

**Subject: Concerns Regarding the Increasing Role of AI in Investigations**

**To: Chief Bobby Smith**

**From: Lieutenant Thomas Metzger**

**Date: November 8, 2024**



Dear Chief Smith,

I am writing to express concerns about the increasing reliance on artificial intelligence systems within our investigative processes. While I understand the intent behind utilizing technology to improve efficiency, several issues have come to light that I believe need urgent attention.

Firstly, there is growing unease among officers about the overreliance on these systems in casework. Many feel that their professional expertise is being undermined, leading to frustration and lowered morale within the department. While the technology can be highly efficient, there are concerns that it may begin to replace human judgment in situations that require empathy, nuance, and critical thinking.

Additionally, I've spoken with Dr. Luka Kozlov, a key researcher involved in the development of these systems, who shares similar concerns. Dr. Kozlov has raised ethical questions about allowing a machine to make decisions that could have serious consequences for individuals' lives. Both Dr. Kozlov and I believe that while technology is a valuable tool, it cannot and should not replace the human element that is essential in police work.

Lastly, there is a noticeable decline in morale among the staff. Many officers feel increasingly sidelined as these systems take over more routine tasks. This shift is contributing to a sense of devaluation in their roles, which could lead to long-term issues with motivation and job satisfaction.

I believe it is crucial that we reassess the role of artificial intelligence in our operations. I recommend we gather feedback from officers and work closely with experts to ensure that we are balancing the efficiency of technology with the human touch that defines our work.

I would appreciate the opportunity to discuss this further and explore potential adjustments to our approach.

Respectfully,  
Lieutenant Thomas Metzger  
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