**Direct Email**

[subject] Study on Event-Based Timeline Visualizations Project

Hello Officer ,

My name is Andy Luu and I am currently a Masters Student in the Computer Science Department. I’m reaching out to you because you review security camera footage with sparse events that occur throughout the footage. The project that I am working on is centered around how to visualize event-based data that occurs sparsely over long periods. Currently, we have the project deployed at Duet ([duetimelines.vercel.app](https://duetimelines.vercel.app/)) if you want to take a look. We believe that you would be a great candidate for our study involving the usability of this project! The study just involves a 2-hour interview where we’d talk about your experiences with the current software and then have you complete some tasks using the new system that we created. Participants will be compensated with a $30 Amazon gift card for their time. If this sounds like something you’d be interested in, please fill out this quick [signup survey](link) and we will email you to schedule a time.

Please reach out to us if you have any questions! We really appreciate your consideration.

Hello, the Echolab at Virginia Tech is recruiting participants who have experience using a surveillance video system that allows users to review video footage of a site (street, retail stores, building, bird watchers, etc.) in their current or previous occupations for a research study to gather feedback about a tool we are developing. Such occupations include law enforcement, security personnel, and retail owner/clerk. Specifically, we are looking to test the usability of varying timeline visualizations that we have developed.

For this study, you will be asked to complete a short survey about your experiences reviewing security camera footage. Next, you will be completing three different tasks using the interface with a randomly assigned timeline for each task. Lastly, you will be given an exit survey asking about your opinions of our interface and the tasks that you completed.

To participate and get compensated for the study, you have to meet the following requirements

* 18 years old or older
* fluent in written and verbal English
* have experience in using surveillance video footage systems and reviewing video footage.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr.Sang Won Lee or Andy Luu, researchers at Virginia Tech (917) 819-9079 who are working on this study.

If and ONLY IF you are qualified with the above-mentioned requirements and interested in this user study, please complete this survey. Thank you!