

HOW ALPRS UNDERMINE PORTLAND'S SANCTUARY STATUS



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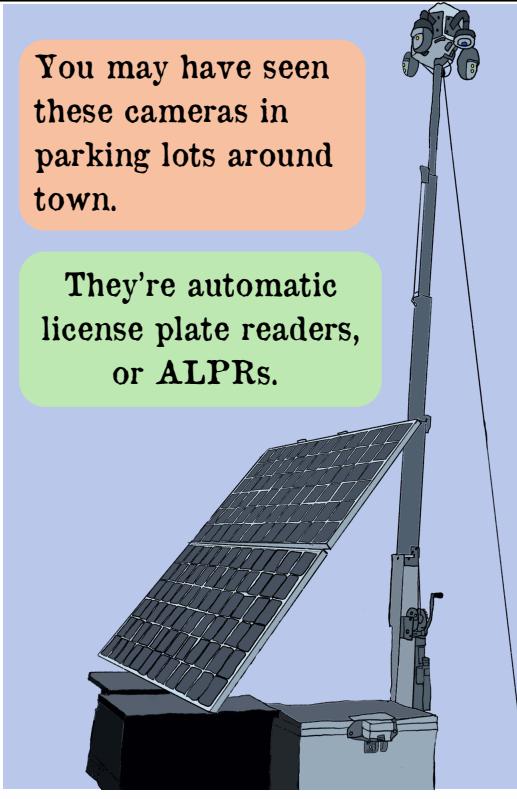
Surveilled and Sold is an investigative 5-part series about how surveillance technologies track immigrants in an era of mass deportation.

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You may have seen these cameras in parking lots around town.

They're automatic license plate readers, or ALPRs.

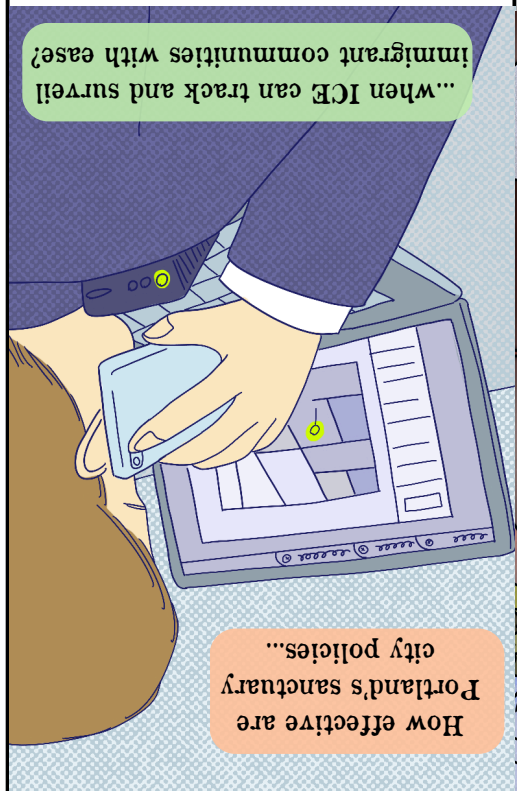


ALPRs capture the make, model, color, plate, and unique markers of every car that drives by.



They can keep track of a person's daily routes and routines.

How effective are Portland's sanctuary city policies...



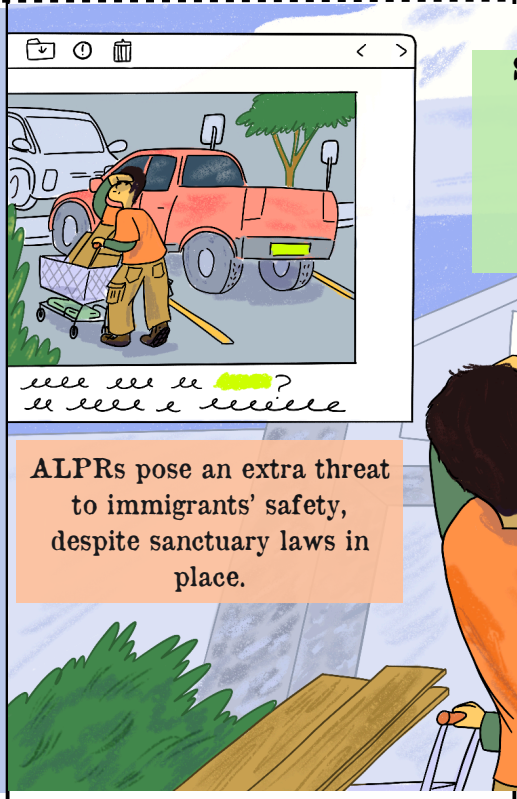
...when ICE can track and surveil immigrant communities with ease?

In 2025, a farmworker in Woodburn, OR was on her way to work. Immigration officials used data from ALPRs to find her.



Her car was pulled over by ICE, who detained her, along with 30 others that day.

ALPRs pose an extra threat to immigrants' safety, despite sanctuary laws in place.



Sanctuary laws are supposed to prohibit local personnel and resources from immigration enforcement efforts. But they fall short.

