

PRIVACY AND POLICE BODY CAMERAS

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THE NEED FOR BODY CAMERAS

- Michael Brown
 - His death sparked the current debate over police body cameras
- Walter Scott
 - Case widely publicized after video taken by a bystander leaked on the internet
- Aura Rosser
 - Shot by Ann Arbor Police officers responding to a domestic violence complaint
 - Though the officers were cleared of any wrongdoing, the Ann Arbor Police Department began equipping officers with body cameras

ORGANIZATIONS CALLING FOR BODY CAMERAS

- The White House
 - Working with the Justice Department to provide grants to local law enforcement
 - ACLU
 - Cameras can serve as a check against police misconduct
 - Civil Rights Coalition
 - 34 civil rights groups including the ACLU and NAACP have pushed for body cameras
 - House of Representatives
 - Symbolic vote that shows Congress supports the implementation of body cameras
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POLICE DEPARTMENTS WANT BODY CAMERAS

- Selma Alabama
 - Police Chief wants body cameras for all officers after body camera footage cleared an officer who shot a suspect
- Celina Texas
 - Police Chief praises the use body cameras after footage shows an officer used an appropriate amount of force to subdue a suspect

PROLIFERATION OF SURVEILLANCE

- Estimated 30 million surveillance cameras deployed in the US
 - These cameras capture 4 billion hours of footage per week
- Over 4,000 law enforcement cameras in Manhattan alone
- Roughly one-third of police departments are utilizing body cameras
- Fresno Police Department's Real Time Crime Center
 - State of the art facility that controls the departments threat detection system called "Beware"

PRIVACY CONCERNS

- 4th Amendment Search and Seizure Implications
 - When does police surveillance become a search?
 - The Supreme Court has held time again that no search occurs when police view activity in public places
 - What about third party individuals?
 - What can the police do to protect their identity?
 - Who will have access to camera footage?
 - What impact do body cameras have on the reasonable expectation of privacy?
 - ACLU concerns
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CONCLUSION

