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**To:** [Nhan, Johnny](#); [Ray Schultz](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Follow up on Flock Safety research request  
**Date:** Monday, November 27, 2023 2:53:58 PM

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I can meet on Thursday, but would have to meet early in the afternoon around 1 or 130pm.

Rick

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Hi Ray,

The 3 years prior will work. We definitely want to show a big swing but let's discuss this and what we can analyze.

I am available this Thursday afternoon if that works. Let me check with my colleague Rick and check on his availability.

Thank you,

Johnny

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**From:** Ray Schultz <rschultz@mvpdtx.org>

**Date:** Monday, November 27, 2023 at 1:32 PM  
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Hi Johnny,

Sure, we would like to be of assistance. Our numbers of crimes are extremely low so that might be kind of misleading. Where we see the biggest gains are in recoveries that were 3 per year pre-ALPR to a high of 75, and in developing investigate leads. How does later in the week look for an initial call/discussion?

Ray

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**From:** Nhan, Johnny <j.nhan@tcu.edu>  
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Hi Chief Schultz,

I'm following up on an email I sent before the Thanksgiving holiday.

I was given your contact info by Andrea Korb from Flock Safety who mentioned you may be interested in allowing further evaluation of the effectiveness of Flock's equipment in addressing public safety issues in your community. My colleague, Dr. Rick Helfers from the University of Texas at Tyler, and I are conducting sponsored research on the effectiveness of Flock technologies, such as ALPRs, and was informed that your agency employs such technologies.

We are interested in looking at and using your data. Specifically, we'd like to look at crime data 2 years before Flock implementation and 2 years after. Such data includes stolen vehicles, investigations, and other crimes where Flock cameras may be used.

We would like to discuss the details further via a video Zoom call so we can see what data is available and the details of our project. Our goal is to help improve the technology and hopefully validate its effectiveness. Dr. Helfers is a former Police Captain from Richardson Police Department in Texas and I am currently a reserve officer from Fort Worth Police.

Thank you,

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