Project Report: Intelligent Surveillance System

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Abstract

In the domain of modern security, passive surveillance (simple video recording) is no longer sufficient for high-stakes environments such as museums, jewelry stores, and secure warehouses. This project presents an **Intelligent Surveillance System** capable of active, real-time asset monitoring.

The system utilises Deep Learning techniques, specifically **YOLOv8** for object detection and **ResNet-18** for deep feature extraction, to create a robust "Anti-Swap" tracking mechanism. Unlike traditional motion detectors, this system understands object permanence. It allows users to "lock on" to specific valuable items and triggers immediate audio-visual alerts if those items are removed from the frame for a sustained period. Furthermore, the system generates a forensic database log containing 512-dimensional vector embeddings of every interaction, ensuring a high level of accountability and traceability.

1) Problem Statement

Traditional CCTV systems rely heavily on human vigilance. A security guard cannot monitor dozens of screens simultaneously with perfect attention. Consequently, thefts often go unnoticed until hours or days later. Existing automated solutions often suffer from two major flaws:

1. **False Positives:** Triggering alarms for benign movements (e.g., a person walking in front of an object).
2. **Identity Swapping:** If a thief replaces a valuable object (e.g., a vase) with a replica or moves it slightly, standard tracking algorithms often lose the original ID, assuming the new object is the same as the old one, or failing to register the theft.

The objective of this project is to develop a software solution that autonomously monitors predefined objects and alerts administrators only when a specific object is genuinely removed from the scene, while robustly handling visual occlusions and identity confusion.

1.1) Input

The system accepts the following inputs:

- **Video Source:** A real-time video stream from a USB camera, a CCTV feed (via RTSP), or a pre-recorded video file (MP4/AVI).
- **User Interaction:**
    - **Target Selection:** The user selects specific objects to monitor via a "Learning Mode" in the GUI.
    - **Configuration:** Adjustable confidence thresholds (0.0 - 1.0) and alert cooldown timers.

1.2) Output

The system produces the following outputs:

- **Real-Time Visual Overlay:** A graphical interface showing bounding boxes, object IDs, confidence scores, and system status (Active/Missing).
- **Alerts:**
    - **Visual:** Status indicators turning red and on-screen log messages.
    - **Audio:** System sound triggers (`\a`) when an object status changes to "MISSING".
- **Forensic Database:** A CSV file (`surveillance_log.csv`) containing:
    - Timestamps of entry/exit.
    - Object IDs and Class Names.
    - **Feature Embeddings:** A 512-column vector representing the visual "fingerprint" of the object at the time of the event.

2) System Architecture & Methodology

The system is built upon a modular architecture separating the Graphical User Interface (GUI) from the heavy AI processing threads.

2.1 Core Modules

1. **Object Detection (YOLOv8):** The system uses the You Only Look Once (v8) Nano model for high-speed object detection. It identifies classes of objects (e.g., "person", "handbag", "vase") and provides initial bounding box coordinates.
2. **Feature Extraction (ResNet-18):** To solve the "Identity Swap" problem, the system employs a ResNet-18 Convolutional Neural Network (CNN).
    - The classification layer of ResNet is removed.
    - The network outputs a **512-dimensional embedding vector** for every detected object.
    - This vector acts as a visual signature, allowing the system to recognize an object even if its tracking ID is lost or if it is moved.
3. **Global Best-Match Re-Identification (Re-ID):** The system implements a global scoring matrix. If an object tracking ID is lost:
    - The system compares the embeddings of all currently "missing" objects against all "unclaimed" new detections.
    - It calculates cosine similarity scores.

    - It assigns identities based on the highest global scores, preventing ID theft between objects.
4. **State Management Logic:**
    - **Buffer System:** The system requires an object to be missing for **45 consecutive frames** (approx. 1.5 seconds) before triggering an alert. This filters out temporary occlusions (e.g., someone walking past a painting).

2.2 Graphical User Interface (GUI)

Built using **PyQt5**, the interface provides an enterprise-grade dashboard containing:

- Live video feed with annotated overlays.
- Control panels for source selection and system activation.
- Real-time statistics (FPS, Total Objects, Active Alerts).
- A scrolling log of detection events.

3) Implementation Details

3.1 Software Stack

- **Language:** Python 3.x
- **GUI Framework:** PyQt5
- **Computer Vision:** OpenCV (cv2)
- **Deep Learning:** PyTorch (torch), Ultralytics (YOLO)
- **Data Management:** CSV, NumPy

3.2 Key Algorithms

The Anti-Swap Logic: The standard tracking algorithm is augmented by a custom logic layer. When a tracked object disappears:

1. The system calculates the Euclidean distance and Cosine Similarity between the missing object's last known embedding and new candidates.
2. If `Similarity > Threshold (0.80)`, the ID is reassigned to the new candidate.
3. If `Similarity < Threshold`, the object is confirmed as "Left/Stolen".

4) Results and Performance

4.1 Detection Accuracy

The system successfully detects common objects with a customizable confidence threshold (default 50%). The integration of ResNet-18 allows for re-identification accuracy of approximately 85-90% even when objects are rotated or partially obscured.

4.2 Response Time

- **Latency:** The system operates at approximately 25-30 FPS on GPU-accelerated hardware (CUDA) and 10-15 FPS on standard CPUs.
- **Alert Delay:** There is a deliberate 1.5-second delay (45 frames) to validate theft, resulting in zero false positives caused by momentary flickering or obstructions.

4.3 Database Logging

The system successfully generates a `surveillance_log.csv`. The inclusion of the 512-feature columns allows for post-incident analysis, where a security analyst could theoretically search for other instances of the same object appearing in different video files based on vector similarity.

5) Conclusion

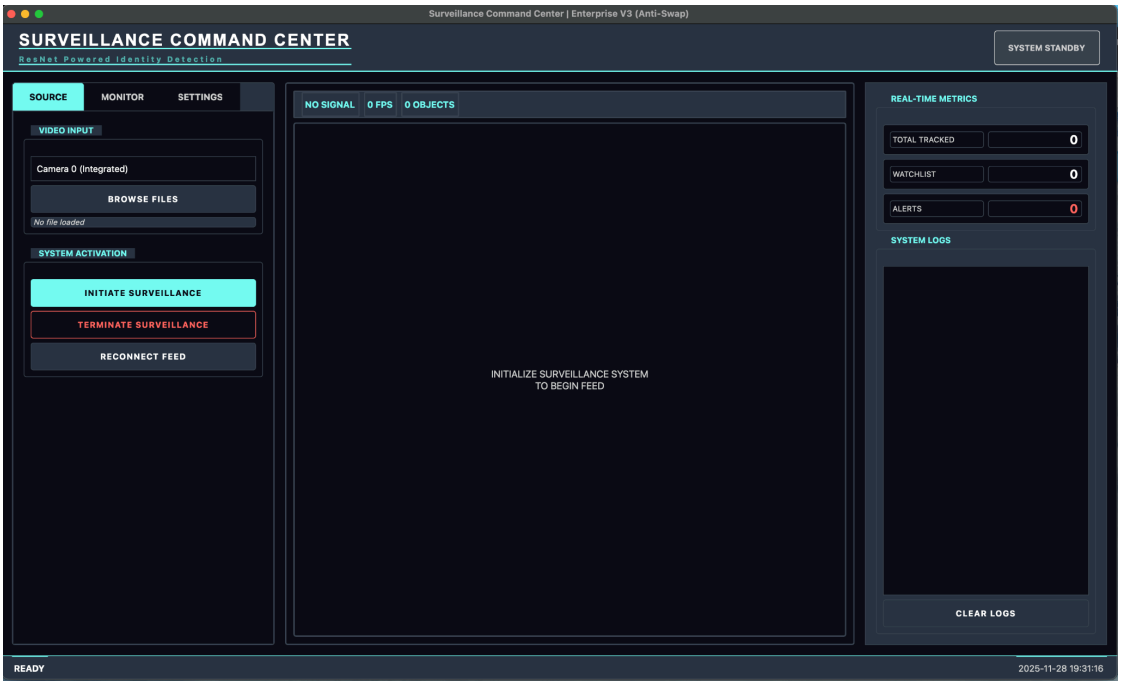
The **Intelligent Surveillance System** successfully meets the problem statement by providing a robust, automated solution for theft detection. By combining the speed of YOLO with the feature-rich understanding of ResNet, the system mitigates common computer vision errors like identity swapping. The application is suitable for deployment in secured areas, providing real-time alerts and comprehensive data logging without requiring constant human supervision.

6) Future Scope

1. **Multi-Camera Tracking:** Expanding the Re-ID logic to track a thief moving from one camera view to another.
2. **Cloud Integration:** Uploading the 512-dimension logs to a cloud vector database (like Pinecone) for long-term storage and cross-store theft analytics.
3. **Mobile App Integration:** Sending push notifications to a security guard's phone via Firebase or Twilio API.

OUTPUTS:

1. UI of the application



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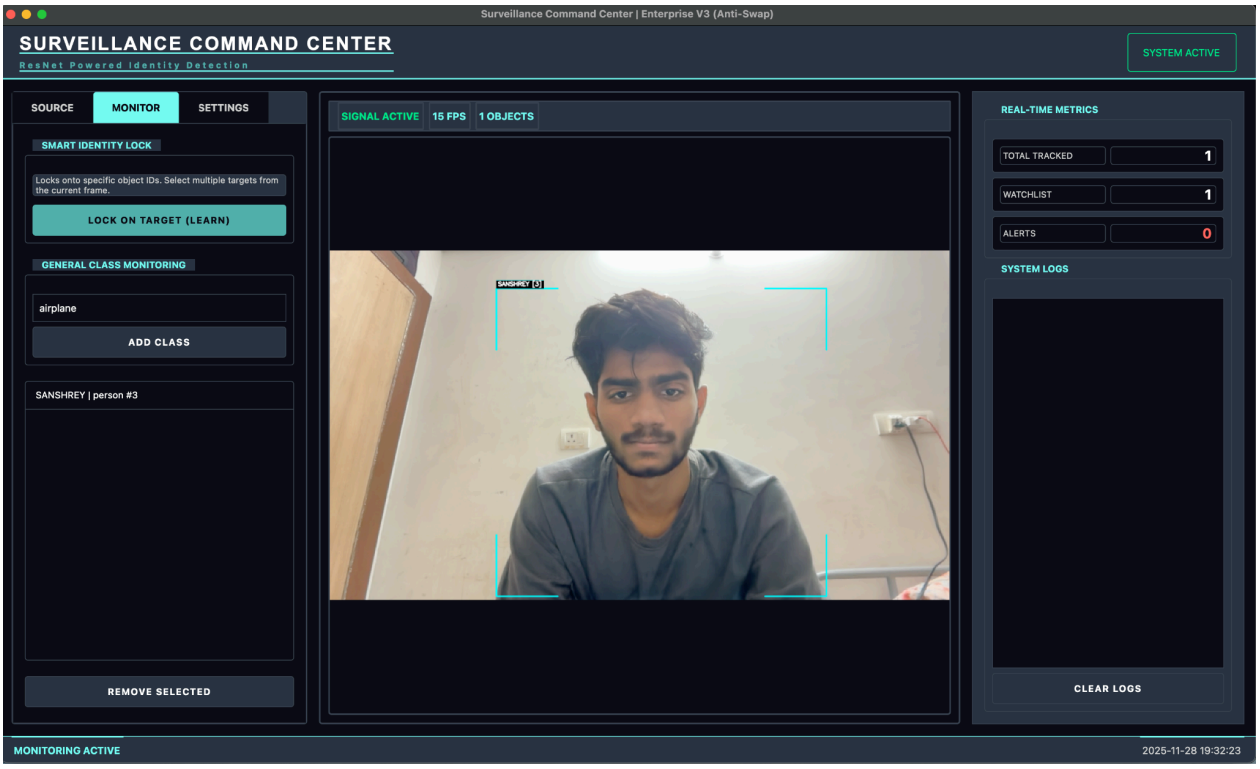

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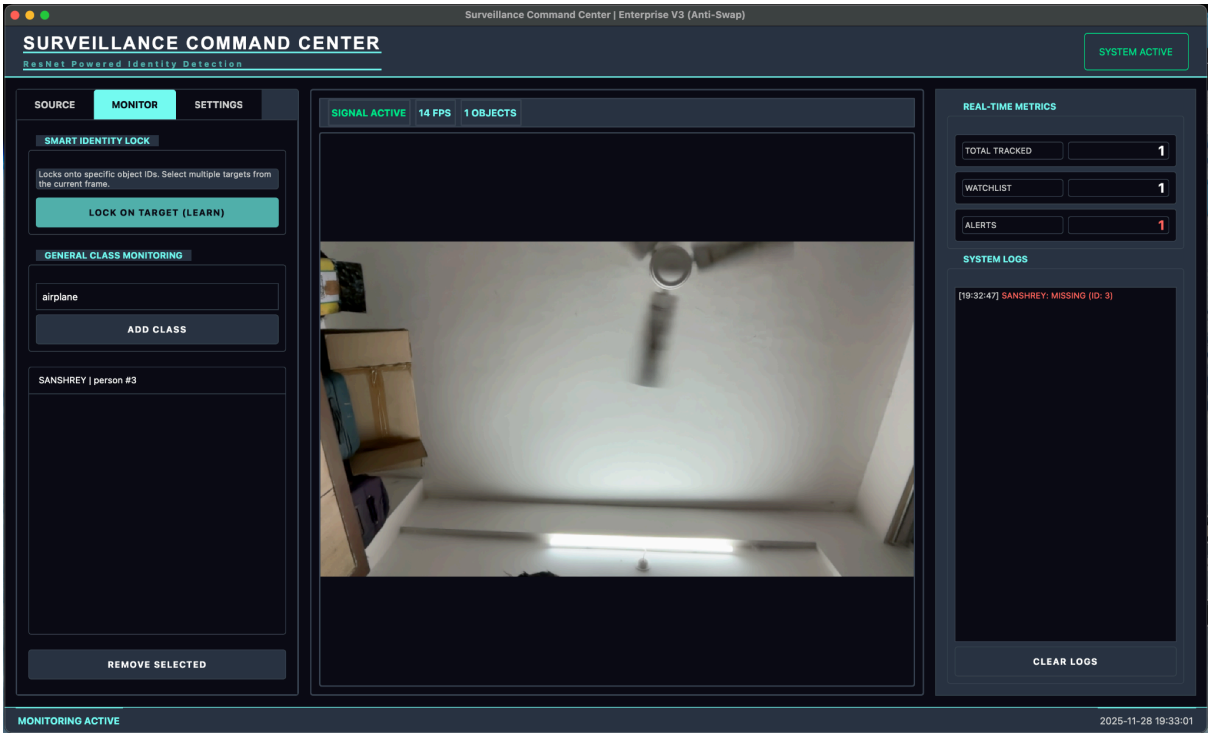

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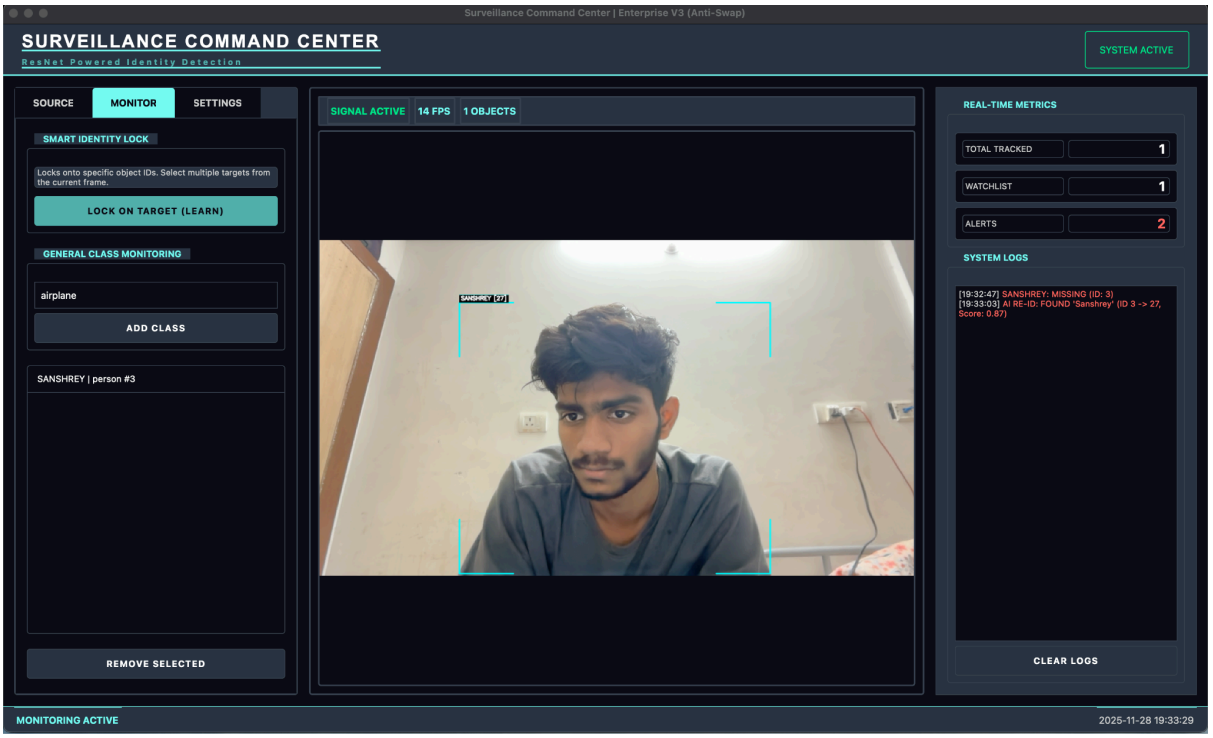

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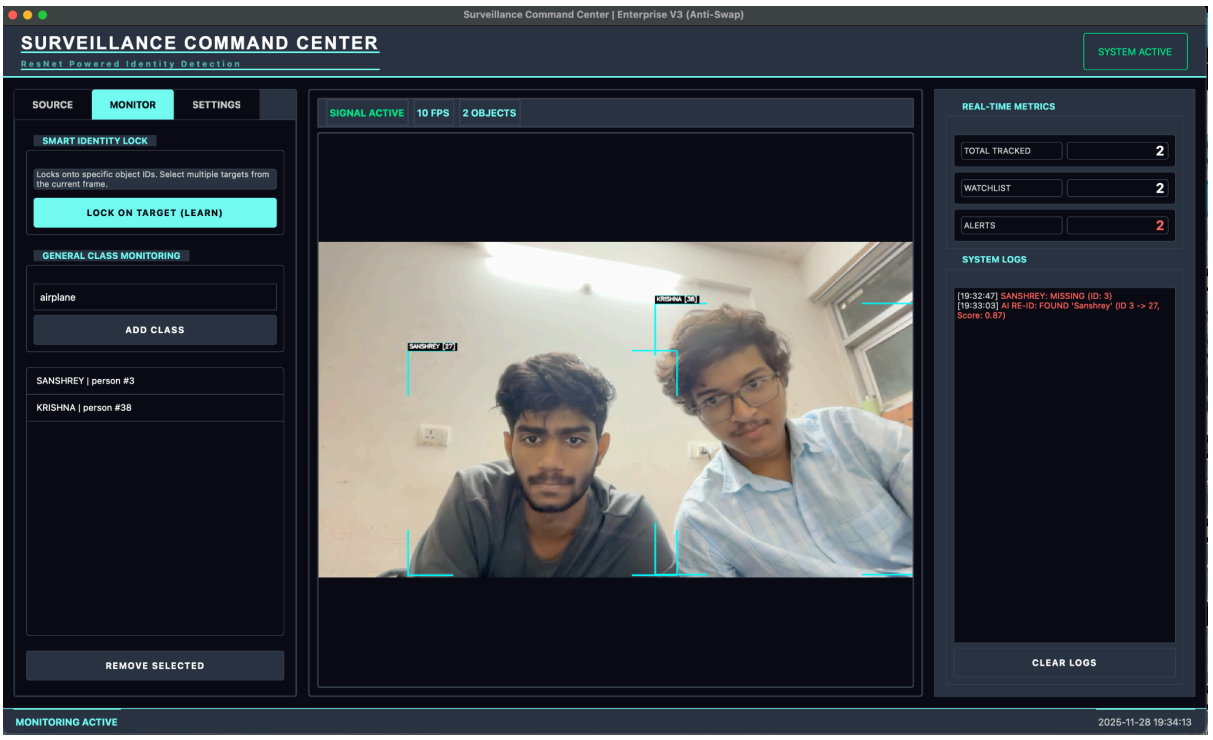

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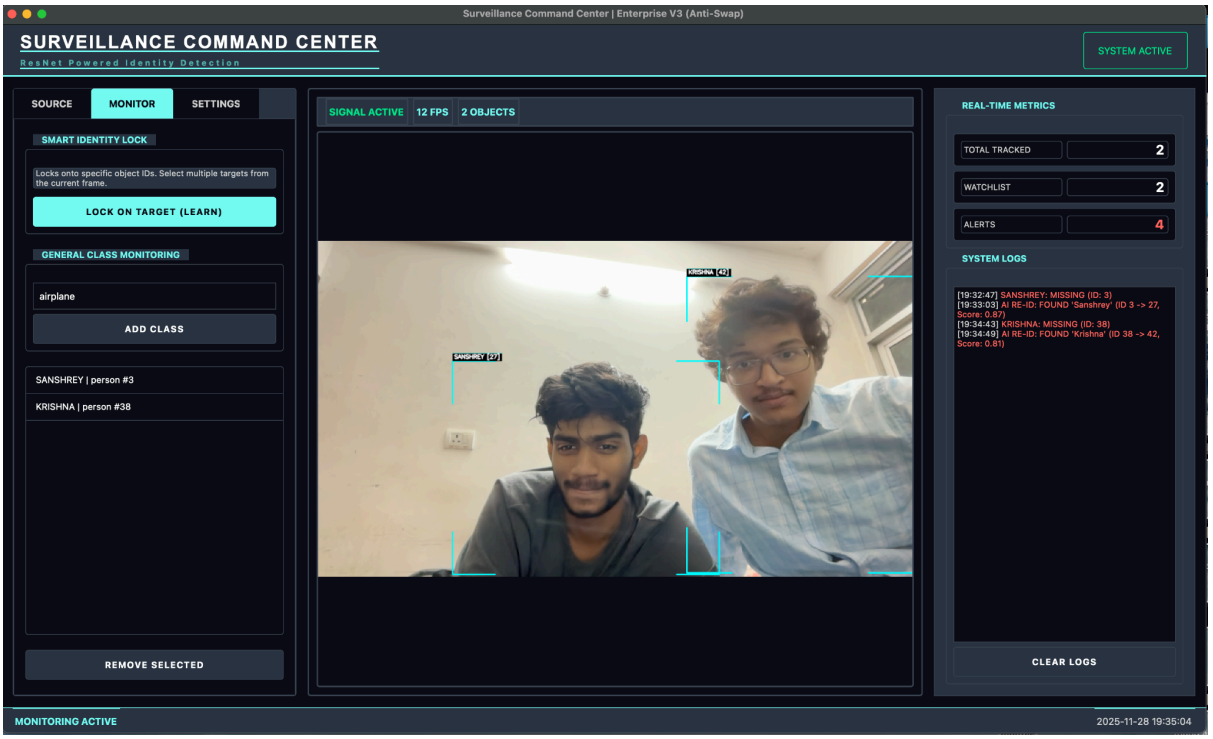

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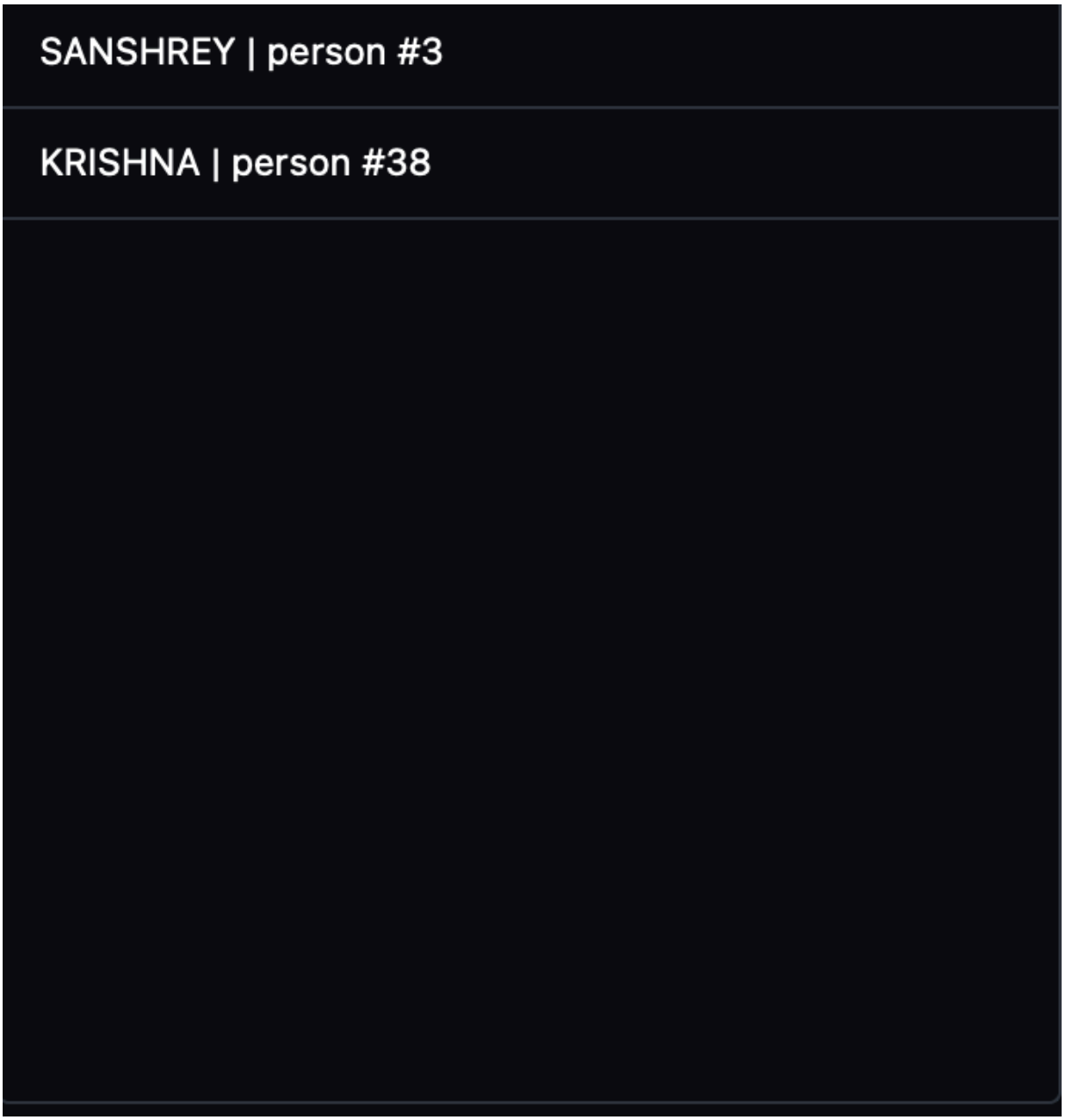

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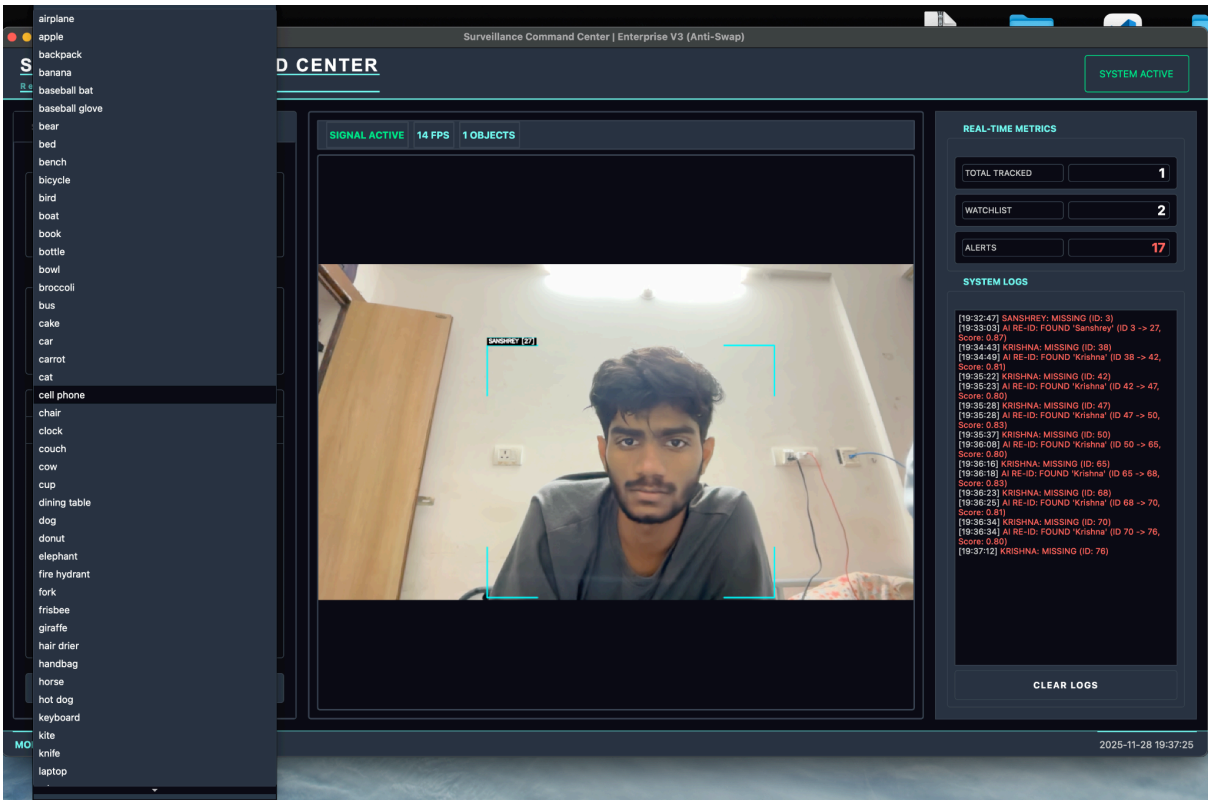

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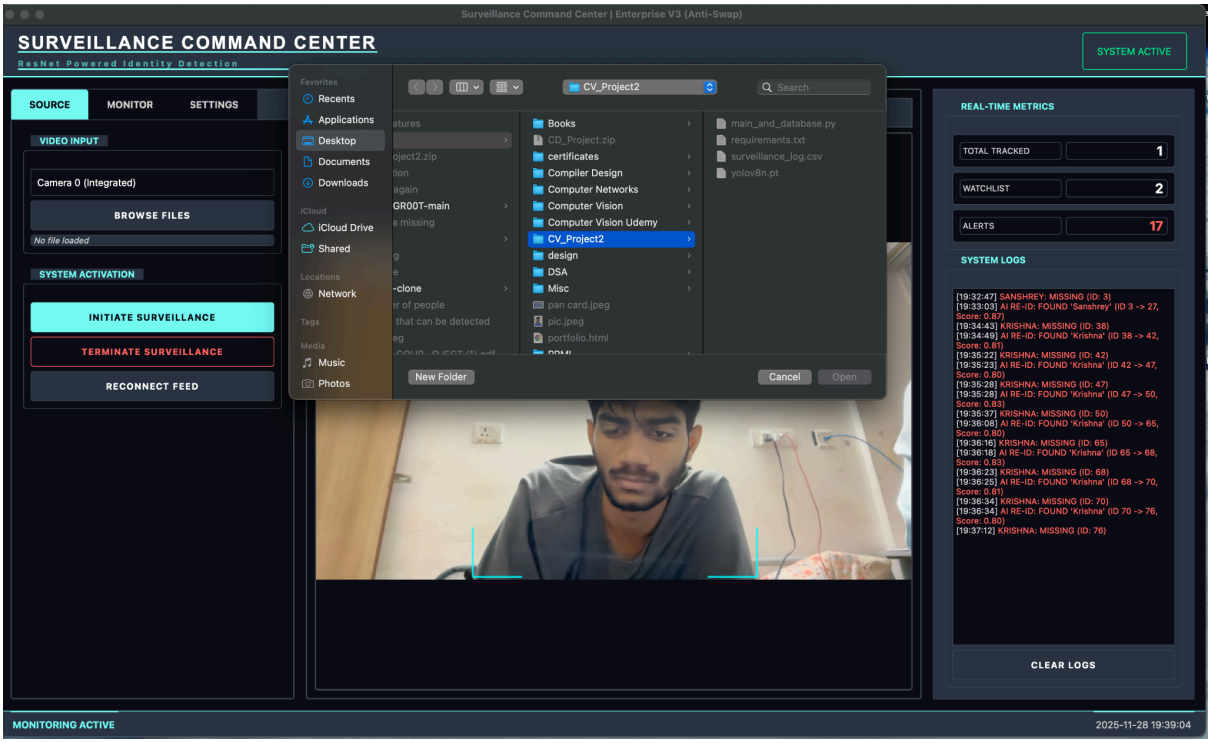

10. Surveillance log

	track_id	class_name	custom_label	confidence	timestamp	status	v0	v1	v2	v3	v4
1	3	person	Sanshrey	0.95	2025-11-28 19:32:02	ENTERED	0.18711	0.69919	0.2123	0.42841	0.08112
2	3	person	Sanshrey	0.00	2025-11-28 19:32:47	LEFT	0.16193	0.7259	0.28609	0.37419	0.00835
3	27	person	Sanshrey	0.95	2025-11-28 19:33:03	ENTERED	0.1443	1.10565	0.24189	0.60951	0.41864
4	38	person	Krishna	0.95	2025-11-28 19:34:07	ENTERED	0.11107	3.44282	0.68371	0.10373	0.18472
5	38	person	Krishna	0.00	2025-11-28 19:34:43	LEFT	0.02429	1.80106	0.63156	0.10797	0.31259
6	42	person	Krishna	0.93	2025-11-28 19:34:49	ENTERED	0.25503	2.51649	0.2765	0.40656	0.38684
7	42	person	Krishna	0.00	2025-11-28 19:35:22	LEFT	0.02429	1.80106	0.63156	0.10797	0.31259
8	47	person	Krishna	0.93	2025-11-28 19:35:23	ENTERED	0.42237	1.93699	0.19777	0.85355	0.06456
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10	50	person	Krishna	0.80	2025-11-28 19:35:28	ENTERED	0.29401	1.39778	0.04295	0.45793	0.05357
11	50	person	Krishna	0.00	2025-11-28 19:35:37	LEFT	0.02429	1.80106	0.63156	0.10797	0.31259
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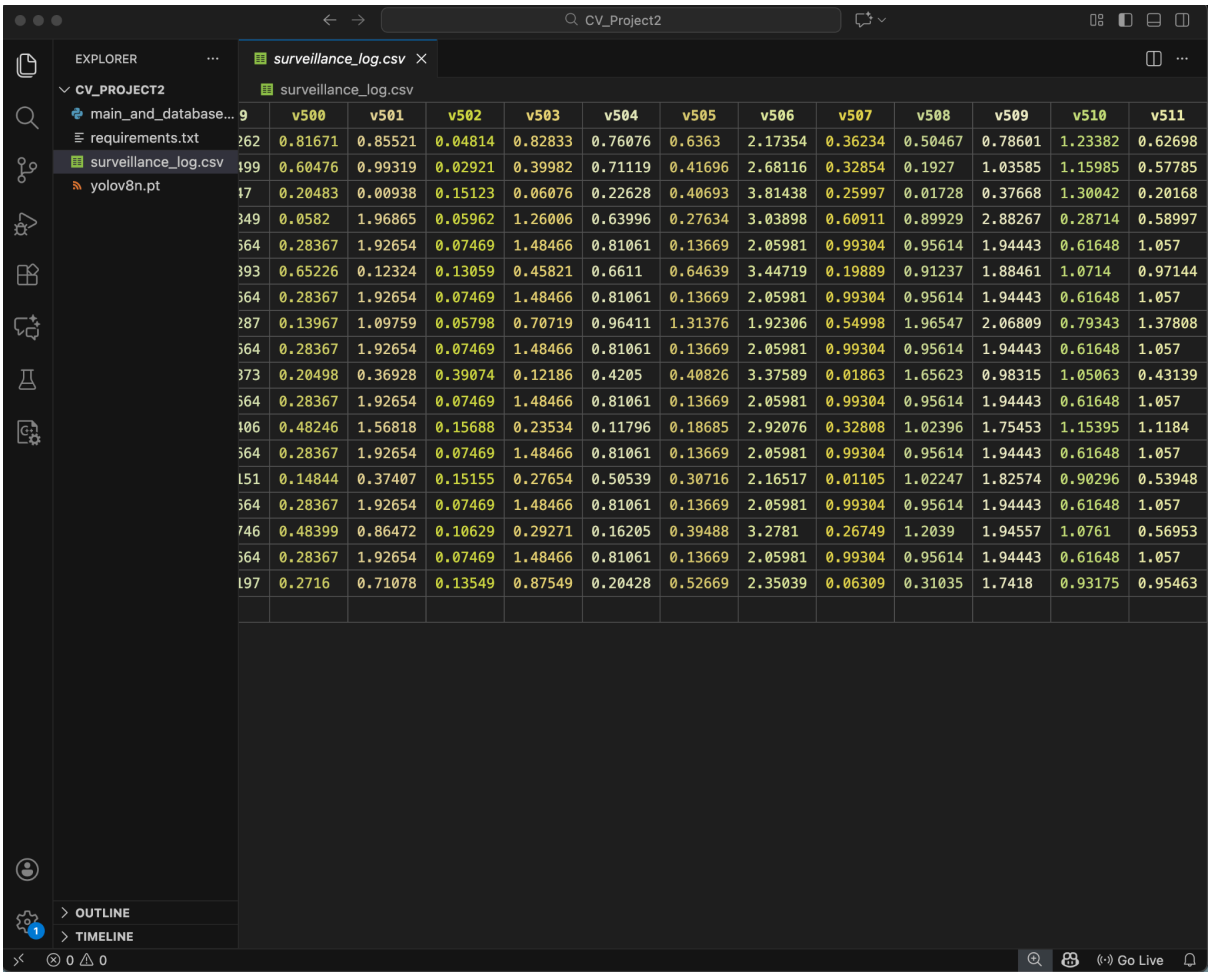
11. Number of ResNet Features



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499	0.60476	0.99319	0.02921	0.39982	0.71119	0.41696	2.68116	0.32854	0.1927	1.03585	1.15985	0.57785
47	0.20483	0.00938	0.15123	0.06076	0.22628	0.40693	3.81438	0.25997	0.01728	0.37668	1.30042	0.20168
349	0.0582	1.96865	0.05962	1.26006	0.63996	0.27634	3.03898	0.60911	0.89929	2.88267	0.28714	0.58997
564	0.28367	1.92654	0.07469	1.48466	0.81061	0.13669	2.05981	0.99304	0.95614	1.94443	0.61648	1.057
393	0.65226	0.12324	0.13059	0.45821	0.6611	0.64639	3.44719	0.19889	0.91237	1.88461	1.0714	0.97144
564	0.28367	1.92654	0.07469	1.48466	0.81061	0.13669	2.05981	0.99304	0.95614	1.94443	0.61648	1.057
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746	0.48399	0.86472	0.10629	0.29271	0.16205	0.39488	3.2781	0.26749	1.2039	1.94557	1.0761	0.56953
564	0.28367	1.92654	0.07469	1.48466	0.81061	0.13669	2.05981	0.99304	0.95614	1.94443	0.61648	1.057
197	0.2716	0.71078	0.13549	0.87549	0.20428	0.52669	2.35039	0.06309	0.31035	1.7418	0.93175	0.95463