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2026/1129 - Forensic Investigation

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

For the purposes of this request, I am interested in the use of the following technologies for crime scene documentation, recording or reconstruction:

* **360deg or panoramic imaging -** not used to have Nikon 360 but end of life
* **LiDAR / 3D laser scanning -** not in Crime Scene Investigation or Digitial Crime Unit
* **Photogrammetry -** no
* **Systems that combine 360deg imaging with LiDAR or other 3D scanning technologies -** Not used yet

1. Current use
Does your force currently use any of the technologies listed above for crime scene documentation?
If yes, please state:
a) Which technology or system is used; and - Locard – soon to be replaced

b) The manufacturer and/or system name, where this information is recorded.
As above

2. Availability
For each technology currently used, please state whether it is:
* **Routinely available to all or most Crime Scene Investigators/SOCOs; -** no
* **Available only to a specialist CSI/forensic unit; or -** forensics Collison unit (Lidar)
* **Accessed on an occasional or case-by-case basis.-** yes not all collisions need Lidar

If recorded, please also indicate approximately how long the technology has been in use. - Unknown

3. Crime type
For what types of crime, incident or crime scene are these technologies used? For example, are they routinely used across different crime scenes or primarily for particular incidents such as homicide, serious violence, road traffic collisions, major crime scenes or other specialist investigations?
LIDAR – COLLISIONS

4. Supplementation or replacement
Where these technologies are used, do they supplement traditional forensic photography or replace any elements of existing crime scene documentation? If they replace an existing method, please state what they have replaced.
No – photography carried out at every scene

5. Evaluation and reviews

Has your force conducted any pilot, evaluation or review of these technologies? If so, please provide any recorded findings relating to their benefits, limitations, costs or impact on crime scene documentation/workflow.

No

6. Use within your force

If your force does not currently use one or more of these technologies, has their use previously been trialled or formally considered? If so, please provide any recorded reasons for not adopting or continuing their use.

RMS NICHE for crime recording technology but proved unworkable around the systems already in place.

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