WHEN DATA MAKES THE DIFFERENCE: A TALE OF TWO INVESTIGATORS

In June 2019, PoliceOne surveyed approximately 300 law enforcement officials to understand how departments are sharing information. While some progress has been made to enhance information sharing efforts, law enforcement agencies still do not have the kinds of cloud-based search platforms that have transformed information access across society.

The survey revealed the following:

Over 80%
of respondents said it's challenging to access data from other agencies in their region.

Over half (62%)
of respondents said accessing data from other national agencies is challenging.

Only 45%
of respondents are able to access transjurisdictional data to solve crimes each month

The biggest challenge
with existing data sharing systems, according to 35% of respondents, is "poor integration" with existing IT infrastructure.

Clearly there's a need for better practices for data and information sharing in law enforcement. But where do we start, and how do we overcome these barriers? View the comparison below to see how using a purpose-built search engine for law enforcement can help close the gap and accelerate investigations.

9am
A robbery took place and all that is provided are surveillance pictures of the group and one nickname.

Investigator WITHOUT access to COPLINK X

Search agency database for possible matches of the suspect's description.

This requires going through multiple disparate databases that the agency leverages (RMS and CAD included).
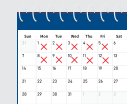
3 hours later...

With no match in local databases, contact surrounding agencies for an identification request.

5 days later...

Receive notification of no known matches of the suspects.

1 week later...

With no matches on a statewide level, submit a request for identification to surrounding states.
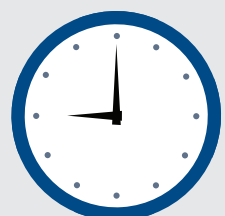
2 weeks later...

Possible matches received from external agencies. Narrow down the list of possible suspects to identify the lead suspects. Issue a warrant for arrest to conduct the custodial interrogations.

34 34 Days later...
Total elapsed time: 34 days*

Investigator WITH access to COPLINK X

Search all possible matches of the complete suspect description using COPLINK X.

COPLINK X acts as a "Google" for law enforcement, an all-in-one search tool that combines disparate local, state and federal databases into one platform.
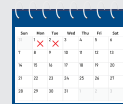
Moments Later...

After a simple search, immediately identify a suspect associated with the provided nickname.

20 Minutes later...

Develop a list of possible suspects that are associated with the lead suspect. Through data visualization of webs of connectivity with details that include related individuals, addresses, arrest records and even alert features that let investigators know of outstanding warrants.

2 days later...

With all suspects identified, issue a warrant for arrest to conduct the custodial interrogations.

02 2 Days later...
Total elapsed time: 2 days*

EFFICIENT INVESTIGATIONS HELP IMPROVE PRODUCTIVITY

The officers surveyed all agree: Data and information sharing helps officers drastically cut down on time spent searching separate data silos among law enforcement agency databases. One study by researchers at the University of Arizona, Tucson, that looked at the impact of 863 officers using COPLINK, found that officers improved their productivity by 12% by reducing their time spent on searching for data.*

With tools like COPLINK X, investigators can identify patterns of criminal activity that span multiple jurisdictions to solve crimes faster. **Why wait when you can have a universe of data right at your fingertips?**

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