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New Video Surveillance System to Catch Criminals

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MCALLEN - Police are using a new wireless video surveillance system to nab criminals.

The system will help McAllen police see what's going on around city even when they're not there. The cameras are set up at busy intersections, around downtown and at public places like the McAllen Municipal Park.

The video captured by the cameras will back up officers, helping them prove or even disprove an incident happened. Authorities also hope the video system will help solve crimes and identify suspects. The cameras send video surveillance to a hard drive at the police department. The cameras are capable of capturing details such as license plate numbers. But police explain the system is not to ticket drivers but to catch criminals.

We spoke to several residents at the Municipal Park and they are in favor of the cameras. They feel their safety is more important than privacy.

Oilivia Killebrew brings her boys to the park at least three times a week. Recently one of her sons told her he saw some children with drugs.

"They were actually doing it inside the skate park. My son brought it to my attention and I have called the police on them before," she tells us.

Killebrew says she doesn't mind being watched if it makes her neighborhood safer. "I think it's good. Maybe it might do some people some good, I mean, cracking down on crimes and abuse," she adds.

Elizabeth de Ramos and her family are visiting from Reynosa. She thinks the added city security is good. "I think the technology is excellent. It's a virtual police officer. That's a great idea," she says.



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