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I looked into the issue surround Flock and the reports from a news article. Attached are my findings. I wasn't looking for anything in particular related to a FOIA. We can discuss.

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All,

I have investigated the concerns reported about the Flock data sharing between the Western States Information Network (WSIN) and the Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC). It's important to note that both organizations receive state funding and work with public safety government programs to support law enforcement against organized crime, drug trafficking and other harmful threats such as terrorism. They serve as a fusion center between local state and federal agencies.

In this instance, WISN had two analysts assigned to NCRIC as part of the fusion center, like a task force. These two analysts believed they were doing their jobs when they accessed and shared information with out of state and federal agencies. They were aware they could not share or search for any data related to reproductive investigations or immigration investigations, but they did not fully understand the restrictions on any out of state or federal sharing due to SB34. Although Benicia cameras were included in some of these searches that were conducted for out of state agencies or federal agencies (DEA), none of their inquiries or searches were related to immigration or reproductive rights. The searches they shared were for Homicide, Child Sexual Abuse Material (CSAM), Drug trafficking (Fentanyl) and other serious criminal investigations. They provided clear reasons for each inquiry.

We have clear expectations of the agencies we share our data with and NCRIC has a signed MOU with Benicia. The upside to this story is that the auditing process works and discovered a training and personnel issue within NCRIC. NCRIC did not make an intentional decision to violate the MOU. They had two analysts assigned to their fusion center that had not been properly trained to completely understand SB34 and its restrictions. This knowledge gap resulted in a violation of policy and SB34. Transparency is not the absence or misuse or mistakes. Instead, transparency is the surfacing of misuse or mistakes so we can better manage and use the system correctly. Mistakes will happen. Employees will make wrong decisions or perhaps, an employee may violate policy. We have

systems in place to identify these instances and address them when they appear. Flock has systematically improved upon the system to make it easier to identify instances of abuse or misuse. Without these systems in place, this audit likely would not have discovered this issue. SFPD certainly could have done a better job with their press release and explaining what actually happened.

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