

Secret Facial Recognition Program Could Cover Every State



Technocrats surveil everything. Law enforcement agencies across the nation have been scooping up pictures and identities of conservatives at rallies and protests. The fact that it is done at all is draconian but the intent behind it is even worse. □ TN Editor

America's law enforcement has been secretly using a facial recognition program that can be used to ID activists and protesters.

The first-ever acknowledgement of the program was recently revealed by the *Washington Post*.

"The court documents are believed to be the first public acknowledgment that authorities used the controversial technology in connection with the widely criticized sweep of largely peaceful protesters ahead of a photo op by President Trump."

What makes this so troubling are two things. One, it appears to be used by law enforcement nationwide.

As the *Washington Post* explains, "the case is one of a growing number nationwide in which authorities have turned to facial recognition

software to help identify protesters accused of violence.”

And two, this secret law enforcement facial recognition database contains images of at least 1.4 million Americans.

“The case also provides the first detailed look at a powerful new regional facial recognition system that officials said has been used more than 12,000 times since 2019 and contains a database of 1.4 million people but operates almost entirely outside the public view. Fourteen local and federal agencies have access.”

The name of this new facial recognition program is called the “National Capital Region Facial Recognition Investigative Leads System” (NCRFRILS).

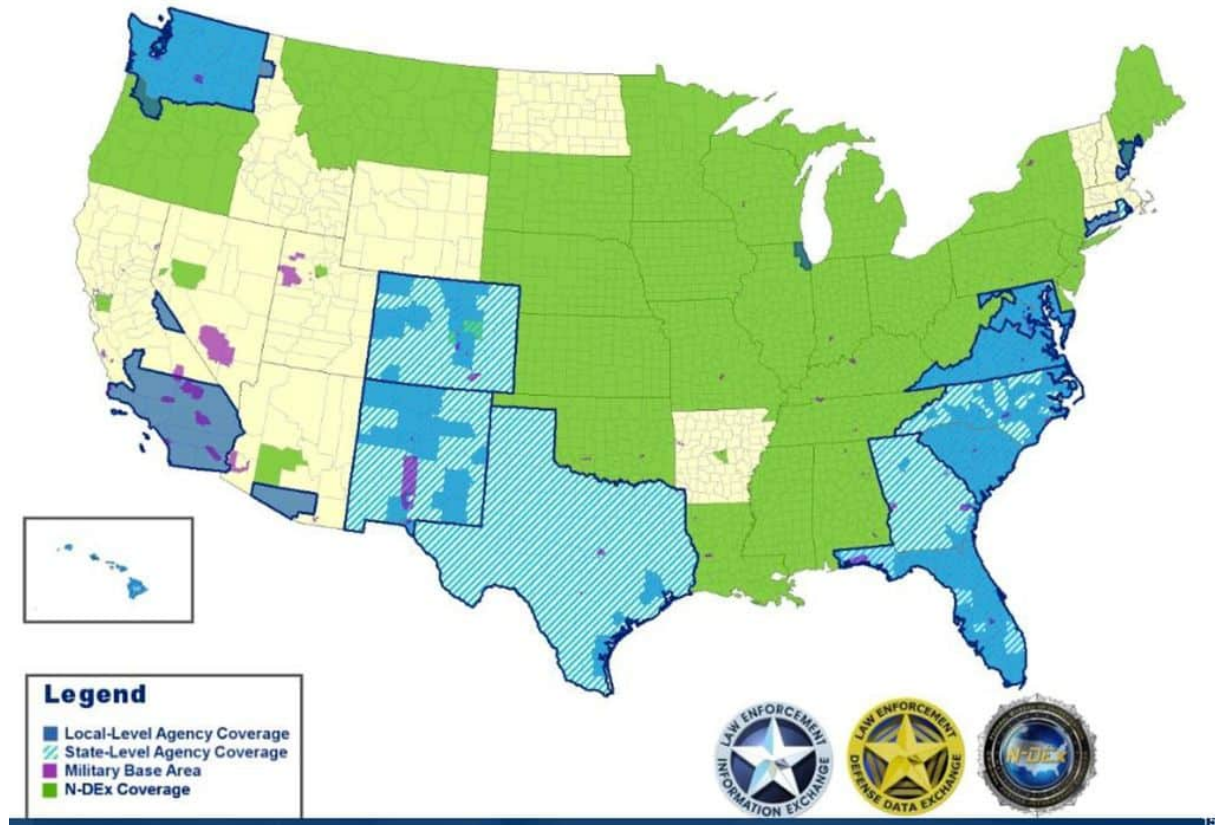
A thousand law enforcement agencies could have access to a billion public records

The *Washington Post* claims that only fourteen local and federal agencies have access to NCFRILS, which could be off by as many as a thousand law enforcement agencies.

Page 10 of an “NCIS Law Enforcement Exchange” LInX agency training program, reveals that there are over one thousand law enforcement agencies that have access to more than one billion records. It is anyone’s guess as to how many images of people’s faces they have access to.

Page 14, is a little more revealing. It shows how the LInX network covers most of the country.

LInX/D-DEx/N-DEx Composite 02/2016



Another search lead me to *Northrop Grumman's* Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LInX)

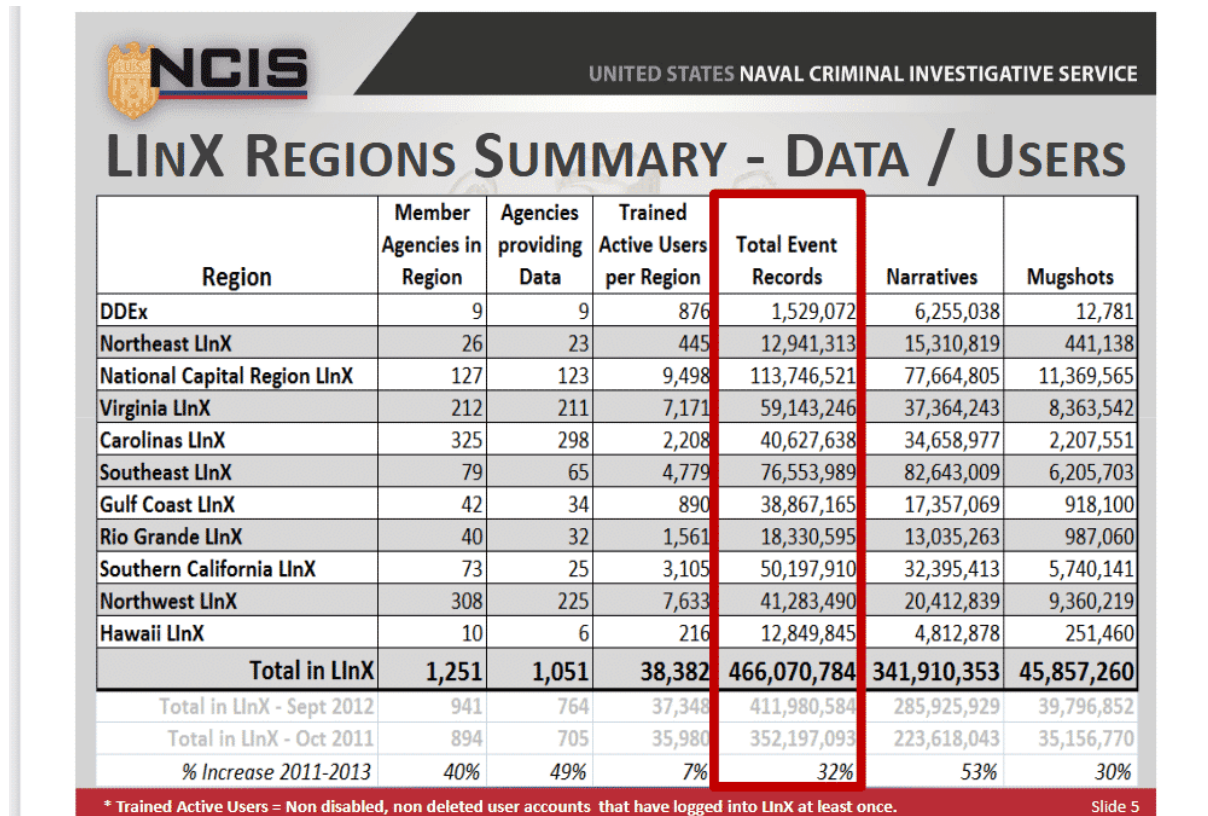
"With Law Enforcement Information Exchange (LInX), users will retrieve and link more available data than ever before to support their investigative and tactical operations. LInX correlates and identifies hidden data and linkages across multiple jurisdictions, bringing them front and center for authorized users to see."

One thing is certain, NCFRILS or LInX definitely uses facial recognition to identify hidden data. As *Northrop Grumman* said, its major focus appears to be bringing an activist or protester's ID to the front and center for authorized users to see.

A National Capital Region-Law Enforcement Information Exchange (NCR-LInX) meeting from 2013 revealed a map of more than 127 agencies spread across Baltimore, Maryland., Washington D.C., and Virginia.

One thing is clear, the *Washington Post's* estimates are way off as page

5 revealed.



The slide features the NCIS logo and the text 'UNITED STATES NAVAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE SERVICE' at the top. Below this is the title 'LINX REGIONS SUMMARY - DATA / USERS'. A table with 7 columns and 12 rows follows. The columns are: Region, Member Agencies in Region, Agencies providing Data, Trained Active Users per Region, Total Event Records, Narratives, and Mugshots. The 'Total Event Records' column is highlighted with a red box. The table includes data for various regions like DDEx, Northeast LInX, National Capital Region LInX, etc., and a summary row for 'Total in LInX'. Below the table, there are three rows of comparative data for Sept 2012, Oct 2011, and a percentage increase for 2011-2013. A red footer contains a note about 'Trained Active Users' and 'Slide 5'.

Region	Member Agencies in Region	Agencies providing Data	Trained Active Users per Region	Total Event Records	Narratives	Mugshots
DDEx	9	9	876	1,529,072	6,255,038	12,781
Northeast LInX	26	23	445	12,941,313	15,310,819	441,138
National Capital Region LInX	127	123	9,498	113,746,521	77,664,805	11,369,565
Virginia LInX	212	211	7,171	59,143,246	37,364,243	8,363,542
Carolinas LInX	325	298	2,208	40,627,638	34,658,977	2,207,551
Southeast LInX	79	65	4,779	76,553,989	82,643,009	6,205,703
Gulf Coast LInX	42	34	890	38,867,165	17,357,069	918,100
Rio Grande LInX	40	32	1,561	18,330,595	13,035,263	987,060
Southern California LInX	73	25	3,105	50,197,910	32,395,413	5,740,141
Northwest LInX	308	225	7,633	41,283,490	20,412,839	9,360,219
Hawaii LInX	10	6	216	12,849,845	4,812,878	251,460
Total in LInX	1,251	1,051	38,382	466,070,784	341,910,353	45,857,260
Total in LInX - Sept 2012	941	764	37,348	411,980,584	285,925,929	39,796,852
Total in LInX - Oct 2011	894	705	35,980	352,197,093	223,618,043	35,156,770
% Increase 2011-2013	40%	49%	7%	32%	53%	30%

* Trained Active Users = Non disabled, non deleted user accounts that have logged into LInX at least once. Slide 5

The “National Capital Region Facial Recognition Investigative Leads System” appears to be part of NCR-LInX which means by 2013 estimates that there were 1,251 law enforcement agencies with 1,051 agencies providing data in 38,000 regions. Each of these law enforcement agencies had access to close to 46,000 mugshots, which we can safely assume is tied to facial recognition.

As the *Washington Post* warns, this is disastrous for activists and protestors.

“The use of facial recognition to identify protesters and the secrecy surrounding NCFRILS has troubled activists and privacy advocates, who said it could have a chilling effect on First Amendment rights and leave defendants unable to challenge a match since its use is not disclosed in the vast majority of cases.”

All indications point to NCFRILS being a much larger facial recognition program than what we are being led to believe. Despite what law enforcement claims, police are also using it to ID people for misdemeanors.

“Detroit police were using the technology when they misidentified a Black man in a shoplifting case, although it appears sloppy investigative work also played a role, experts said. A version of one of two facial recognition algorithms the Detroit police were running also powers NCFRILS.”

It appears that NCFRILS is indeed much larger and might even be accessible to police departments across the country; making NCFRILS a national facial recognition program.

What will it take for Americans to stop trusting government officials who claim secret public surveillance programs are necessary to fight the never-ending War On Terror?

Will it take a national license plate reader network, or a U.S. Customs and Border Patrol national cellphone monitoring program, or a national Fusion Center Wi-Fiber monitoring network, or finally a national law enforcement facial recognition program for Americans to wake up and see that our government treats everyone with suspicion?

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