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LaGrange Police Looking to Partner with Community in Fighting Crime Through Private Camera Registration

LaGrange, **Ga. July 15**, **2019** – The LaGrange Police Department is hoping to collaborate with business owners and community members to help step up the fight against crime.

LPD investigators are inviting the community to be a part of their Private Camera Registration Process. This will give officers an opportunity to identify owners and operators of privately-owned video recording systems located in areas of crime.

The police department will not have access to the cameras. When a citizen or business registers, LPD will know who to contact if a crime is committed in that particular area. Investigators will contact camera owners to request video footage of a crime that occurred near that location. The citizen information will always remain private.

"Throughout our country and the world, video evidence has proven extremely beneficial in solving crime and prosecuting criminals. The LaGrange Police Department has utilized this technology in its patrol vehicles for more than twenty years and has used on-body cameras for its officers for nearly a decade," said LPD Sgt. William Nelson. "The reality is criminals don't typically commit crime in the presence of

police. As such, our officers routinely work to identify the owners and operators of privately-owned video recording systems that are located in the areas of the criminal incidents and work with the property owners to review and collect any recordings relevant to the crime being investigated. The help from the community will help us catch criminals quicker."

To learn more about the registration process and to register a camera go to https://analytics-api.com/camera registration#/login.

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