

AI System Identified Drug Trafficker by Scanning Driving Patterns

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and reverse-engineering vehicle trajectories as they travel across the state, cops can apparently use software to assess whether particular routes are suspicious or not.

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In this case, Rekor helped police to assess the route that Zayas's car was taking on a multi-year basis. The algorithm, which found that the driver was routinely making trips back and forth between Massachusetts and certain areas of upstate New York, determined that Zayas's routes were known to be used by narcotics pushers and [involved]...conspicuously short stays, Forbes writes. As a result, the program deemed Zayas's activity consistent with that of a drug trafficker.

Artificial intelligence has been getting a lot of attention in recent months due to the disruptions it's made to the media and software industries but less attention has been paid to how this new technology will inevitably supercharge existing surveillance systems. If cops can already ID a drug trafficker with the click of a button, just think how good this tech will be in ten years' time. As regulations evolve, one would hope governments will figure out how to reasonably deploy this technology without leading us right off the cliff into *Minority Report* territory. I mean, they probably won't, but a guy can dream, can't he?

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