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Statement in Response to Reporting on the NYC Department of Investigation's Probe Into the Subway Gun Detection System Contracting Process

(NEW YORK, NY) - Diane Akerman, Staff Attorney with the Digital Forensics Unit at The Legal Aid Society, released the following statement in response to [reporting](#) on the New York City Department of Investigation (DOI) probing the subway gun detection system contracting process:

“The choice to employ Evolv’s unreliable scanners was problematic from the start, but it is even more concerning, based on reporting, that the process which led to its use is now also under scrutiny.

“Employing a technology that [triggers false alarms](#), fails to serve as a ‘[good use-case](#)’ in the subways, and is the subject of a U.S. Federal Trade Commission [probe](#) and [litigation](#) recently brought by a group of investors alleging that Evolv overstated the technology’s efficacy, was always ill-conceived and contrary to New Yorkers’ best interests.

“The fact that the contractual process is now under a DOI probe only confirms the need for additional transparency from the NYPD and the City about their procurement and use of surveillance technology, as prescribed by the Public Oversight of Surveillance Technology Act.”

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