wrongful arrest in the United States based on the increasingly used technology, civil liberties activists alleged in a complaint to Detroit police on Wednesday.

Robert Williams spent over a day in custody in January after face recognition software matched his driver's license photo to surveillance video of someone shoplifting, the American Civil Liberties Union of Michigan (ACLU) said in the complaint. In a video shared by ACLU, Williams says officers released him after acknowledging "the computer" must have been wrong.

Government documents seen by Reuters show the match to Williams came from Michigan state police's digital image analysis section, which has been using a face matching service from Rank One Computing.

Detroit and state authorities and Rank One could not be immediately reached for comment.

The ACLU complaint requests Detroit police stop using facial recognition "as the facts of Mr. Williams' case prove both that the technology is flawed and that investigators are not competent in making use of such technology."

Separate guidelines from Michigan state police and Rank One state a face match should not be used as the basis for an arrest. It was unclear whether police had additional evidence before arresting Williams, who is Black, in front of his wife and their two-year-old and five-year-old daughters, ACLU said.

The arrest concerned five watches totaling \$3,800 taken from a Shinola store in October 2018.

Police have used facial recognition in convictions, but activists contend greater precautions are needed to mitigate against issues such as mismatches related to Black individuals.

Rank One in a blog post last year described the concerns about misidentification as “misconceptions,” citing U.S. government research about the high accuracy of top systems.

Jacob Snow, an attorney at ACLU of Northern California, told Reuters, that “even if Rank One performs well, that didn’t help Mr. Williams here and Rank One should take responsibility.”

Microsoft Corp and Amazon.com Inc halted facial recognition sales to police this month following nationwide protests that have demanded an end to law enforcement tactics that unfairly target African Americans and other minorities.

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Respected Commissioners,

Myself and my family have been residents of Coconut Creek since 2002 after moving here from New York for a better life for my children. I specifically chose this neighborhood for the feeling of safety and close community. However, as a family of Caribbean and African American heritage with five sons and the current racial travesties that our community as a whole is experiencing I was alarmed to learn of the decision to implement the BSO's facial recognition program in our city. Coconut Creek is still a relatively safe and family friendly neighborhood far from being distinguished as one that is dangerous and crime ridden hence needing such an intensive technology to solve crimes. Furthermore, I have grave concerns of the issues that have been brought up regarding this technology such as: Small image size making facial recognition more difficult, different face angles throwing off facial recognition's reliability and possible automation bias with users believing that the technology is infallible thus leading to faulty decisions and possible mistaken identity. This issue is especially concerning to me as the mother of five Black sons as research has uncovered the numerous problems and highlighted how the algorithms trained on racially biased sets have misidentified dark-skinned individuals. These issues have led to increased examination and scrutiny of this practice. I am requesting a thorough examination of this technology in addition to listening to the concerned voices of your residents to prevent the possible misidentification and possible false criminalization of your residents. I greatly appreciate your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9.