

# SunSentinel

4:36 PM EDT  
Saturday, May 26, 2012

84° F, Mostly clear

- HOME NEWS BROWARD PALM BEACH SPORTS ENTERTAINMENT TRAVEL LIFESTYLE BUSINESS HEALTH OPINION **WEEKLY AD**
- DIGITAL MEMBERSHIPS APPS OBITUARIES WEATHER LOTTERY HOROSCOPES HOME DELIVERY REWARDS ADVERTISE EL SENTINEL CLASSIFIED

**HOT TOPICS** | Buy Heat playoff tickets! | What's Open and Closed Memorial Day | Memorial Day Forecast | \$1 Smoothies, Frappés At Burger King

- [Police Procedures Expert](#) PhD - 30 yrs Police Experience; Univ Professor; State/Fed Courts [www.wtgaug.com](http://www.wtgaug.com)
- [Police Officer](#) A Police Officer Job is Possible w/a Degree in Criminal Justice! [www.CriminalJustice-Info.com](http://www.CriminalJustice-Info.com)
- [Hiring Now: Part Time](#) Positions open in your area. Hiring immediately - Apply Now. [Bright.com](http://Bright.com)

AdChoices ▶

Home

## Mobile fingerprint scanners latest law enforcement technology tool

- Comments 2
- Share 8
- +1 0
- Tweet 2
- Recommend 3



Palm Beach Gardens police officer Jeffrey Main, right, demonstrates the new handheld fingerprint scanner their agency is now using with the help of David Buckley, CEO of Cross Match Technology that manufactures the device. (Carline Jean, Sun Sentinel / May 24, 2012)

By [Peter Franceschina](#), Sun Sentinel  
May 26, 2012

### Related



**Video:** Crimes caught on camera



Search crime stats for Broward and

Cross Match Technologies in [Palm Beach Gardens](#) manufactures sophisticated biometric detection systems for the military – reportedly one that was used by Navy Seals to help establish Osama bin Laden's identity after he was killed during a daring raid.

In South Florida, another piece of the company's cutting-edge technology is catching on with police and sheriff's departments – a hand-held fingerprint scanner that can reveal a suspect's true name and criminal history within a minute.

The device was first tested by the [Palm Beach County](#) Sheriff's Office a year ago, and is now in use by a number of agencies in Palm Beach and Broward counties, including [Boynton Beach](#) and [Fort Lauderdale](#) police. More agencies are running trials with the scanner, including [Delray Beach](#) and Davie police.

"It is a brilliant tool that has helped us move forward and embrace technology in police work," said Fort Lauderdale police Detective

**Your New Life in... Old Florida**

NEW 3, 4 & 5 BEDROOM  
**\$189,900**  
SINGLE-FAMILY HOMES

THE SAGAMORE

VEROLAGO VERO BEACH

1-888-356-9512

CENTERLINE  
CenterlineHomes.com

### CONNECT WITH US

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Google+
- YouTube
- Newsletters
- Text alerts
- RSS

**Sun Sentinel** on Facebook

Like 16,042

### LATEST NEWS VIDEOS

**Outrage over carnage in Syria**  
Carnage in Syria. Amateur video out of Syria which could not be independently ve...

Expand ▼

Share Video: [Twitter](#) [Facebook](#) [Email](#)

Palm Beach counties



Blog | Crime and Safety: News and tips about staying safe

Photos



Close calls: Crime artist's sketches

Topics

- Laws
Palm Beach (Palm Beach, Florida)
Law Enforcement

See more topics >

Travis Mandell. "When I was in the [police] academy six or seven years ago, I thought this would be a brilliant idea, and now it is in the field."

Britain's famed Scotland Yard, which pioneered fingerprinting as an investigative tool in the early 1900s, just deployed 350 of the cellphone-sized devices from a California manufacturer.

Cross Match's scanners are integrated with the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's criminal history database and the FBI's computerized records of wanted persons, sex offenders and terrorist suspects.

Once a fingerprint is scanned, the device sends the image through the laptop computer in a deputy's patrol car to seek matches in the databases. The device alerts if there is a hit.

Police can use the device to determine if a suspect has provided a false identity, or is wanted on a warrant. It can alert a deputy that he is dealing with a violent, career criminal — and should exercise even more caution, or call for backup.

Cross Match product manager John Bagocius said Florida is further along than most states in computerized crime-fighting and extending that technology to local law enforcement.

"The whole purpose of the tool is to identify the person," he said. "If you do get a hit, you can find out their rap sheet and find out if there are any wants and warrants. It's a great system."

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office found the scanner, at a cost of about \$2,500 each, so useful the agency just ordered 174 more of them. In the last month, the scanner was used to arrest six people on felony warrants, including a sex offender, said spokeswoman Teri Barbera.

Another deputy investigating two people for stealing cars and committing burglaries in the Boca Raton area was presented with a Florida driver's license with a variation on the suspect's name — but the scanner revealed his identity.

Boynton Beach police are bringing five new Cross Match scanners online in early June.

"It immediately alerts the officer to the type of individual they are dealing with," said police spokeswoman Stephanie Slater. "These are going to be a tremendous resource as far as officer safety goes."

franceschina@tribune.com, 561-243-6605 or Twitter @franceschina



Video thumbnails: Outrage over carnage in ... (02:17), Egypt presidential... (02:44)

More Videos

ADS BY GOOGLE

Background-Screenings

Pre-employment background checks
Criminal Records, Instant MVRs
www.justifacts.com

Instant Background Checks

1) Enter Name - Search Free! 2) Get a Full Background Check Now.
BackgroundCheck.PeopleSmart.com

Save \$ Inmate Phone Calls

All Federal & State Prisons Call (888) 728-2726 to save today!
www.ConsCallHome.com

Get text alerts on your phone. THE NEWS & INFO YOU WANT ANYTIME, ANYWHERE. Mobile Phone (required) [input field]. Send me the following alerts: [checkboxes for Weather, News, Lotto, Sports, Weird Florida, Business, Entertainment, Events, Deals]. Submit button.

Copyright © 2012, South Florida Sun-Sentinel



Maxim's Hot 100. Who do you think is number one on the 2012 list?

Social sharing buttons: Comments (2), Share (8), +1 (0), Tweet (2), Recommend (3)

<< Previous Story

More South Florida - Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade breaking news, sports, weather, traffic, hurricane coverage, restaurants, jobs, real estate, classifieds and consumer help

Next Story >>



Goodman juror to judge: May have told other jurors about vodka experiment



Passenger who rushed cockpit at Miami airport in custody, FBI says

STORIES EVERYONE IS TALKING ABOUT

- Boil water alert issued for north Broward
Cavs a lottery ticket from Heat rival?
Fort Lauderdale police investigate homicide
Driver crashes into Oakland Park bank
UF scientists identify what makes tomatoes tasty
Two bodies found in submerged car in Plantation
Pines woman accused of using stun gun after catching lovers in bed
FHP: Doctor arrested on DUI charge spits blood into eyes of trooper

RECOMMENDED FOR YOU

Elin Nordegren boyfriend: Tiger Woods' ex-wife Elin Nordegren is single again - South Florida Sun-Sentinel.com

2nd man charged after video of teen showering posted on Facebook

Who's got next? Heat await winner of Celtics-76ers

Barbecue restaurants facing fire from South Florida cities

FROM AROUND THE WEB

Bounty Hunters Become the Prey After Busting Into the Wrong House | AOL Jobs

Missing Baby Lisa Irwin's Parents Suddenly Resurface With Bizarre New Claims | The Stir By CafeMom

New Dremel Multi-Tool Feature That Has Everyone Talking | Pro Tool Reviews

5 Banks Likely to Fail This Year | MyBankTracker.com

Close Encounters: Proof Of Alien Contact

ADS BY GOOGLE

**Instant Background Checks**

1) Enter Name - Search Free! 2) Get a Full Background Check Now.  
BackgroundCheck.PeopleSmart.com

**Background-Screenings**

Pre-employment background checks Criminal Records, Instant MVRs  
www.justifacts.com

**Background Checks**

Professional Background Screenings Fast and Accurate, Call Today  
www.absoluteidentitysolutions.com

Comments (2)

Add / View comments | Discussion FAQ

adsense at 2:50 PM May 25, 2012

A=nd what happens when there is not match? I don't like it at all. In the hands of corrupt police officers, what could happen? These are things, I'd like to know.

**Criminal Records Online!**



Did you know that criminal records, including traffic tickets, are posted online for anyone to see?

instantcheckmate.com

**Arrest Records Online?**



Arrest records, criminal history, and traffic tickets are all entered into the public record and online!

instantcheckmate.com

**View Criminal Records**



Criminal Records, including Traffic Tickets, are posted online - amazing what's out there!

instantcheckmate.com

**Heat Win**



Check out pictures from Thursday night's game

**Maxim's Hot 100**



Who do you think is number one on the list in 2012?

**Chan Lowe's Cartoons**



English-only police strike again

**Unlimited Digital Access**



Stay connected to us with this limited time offer

**Miami Heat Dancers**



Check them out as they cheer on the Heat

**Atlas Services**  
 Air Conditioning | Emergency Appliance Repair | Plumbing | Electrical  
 Atlas Services  
 Residential & Commercial  
 1-561-734-8200

## Ways to get us

iPad/iPhone/Android Apps  
eEdition  
Facebook  
Make us your home page  
News on your phone  
Newsletters/Alerts  
RSS feeds  
Twitter

## Multimedia

Graphics  
Video

## Personalities

Nicole Brochu  
Rod Hagwood  
Marcia Heroux Pounds  
Dave Hyde  
Ken Kaye  
Chan Lowe  
Michael Mayo  
Nick Sortal  
Daniel Vasquez

## Diversions

Brain games  
Cartoons  
Horoscopes  
Odd news  
Sudoku

## Services

Archives  
Buy back issue  
Buy photos  
Buy tickets  
Customize TV listings  
Movie times  
Newspaper boxes  
Public Notices  
Sell our paper  
Home delivery  
Teacher resources  
Work at Sun Sentinel

## Related sites

El Sentinel  
South Florida Coupons  
SFLTV - WSFL CW 39  
City & Shore Magazine  
Jewish Journal  
South Florida Parenting  
Teenlink  
Hot Deals South Florida  
Forum Publishing Group  
City Link  
Zap2It TV guide  
SouthFlorida.com

## Classified

Cars  
Celebrations  
Grocery Coupons  
FSBO Homes For Sale  
Foreclosures  
Jobs  
Merchandise  
Notices  
Place an ad  
Real estate  
Rentals



[Terms of Service](#) [Privacy Policy](#) [About Our Ads](#) [Articles collection](#) [Advertise with us](#) [Subscriptions](#) [Paid Archives](#)  
[Questions or comments](#) [Advertising Policy](#)  
Sun Sentinel, 500 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33394

*A Tribune Newspaper website*