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Crime Fighting Technology

Technology has always offered some way of creating ease in the real-world. However, it has also offered ways of developing security or tracking criminals. This can be done through compiling fingerprints and locations of previous offenders. However, it has become possible to track down first-time offenders in some cases. Using the National Integrated Ballistic Information Network, police can track firearms and their owners. This provides a new level of security and evidence tracking for the police, possibly making the world safer.

The police would do a lot of work to track and record information about bullet casings that they collected. However, this work being done by humans leads to errors and missed information. Through recording this information using the NIBIN system can record large amounts of information with massive amounts of accuracy. The stated case in the article involves a simple case of harassment with a deadly weapon, the use of NIBIN can help track down the perpetrator. However, could this system provide a level of tracking that is invasive or protective?

This system could turn into a way to track people. If someone were to enter a bullet casing and then tracked down the manufacturer and store it was sold from, they could find the owner. From there, the police could record and store the owner’s address and even collect more information by observing the home. Should weapon manufacturer’s sell warnings about how the weapon could be tracked? Or should the police have limits placed on how they track and collect information on suspects?

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