East Greenbush PD - Outbound Flock Searches

PARTIAL DATA SET - OUTBOUND SEARCHES ONLY - NOT A COMPLETE RECORD

18,513 Flock searches run by East Greenbush PD, recovered for October 31, 2023 to November 10, 2026. This is a minimum, and it is one direction only. The Town's own audit log holds the complete record; this document does not.

Read this first - what this is, and what it is not.

Direction. Every record here is a search run by East Greenbush PD into other agencies' cameras. Each one surfaced because the department whose cameras were reached ran a network audit and released it. This document says nothing about the opposite direction, which outside agencies have searched East Greenbush's own cameras. That record exists only in the Town's own network audit, which has never been produced or published.

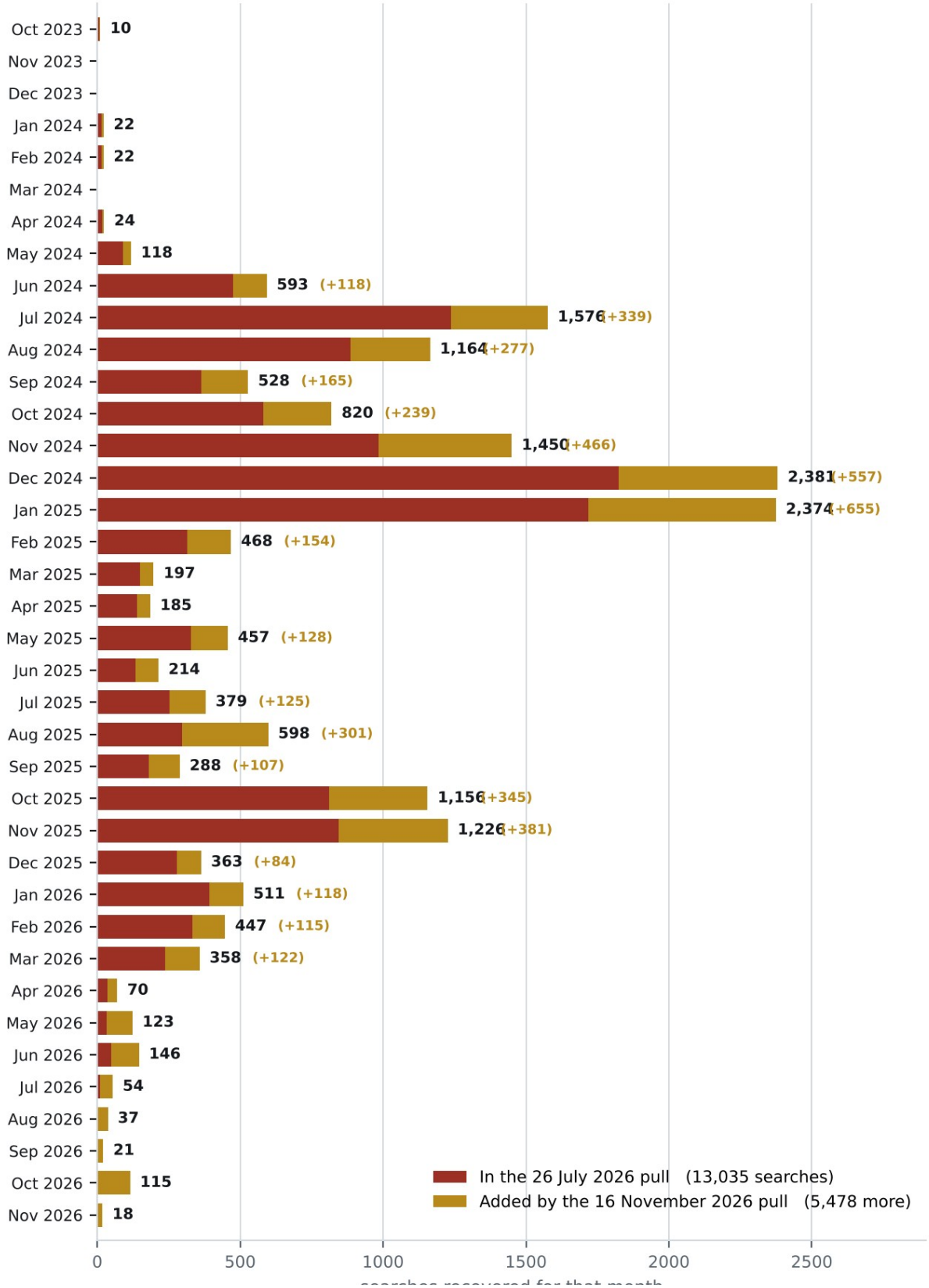
Where the underlying records come from. Both data pulls are exports from haveibeenflocked.com for agency 3131, East Greenbush NY PD, taken on **26 July 2026** and **16 November 2026**. That site does not hold any Flock data of its own. It aggregates network audit files that individual police departments released in answer to public records requests made to them, mostly through MuckRock. Each record in the export names the audit file it came from, that file's hash, and the public records request URL behind it.

So this record exists only because other towns answered their own FOIL requests. East Greenbush appears in it as a searching agency, not as a producing one.

Completeness. Every figure below is a floor, not a total. A search appears only if some outside agency happened to be asked for its audit log and happened to produce it. Anything that did not land in a disclosed outside audit is absent entirely.

Redaction. Producing agencies withhold fields at their discretion. Where a field was withheld, that record is excluded from the percentage rather than counted as empty. The counts of withheld fields are given below.

OUTBOUND SEARCHES RECOVERED, BY MONTH


Oct 2023 10
Nov 2023
Dec 2023
Jan 2024 22
Feb 2024 22
Mar 2024
Apr 2024 24
May 2024 118
Jun 2024 593 (+118)
Jul 2024 1,576 (+339)
Aug 2024 1,164 (+277)
Sep 2024 528 (+165)
Oct 2024 820 (+239)
Nov 2024 1,450 (+466)
Dec 2024 2,381 (+557)
Jan 2025 2,374 (+655)
Feb 2025 468 (+154)
Mar 2025 197
Apr 2025 185
May 2025 457 (+128)
Jun 2025 214
Jul 2025 379 (+125)
Aug 2025 598 (+301)
Sep 2025 288 (+107)
Oct 2025 1,156 (+345)
Nov 2025 1,226 (+381)
Dec 2025 363 (+84)
Jan 2026 511 (+118)
Feb 2026 447 (+115)
Mar 2026 358 (+122)
Apr 2026 70
May 2026 123
Jun 2026 146
Jul 2026 54
Aug 2026 37
Sep 2026 21
Oct 2026 115
Nov 2026 18
In the 26 July 2026 pull (13,035 searches)
Added by the 16 November 2026 pull (5,478 more)
0
500
1000
1500
2000
2500

Each bar is the number of searches **recovered** for that month, not the number run. Low bars may reflect gaps in outside disclosure rather than low activity. Highest recovered month: 2,381, December 2024.

The gold portion of each bar was added by the 16 November 2026 pull. It is not new searching. Almost all of it describes searches run before 26 July 2026 that only became visible when further agencies released their audit files.

On the months before mid-2024. Those bars are short, and the reason cannot be settled from this data. Far fewer agencies had published audit files covering that period, so there were fewer windows through which an East Greenbush search could be seen at all. Whether the early figures are low because less searching happened, or because less of it is visible, is not something this record can answer. No claim either way is made here.

HOW MUCH THE PAST RECORD GREW WITHOUT A SINGLE NEW SEARCH

The same export was taken on July 26, 2026 and again on November 16, 2026. Every one of the 13,035 records in the July file is present in the November file. None was removed.

Searches recovered, July 26, 2026	13,035
Searches recovered, November 16, 2026	**18,513**
Records added	5,478
Of those, **dated before July 26** and recovered from later disclosures	**5,285**
Of those, searches actually run after July 26	193
Audit files behind the record, July then November	747, then 1,249

The record of the past grew by 41 percent in under four months. 96 percent of what was added describes searches that had already happened and were simply not yet visible. This is the clearest available measure of how far below the true total any figure from this source sits.

SCOPE OF THE RECOVERED OUTBOUND SEARCHES

Outbound searches recovered (minimum, true count is higher)	18,513
Camera networks reached per search (median)	5,522
Camera networks reached per search (maximum)	6,902
Individual cameras reached in a single search (maximum)	97,836
Searches reaching more than 5,000 networks	11,920 (65%)

Searches reaching more than 80,000 cameras	1,788
Searches using a full 30-day historical lookback	5,534
Median lookback window per search	7 days
Audit files from outside agencies behind this record	1,249

Device counts are withheld by the producing agency in 10,262 of 18,513 records, so camera figures are drawn from the 8,251 that carry a value.

STATED REASON AND CASE NUMBER

Searches with the reason field visible (4,094 withheld by the producing agency)	14,419
Of those, reasons that are a single word or generic text	**10,686 (74%)**
Most frequent single entry: “Crim invest”	6,119
Searches with the case number field visible (2,387 withheld)	16,126
Of those, searches with a case number recorded	**320 (2.0%)**

The Department’s own draft policy, section 426.6(c), requires a case number, or the requesting agency together with the officer’s name and their incident number, and expressly prohibits one-word entries such as “Investigation” or “BOLO.” The searches in this record do not follow it.

When that section took effect is not established. No policy in effect has been produced, and none could be located in the Board’s resolutions, agendas, minutes or meeting recordings. What exists is a draft, dated 11 August 2026 and marked DRAFT on every page, and 18,337 of these 18,513 searches, 99 percent, were run before that date. So this is not a claim that a rule in force was broken. It is that the Department’s own proposed standard is not the standard these searches were run to, and that on this record nothing sets a written standard for the period in which they ran.

WHAT THIS PARTIAL RECORD SHOWS

Searches are not limited to one camera or one plate. The median East Greenbush query reached 5,522 camera networks. The largest reached 97,836 individual cameras.

The reach is national, not regional. East Greenbush searches appear in the audit logs of departments in Virginia, Georgia, Illinois, Washington and elsewhere, meaning this department queried cameras in those places.

Recorded justification is thin. Where the reason is visible, 74 percent is a single word or generic text. A case number appears in 2.0 percent of the records where that field was not

withheld.

Searches run on behalf of other agencies. Reason entries name outside agencies: Rensselaer County SO (356), NYSP (189), Schodack (95), Guilderland (32), Troy (28), Rensselaer City (3). Use of the Town's credential extends beyond the department that holds it.

The other half of the record is missing. Nothing here shows who has searched East Greenbush's cameras. Only the Town's own network audit can answer that.

That record was requested from the Town on **July 27, 2026**, as **Request A, item 1**, in these words:

> NETWORK AUDIT - all records of searches or queries run by any outside agency, department, or entity against cameras owned, operated, leased, or contributed by the Town of East Greenbush. For each record, please include: the searching user and agency, date and time, the stated reason or case reference, the search parameters, and the scope of the search (number of cameras and networks reached, and the lookback period).

The same request, at item 2, asked for the organization audit, the outbound side that this document reconstructs from other towns' disclosures. Item 4 recorded what the vendor's representative had told the Town Board twelve days earlier, on July 15, 2026: that audit logs are never deleted, are owned by the Town of East Greenbush, are accessible for the lifetime of the customer relationship, and may be made available to the Town Board and to members of the public.

Request A was acknowledged on August 5, 2026. On September 1 the Town said an organizational audit would take approximately two months. **It has not been produced. 114 days have passed since the request was filed, and 79 days since that estimate.**

Everything in this document exists because other towns answered records requests about their own cameras. The corresponding East Greenbush record has not been answered.

A FINDING ABOUT THE RELEASED FILES THEMSELVES

Where a plate was searched, these audit files record it not as the plate but as an **eight-character hash**. That is intended to obscure the vehicle. It does not.

Eight hexadecimal characters is 32 bits. A New York plate in the common ABC-1234 form has roughly **176 million** possibilities, a space that can be enumerated in full and hashed on an ordinary laptop in a few seconds. The hash carries no salt, so there is nothing to slow that process down. Any plate appearing in a released Flock audit file can therefore be recovered by anyone willing to spend a minute on it.

In the East Greenbush export, 2,559 of the 18,513 records carried such a hash, resolving to **420 distinct vehicles**. The most frequently appearing one was searched 138 times.

Where the hash originates has not been confirmed. The same values appear across 83 different source audit files, and nine of them appear in both the East Greenbush export and the Troy export, so they are produced by a single actor upstream of the individual departments rather than by the departments themselves. Have I Been Flocked describes them in its own release notes as Flock's values. That is consistent but it is not confirmation, and no claim is made here as to which party generates them or by what method.

What was done about it. The plate hash column has been removed from the data files published alongside this document. No figure in this document is derived from it. The column remains in the files as the producing agencies released them.

Source and limitations. Compiled from haveibeenflocked.com agency export 3131, files agency-3131-2026-07-26.csv and agency-3131-2026-11-16.csv, which aggregate network audit files released by other agencies under their own public records laws. Each record cites its originating audit file, file hash and source URL.

These figures are a floor, and one direction only. A search appears here only if some other agency was asked for its audit log and produced it. Months with no outside disclosure are absent entirely. Where a producing agency withheld a field, that record is excluded from the relevant percentage rather than counted as empty.

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