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Capt. Schofield,

Below, you will find thirteen (13) instances where the ALPR (Automated License Plate Reader), that the City of Simpsonville employs benefited either the Simpsonville Police Officers investigating the crimes and/or the victims it helped.

05-20-018608 – Murder

On October 16, 2020, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to Stillwater Apartments (3714 Grandview Dr.) in reference to a gunshot victim.

Just after the incident, and before receiving this call for service, at approximately 2340, an officer observed a red Chevrolet Camaro with red rims traveling east on Seminole Dr near Cheyenne Dr. When the officer got out with an unknown subject at 2341 at the intersection of Seminole Dr and Capewood Rd, the same vehicle drove by again. This vehicle was deemed suspicious, and through further investigation, the vehicle was identified using ALPRs.

Once the vehicle was identified, the owner was contacted, thereby assisting in identifying persons of interest. Through investigation, aided by ALPRs, this led to the identification of the suspects, resulting in arrest and, later, a confession and conviction of the shooter.

05-22-007613 – Safecracking / Grand Larceny

On April 24, 2022, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to Sharonview Federal Credit Union (710 Fairview Rd.) in reference to an abandoned vehicle as well as the ATM having been pulled out and broken into, resulting in all of the cash missing.

During the course of the investigation, it was revealed that the Greenville County Sheriff's Office had also responded to an ATM having been pulled from its foundation with all of the money missing as well. It was also learned that similarly, another ATM was ripped as well in Greensboro, NC.

After compiling some license plates that were picked up using the cameras in the area at the time of the ATM Rip, ALPRs were used and found that while searching a Texas tag they had "hot spots" on the heat map in Greenville, SC, Atlanta, GA, Alabama, and around Houston, TX. With the information, search warrants for cell phone towers were obtained, ultimately leading to arrests. (ALPR's assisted by being able to show the vehicle in the area of multiple ATM's rips.)



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05-24-009020 – Armed Robbery

On May 14, 2024, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to Walmart (3950 Grandview Dr) in reference to a subject entering the store, displaying a note to a cashier demanding money. While investigators were enroute to Walmart, we were advised that GCSO had responded to Walmart (6134 White Horse Rd.) in reference to an Armed Robbery where the suspect descriptions were the same. It was later determined and relayed that the suspect had fled in a small, red sedan, possibly a Nissan, and later confirmed to be a Mitsubishi Mirage with the tag.

Based on the information, the tag information was entered into the ALPRs, and we were able to see where the tag was located. Laurens County Sheriff's Office was contacted, and we were then advised that the Walmart (922 E. Main St., Laurens) had also experienced an Armed Robbery. The suspect was arrested in Laurens County with the assistance of multiple agencies, including Simpsonville and GCSO.

The vehicle was able to be identified in multiple locations using the description and ALPR's. This assisted in helping to identify the driver with the attempt to warn Laurens City Police Department and LCSO of the subject traveling in their jurisdiction.

05-24-011988 – Autobreakings / Motor Vehicle Theft

On June 30, 2024, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to multiple Autobreakings (24-011988, 24-012002, 24-012004, 24-012006, 24-012008, 24-012009, 24-012010, 24-012014, 24-012030, 24-012097, and 24-012114 --- 10 x Autobreakings; 1 x MVT).

Throughout the investigation, a black Chevrolet sedan was identified, resulting in the identification of the subjects. After the vehicle was recovered and searched, some of the stolen items, including multiple firearms, were recovered.

Through the use of ALPR's, the vehicle was located in the near vicinity on the date and times of the Autobreakings. The arrest of four (4) juveniles was made, resulting in sixty (60) juvenile referrals to the Greenville County Juvenile Solicitor's Office for Simpsonville alone.

The use of ALPR's benefited this case by corroborating the suspect vehicle in the vicinity of the crimes on the date/time they were committed.

05-24-018502 – Pointing and Presenting a Firearm / Aggravated Breach of Peace / Unlawful Conduct Toward a Child / Possession of a Weapon During a Violent Crime

On October 16, 2024, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to Spinx (625 Fairview Rd) in reference to the discharge of a firearm.

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Through investigation, video from Spinx was obtained, and the vehicle make and tag were entered into the ALPR, and the vehicle plate was captured on Grandview Dr near Davenport Rd. After canvassing the area, the vehicle was located in an apartment complex parking lot, where a subject matching the description of the subject seen on video was walking into the apartment complex.

During the investigation, the other suspect in this case was involved in a wreck and thus taken into custody for their involvement. Both subjects were arrested.

ALPRs assisted in this case by providing a license plate for the matching vehicles and confirming involvement.

05-25-000732, 852 – Autobreaking / Motor Vehicle Theft

On January 17, 2025, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to speak with a complainant in reference to their vehicle being stolen from Hawthorne Apartments (6000 Royal Fern Way).

During the investigation, it was learned that the vehicle tag was captured using the ALPRs through the agreement between two (2) jurisdictions (Greenville Police). Based on the information provided and accompanying investigation, the subject was identified and charged in both cases.

05-25-008144 – Autobreaking / Petit Larceny / Conspiracy

On May 29, 2025, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to a reported Autobreaking. It was learned that the victim had just been at the bank to take money out and was essentially followed home, where the Autobreaking occurred (jugging).

During the investigation, the bank was visited, where video surveillance was provided, identifying the suspect vehicle as a silver Chevrolet/GMS SUV. While utilizing the ALPR system and subsequent investigation with partner agencies, the suspect tag was captured at multiple places, including Charlotte, NC.

While the vehicle was being captured on multiple cameras in Charlotte, CMPD had stopped the vehicle and identified all of its occupants before releasing them. Through further investigation, the subjects were arrested for their involvement in jugging incidents in Simpsonville and other jurisdictions. All four subjects and the two who were arrested are based out of Houston, TX, and weren't known to Law Enforcement in this area until their arrest.

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05-25-012782 – Burglary / Breaking and Entering / Petit Larceny

On August 20, 2025, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to Fairview Road Self Storage (20 Berry Blue Ct.) in reference to storage units having been broken into.

Through investigation, the tag for the suspect was obtained and then confirmed as having been captured by an ALPR, corroborating that the suspect was in the city, and the cameras are close to the incident location itself, as well as some of the listed stolen items in the back of the truck.

The use of the ALPR's assisted in confirming the suspect as being in the city at the time of the reported crimes. The ALPR's also assisted in confirming that the suspect vehicle was, in fact, carrying some of the items that were reported as missing.

05-25-014841 – Motor Vehicle Theft / Conspiracy

On September 28, 2025, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to McDonald's (1025 South St.) in reference to a stolen vehicle.

After the initial call, through investigation, the suspects were identified, as well as the fact that the suspect vehicle and the victim vehicle were both picked up on an ALPR going into the neighborhood where one of the suspects lives.

05-25-019113 – Missing Person

On December 24, 2025, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to a residence in which a missing person was reported.

While utilizing the ALPR's, it was determined that the tag had not been captured by any cameras, thus leaning toward the vehicle and driver not traveling far. The missing person was found back at the residence after the tag was captured on an ALPR in the vicinity of their home.



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05-26-004066 – Assist Other Agency / Recovery of Stolen Vehicle

On March 24, 2026, the Simpsonville Police Department was notified of a stolen vehicle that was captured on the ALPRs. After canvassing the area for the vehicle, it was located, and a traffic stop ensued.

Based on the ALPR capture, along with the subsequent investigation, the driver was arrested and turned over to the jurisdiction that held the warrant.

05-26-006322 – Assist Other Agency / Fugitive from Justice

On May 5, 2026, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to Walmart (3950 Grandview Dr.) in reference to the owner of a vehicle that was captured on ALPRs that had arrest warrants associated with the license plate.

Once at Walmart, the Officers located the driver; the warrants were confirmed, and the driver was taken into custody on out-of-state warrants (Fugitive from Justice).

05-26-007646 – Assist Other Agency / Wanted Person(s) x 3

On May 28, 2026, the Simpsonville Police Department responded to the area of SE Main St and Strongridge Trl in reference to an ALPR capture tied to active arrest warrants for the registered owner.

After locating the vehicle, officers identified the driver and two (2) passengers. After confirmation, all three (3) subjects were taken into custody based on their active warrants from Richland County Sheriff's Office (x2) and the South Carolina Highway Patrol.

This vehicle came onto the radar due to the ALPR capturing the tag that had active warrants attached to the registered owner.

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