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**To:** Sworn Officers, Civilian Report Writers  
**From:** Robert Scheppmann, Sergeant  
**Subject:** Dash-Cam systems

Modern surveillance technology is an invaluable investigatory tool for law enforcement. One emerging source of evidentiary/ investigatory value is potential camera footage available from Tesla vehicle surveillance cameras and aftermarket dash-camera systems. Tesla provides a comprehensive surveillance system that captures footage from various angles based on vehicle settings. Aftermarket dash-camera systems can provide similar footage angles, and several of these systems are activated by motion when the vehicle is turned off. This footage can aid in capturing crimes in-progress, involved vehicle plates, suspect descriptions, and other critical information. The Detective Bureau and Traffic Services Bureau are asking that the following information be included in an “ADDITIONAL INFORMATION” heading related to major crime/ collision reports:

- Description, location, registered owner information, and orientation of the vehicle;
- Any follow-up conducted to obtain potential footage;
- Photos of the vehicle and dash-camera locations/ angles.

The example language below was provided by Detective Bureau Sgt. Padilla and can be used as an exemplar for your reports:

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

The following vehicles with cameras were located near the scene that may have footage of the incident:

- 2002 Ford Focus (Blue) License Plate 1ABC234. The vehicle has a forward facing aftermarket camera. The vehicle was parked facing north on the east curb line of Park Ave., south of Mission Blvd. R/O John Smith 102 W. Mission Blvd. #24 Pomona. No one answered the door. (See photo)
- 2022 Tesla (White) License Place 2DEF567. The vehicle was parked facing north on the east curb line of Park Ave., north of Mission Blvd. R/O Maria Padilla 90999 Valley Blvd. La Puente. Follow up not conducted. (See Photo)

- 2020 Ford F150 (Silver) 1555T9. The vehicle has a forward facing aftermarket camera. The vehicle was parked facing south on the west curb line of Park Ave., north of Mission Blvd. R/O Mike Davis 01/02/83) was present at the scene and advised he had footage of the incident; however, he was uncooperative with providing the footage. (Vehicle towed; warrant written, etc.)

In extreme circumstances, or for uncooperative vehicle owners, please consider towing the vehicle for evidence until a warrant can be written by the handling investigator, or, time permitting, compose a material evidence warrant, and retrieve the USB/ footage in the field. A supervisor should be consulted before seizing any vehicle as evidence.

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