FBI can search 1.8 million Vermont driver's license and ID photos.

FBI searches may conflict with a state law that prohibits the use of biometric identifies on DMV records.

Vermont State Police stated it does not use face recognition.

PEOPLE IN DATABASE	REAL-TIME VIDEO	4TH AMENDMENT	FREE SPEECH	ACCURACY	TRANSPARENCY	AUDITS
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In response to our public records request, Vermont State Police has stated it does not use face recognition technology (013790). However, according to a 2016 report by the Government Accountability Office, the FBI's FACE Services unit can request face recognition searches of Vermont's 1.8 million driver's license and ID photos (GAO). Since the FBI submits searches to be run by the responsible state agency, this would appear to indicate that the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) has implemented a face recognition system that searches state driver's license photos (GAO).

The DMV face recognition system, and its use by the FBI, may conflict with Vermont state law, which states that the DMV "shall not implement any procedures or processes for identifying applicants for licenses . . . that involve the use of biometric identifiers." (Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 23, § 634).

Sources and Notes: GAO, Vermont State Police, Vt. Stat. Ann. Tit. 23, § 634. (*Last updated: September 2016*). Scorecard methodology can be found in the appendix. Numerical citations, e.g. (123456) refer to official records available online at www.perpetuallineup.org.