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D.C. Expands Use Of Audio Sensor Technology

Police: FBI Paying For Technology

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WASHINGTON -- The Metropolitan Police Department is expanding its use of audio sensors in an effort to help monitor gunfire in city neighborhoods.

After testing Shotspotter technology in parts of the 7th Police District in Southeast, the system is now being deployed in parts of the 5th and 6th police districts.

Acting Police Chief Cathy Lanier said she hopes to have one of the largest operational gunshot-detection systems in the country.

D.C. police are operating the system with the FBI, which is paying for the technology.

Shotspotters use audio sensors placed at various locations to plot the location of the sounds of gunfire.

The system has identified 31 shootings and led to three arrests since its installation, Lanier said.

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