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How Hackers can Compromise Police Bodycams

The body cameras law enforcement officials wear to record their actions and increase transparency could be turned against them by hackers. At the DefCon hacker conference in Las Vegas, Josh Mitchell, a consultant at the security firm NuiX, discussed his analysis of five popular brands of police bodycams and revealed that each contains easily exploited vulnerabilities, according to a report in Wired. Hackers could download footage from the cameras, modify it and re-upload without leaving traces of manipulation or just delete it. They could track the location of the cameras (and the police wearing them), connect to a camera through its Wi-Fi access point or deliver malicious software to the devices because updates are not encrypted. Once malware is installed on a camera, it can spread to the computers used to sync and store the video and travel through a police department's network.