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Topic: Iris Recognition Technology in Public Schools: Lessons Learned from the Operational Evaluation

Abstract: Dr. Uchida will discuss the implementation and impact evaluation of iris recognition technology in the Plumsted Township (NJ) School District. School administrators, teachers, staff, and parents participated in the use of iris scanners at three schools. This NIJ-funded evaluation provides findings and recommendations useful for schools and other agencies contemplating the use of iris scanners for security purposes.

Biography: Dr. Craig D. Uchida is the President of Justice & Security Strategies, Inc. (JSS), a consulting firm that specializes in issues related to law enforcement, homeland security, and public policy. In addition to his evaluation of iris technology, he is currently involved in evaluating gun violence reduction efforts with US Attorneys Offices in South Florida and Nevada. Dr. Uchida is also a consultant on homeland security to the City of Los Angeles (LAPD) and the Office for Domestic Preparedness, Department of Homeland Security.

Dr. Uchida is the former Assistant Director for Grants Administration and Senior Policy Adviser for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), US Department of Justice. As the Assistant Director for Grants Administration he and his staff were responsible for developing and implementing the grant making process, making grant awards, and monitoring. When he left the COPS Office he had provided \$3.4 billion to over 9,000 law enforcement agencies for over 65,000 officers. His efforts at the COPS Office resulted in two major US Department of Justice Awards – the Attorney General’s Distinguished Service Award in 1995 and the JustWorks Award for innovation in government in 1997.

From 1990-94, he served as the Director for the Office of Criminal Justice Research and as the Director of the Evaluation Division at the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), US Department of Justice. At NIJ, Dr. Uchida was responsible for developing and coordinating major initiatives on community policing, gangs, police use of force, and research on violence against women.

Before joining the Department of Justice, Dr. Uchida was a member of the graduate faculty at the Institute of Criminal Justice and Criminology at the University of Maryland. He conducted field research on police use of deadly force, search warrant policies and practices, local drug enforcement efforts and police innovations. He has published articles in the American Sociology Review, the Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology, the American Journal of Police, the Arizona Law Review, and other criminal justice-related journals. In addition, he has edited two books and written chapters for books on law enforcement issues.

Dr. Uchida received his Ph.D. in Criminal Justice from the University at Albany and holds two Masters degrees, one in Criminal Justice and one in American History.

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