

OBITUARY

Travis Glenn Logsdon

Travis Glenn Logsdon, 43, of Glendale, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026, at his home.

Survivors include his father, Michael Anthony Logsdon. The funeral is at 1 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 14, at Trowbridge Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. Burial follows in Elizabethtown City

Cemetery. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is **Friday, Aug. 14**, the 226th day of 2026. There are 139 days left in the year.
On this day in 1935, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Social Security Act into law, ensuring income for elderly Americans and creating federal unemployment insurance.
In 1936, in front of an estimated 20,000 spectators, Rainey Bethea was hanged in Owensboro, in the last public execution in the United States.
In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill signed the Atlantic Charter, which detailed postwar goals of the two nations.
In 1945, President Harry S.

Truman announced that Imperial Japan had surrendered unconditionally, ending World War II.
In 1947, Pakistan gained independence from British rule.
In 1994, Ilich Ramirez Sanchez, the terrorist known as Carlos the Jackal, was captured by French agents in Sudan.
In 1995, Shannon Faulkner officially became the first female cadet in the history of The Citadel, South Carolina's state military college. Faulkner withdrew from the school less than a week later, citing the stress of her court fight and her isolation among the male cadets.
In 1997, Timothy McVeigh was formally sentenced to death for the Oklahoma City

bombing. He was executed by lethal injection in 2001.
In 2009, Charles Manson follower Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, 60, convicted of trying to assassinate President Gerald Ford in 1975, was released from a Texas prison hospital after more than three decades behind bars.
In 2016, Usain Bolt became the first athlete to win the 100-meter dash in three consecutive Olympics, taking gold at the Summer Games in Rio.
In 2021, a 7.2-magnitude earthquake struck Haiti, turning thousands of structures into rubble. A report commissioned by the U.S. government placed the death toll between 46,000 and 85,000.

Today's Birthdays: Broadway lyricist Lee Adams ("Bye Bye Birdie") is 102. Country singer Connie Smith is 85. Comedian-actor Steve Martin is 81. Singer-musician Larry Graham is 80. Actor Susan Saint James is 80. Author Danielle Steel is 79. "Far Side" cartoonist Gary Larson is 76. Actor Carl Lumbly is 75. Olympic gold medal swimmer Debbie Meyer is 74. Actor Jackee Harry is 70. NASCAR Hall of Famer Rusty Wallace is 70. Actor Marcia Gay Harden is 67. Basketball Hall of Famer Magic Johnson is 67. Singer Sarah Brightman is 66. Actor Susan Olsen is 65. Actor Halle Berry is 60. Actor Catherine Bell is 58. Actor Mila Kunis is 43. Actor Lamorne Morris is 43. Actor Marsai Martin is 22.

Flock announces changes amid backlash over its license plate reader network

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RICHMOND, Va. — Flock Safety, the surveillance technology company increasingly under scrutiny from lawmakers from both parties, civil liberties advocates and citizens across the U.S., announced Thursday that it is making changes to its platform intended to quell privacy concerns and address documented abuses of its system by some members of law enforcement.
The company operates a vast nationwide network of automated cameras that record the license plate numbers and other characteristics of all passing vehicles every day. Thousands of law enforcement agencies in 49 states can search and share Flock's data across jurisdictions to aid their investigations.
Police have credited the technology as an important crime-fighting innovation that has helped locate missing people and track suspects in violent crimes. But some critics say its pervasiveness amounts to unconstitutional warrantless mass surveillance. Dozens of cities and agencies have nixed their relationships with Flock amid concerns that the data can be accessed for immigration enforcement or used in unauthorized tracking, after a flurry of examples surfaced of law enforcement officers misusing the technology for personal searches.

CEO SAYS CHANGES WILL DRIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

In an interview, Flock CEO Garrett Langley said many of the product changes will make what were once optional guardrails mandatory for its users to implement by Jan. 1.
Among them: All law enforcement customers will have to implement an audit tool that's intended to flag abnormal search behavior. When the system detects abnormal behavior, the user would be locked out pending an internal review, the company said in a description of the changes provided ahead of Thursday's announcement.
Flock, which says its customers own the data that the cameras record, is also short-

ening the standard data retention window from 30 days to seven. It said it will allow data to be preserved for longer when it is evidence tied to a case number.
Law enforcement users will now also be required to enter a code from their records management system tying each search to a specific case before it is run, something Langley said civil liberties advocates have long been calling for. Overrides for emergencies would be automatically flagged for review, the company said.
Customers will also be allowed to decide which offense types — such as homicide or arson — outside agencies can search their data for, which would allow a customer to block outside searches related to immigration enforcement, the company said.
Langley said that change will give individual cities and departments control to use the system in a manner "consistent with community values."

CRITICS SAY UPDATES STILL LEAVE ROOM FOR ABUSES, SUPPORTERS URGE BALANCE

Critics of the company reacted skeptically to the changes, which they said appeared designed to address the growing bipartisan anger about the cameras but could still leave room for police to abuse the system.
The American Civil Liberties Union said in a blog post that the shortened evidence retention window could be "a step in the right direction," but it characterized the other changes as "retreads" of inadequate safety measures.
Robert Frommer, a senior attorney at the Institute for Justice, a public interest law firm that's led closely watched litigation over the technology, called the changes "window dressing" from a company in "panic mode."
"This is window dressing that doesn't address the fundamental problem, which is that police officers are the ones deciding who and when to search, and that should be done by judges with real warrants," he said.
Andrew Guthrie Ferguson, a professor at the George Washington University Law School whose scholarship has focused on policing, big

data surveillance and the Fourth Amendment, said Thursday's shifts were "better than the opposite" but called for further scrutiny of the technology in the form of "sustained democratic engagement with the rules and judicial checks on access at a minimum."
Ferguson said he's been surprised to see the "growing community backlash" against Flock specifically, given that the technology isn't new and other companies sell it as well. But Flock and the movement against it have "captured people's sense that maybe they don't want to be surveilled all the time," he said.
More than 50 agencies or jurisdictions have canceled, suspended or rejected a contract or deactivated their cameras since the beginning of the year, according to a tracker maintained by DeFlock, a grassroots group formed to track the use of license plate reader technology and push back against it. Cameras around the country have also been vandalized.
In Congress, Republican representatives filed at least two bills aiming to restrict the use of the technology in July.
Ian Adams, an associate professor of criminology at the University of South Carolina currently working on a Flock-related research study, said many of the concerns raised about how the company's data can be used are not new concerns in law enforcement.
"Anyone with policing experience could have reasonably foreseen that what have been termed as 'curiosity searches' by officers, searches for private reasons not related to police work, were going to be a problem this technology faced," he added, noting that other technologies and platforms like the FBI's Criminal

Justice Information had faced those issues.
Law enforcement experts said it's a common tension of "policing in a democracy" — balancing useful technology that officers say helps solve and prevent crime with the community's interest and right to privacy.
"It's a balancing act. A community has a legitimate interest in how information is used, but it also has a legitimate interest in the effectiveness of a police department in preventing crime," said Chuck Wexler, executive director of the Police Executive Research Forum, a Washington-based nonpartisan think tank. "I think a balance can be struck, but it's more likely to come from department policy than company changes."

SUCCESSES AND FAILURES HAVE CAPTURED ATTENTION
Flock, based in Atlanta, Georgia, often posts to its website what the company deems to be everyday examples of success stories for its cameras, including finding missing seniors and catching car thieves. But the tech has also been used in high-profile cases that have garnered national attention, such as the search for a suspect in a fatal shooting at Brown University and in tracking and arresting a former North Carolina police officer who authorities say had made threats that he planned to carry out a mass shooting at a festival in Louisiana.
Abuses have also drawn widespread attention. The Washington Post reported earlier this month finding nearly 50 instances of police officers charged or accused of using the cameras for unauthorized purposes, many for tracking current or former romantic partners or family members.

SERVICES

Kimberly Ann Alexander, 53, died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026. A celebration of life is at 1 p.m. EDT Saturday at Alexander Funeral Home in Irvington.
Vicki Ray Allen, 69, of Flaherty, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026. The funeral is at 11 a.m. Monday at Buck Grove Baptist Church with burial in the church cemetery. Visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Hager Funeral Home in Brandenburg and continues at 10 a.m. Monday at the church.
Harvey Eugene 'Gene' Beachy, 73, of Vine Grove, died Sunday, Aug. 2, 2026. A celebration of life is from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday at Abundant Life Church in Radcliff. Hager Funeral Home is handling arrangements.
Ivy Jewell 'Judy' Bilbrey, 93, of Marrowbone, died Monday, Aug. 10, 2026. The funeral is at 11 a.m. CDT today at McMurtrey Funeral Home in Summer Shade with burial in John L. Clark Cemetery in Gainesboro, Tennessee. Visitation resumes at 8 a.m. CDT today at the funeral home.
Neal Francis Boone, 72, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2026. A Mass of Christian burial is at 10 a.m. Saturday at St Ann Catholic Church in Howardstown with burial in the church cemetery. William R. Rust Funeral Home is handling arrangements.
Veeda B. Embry, 89, of Caneyville, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2026. The funeral is at noon CDT Saturday at Dermitt Funeral Home in Leitchfield with burial in Welches Creek Cemetery. Visitation is from 3 to 8 p.m. CDT today and continues at 9 a.m. CDT Saturday at the funeral home.
Robert Joseph Firsich, 76, of Radcliff, died Monday, Aug. 3, 2026. A memorial service is at 1 p.m. Thursday at Radcliff United Methodist Church in Radcliff. Burial with military honors follows in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-Central in Radcliff. Visitation begins at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church. Nelson-Edelen-Bennett Funeral Home is handling arrangements.
Sarah Grace Jennings, 35, of Radcliff, died Saturday, Aug. 8, 2026. The funeral is at 2 p.m. today at Trowbridge

Funeral Home in Lebanon Junction. Visitation begins at noon today at the funeral home.
James Phillip Keith, 83, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2026. The funeral is at 11 a.m. today at Bennett-Bertram Funeral Home in Hodgenville with military honors and cremation will follow. Visitation continues at 9 a.m. today at the funeral home.
Danny Lewis, 83, of Vine Grove, died Sunday, July 19, 2026. A graveside service with military honors is at 2:30 p.m. Sept. 23 at Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-Central in Radcliff. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to noon Sept. 23 at Chism Family Funeral Home in Vine Grove.
Jimmy Ray Lingerfelt, 82, of Brandenburg, died Thursday, Aug. 7, 2026. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Bruington-Jenkins-Sturgeon Funeral Home in Brandenburg.
Bennie Owen Patterson, 79, of Louisville, died Thursday, Aug. 6, 2026. The funeral is at 11 a.m. CDT today at Trent-Dowell Funeral Home in Hardinsburg with burial in Kingswood Cemetery. Visitation resumes at 8:30 a.m. today at the funeral home.
Larry Ray, 75, died Tuesday, Aug. 11, 2026. The funeral is at noon today at Brown Funeral Home in Elizabethtown. A graveside service follows at Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Clifty. Visitation resumes at 10 a.m. today at the funeral home.
Brian Eugene Speer, 63, of Brandenburg, died Friday, July 17, 2026. Memorial visitation is from 2 to 8 p.m. today at Hager Funeral Home in Brandenburg.
Joyce Webb Thompson, 77, of Big Clifty, died Sunday, Aug. 9, 2026. The funeral is at 11 a.m. CDT today at Rogers Funeral Home in Clarkson with burial in Little Flock Church Cemetery. Visitation resumes at 9 a.m. CDT today at the funeral home.
Donna Akin Wells, 83, of Hodgenville, died Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2026. The funeral is at 1 p.m. Sunday at Bennett-Bertram Funeral Home in Hodgenville with burial in Red Hill Cemetery. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and continues at 10 a.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

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